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Dear Parent(s)

After such a busy start to the school year, it is hard to believe we are now on the countdown to Christmas. We wish our P7 pupils that are sitting the Post Primary Entrance on Saturday 15th & 22nd November the best of luck. We are so proud of you and all the hard work you have put in. We are indeed so proud of the wide variety of achievements of all our pupils every day 😊.

Mrs Murray

Key Dates for November & December:

NOVEMBER

Art, ICT & Games/Lego Extended Schools Clubs continue for the next 3 weeks. Tuesday classes (finish on 18th November):

P1 & P2 - 1.50pm-2.50pm, P3&P4 – 2.50 - 3.50pm & P7 – 2.50 – 3.50pm

Thursday classes (finish on 20th November): P5& P6 – 2.50 -3.50pm

Wednesday 5th November - Shared Education P3 in St Macartan's.

Thursday 6th November – School Nursing Team – Flu Vaccine.

Monday 10th - Friday 14th – Anti Bullying Week.

Monday 10th - All shoeboxes for Team Hope to be returned by 12th November.

Wednesday 12th November - Shared Education P3 in in St Tierney's P.S

Wednesday 12th November – Peace Proms Rehearsal in Belfast SSE Arena.

Saturday 15th November – Post Primary Transfer Test Day 1.

Tuesday 18th November – P6 Anti-bullying Open Assembly/Odd Socks Day.

Wednesday 19th November – Shared Education P3 in Aghadrumsee P.S

Friday 21st November – Walk to School Day

Saturday 22nd November – Post Primary Transfer Test Day 2.

Wednesday 26th November - Shared Education P3 in St Macartan's.

Friday 28th November - School closed for pupils.

Parent Teacher Meeting's ongoing through-out the school day. Individual appointment times will be sent shortly.

***Not all meetings are on the Friday 28th please check your letters carefully when you get them.**

DECEMBER

Wednesday 3rd December – Christmas Dinner in school and Christmas Jumper Day.

Thursday 4th December – Open Morning for prospective pupils and parents 9.30 – 11.00am

Monday 8th December - P5 Céilidh Ceili project in school.

Wednesday 10th – P5 Trip to Armagh Planetarium for their subject 'SPACE'

Thursday 11th – P6 & P7 going to St Kevin's to see Matilda.

Tuesday 16th December – P1 & P2 Christmas Nativity Open Assembly at 10am– All family member's welcome.

Thursday 18th December @ 7.00pm – P3-P7 Christmas Performances. Family members and wider community welcome.

Friday 19th December – School closes at 12 for all. (No breakfast club, snack or dinner on this day)

Wednesday 24th December – School choir to sing at Christmas Eve Mass

***Any other events for this busy term will be communicated by text.**

OPEN MORNING AND PRIMARY ADMISSIONS

We will be hosting an Open Morning on Thursday 4th December from 9.30 – 11am, when prospective P1 pupils and parents can visit the school, see around the facilities, and spend some time in the P1 classroom. The school prospectus for 2025-26 school year will also be available, along with our admissions criteria.

Online applications for P1 September 2026 will open on Wednesday 7th January at 12noon and closes at 12 noon on Wednesday 21st. If you need any help with this, please contact the school office and if you are aware of any new families that have children of school age, please inform them of these.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

November 10th-14th is Anti-bullying Week. The theme for the week is **Power for Good**.



During the week the children will be engaged in a range of activities to raise awareness of bullying.

We will also be using this focus period to review our Positive Behaviour and Anti-Bullying policies and procedures with all stakeholders.

Don't forget to come to school in odd socks on Tuesday 11th to show that it's ok to be different 😊.



SCHOOL CLOSURES

November	Friday 28 th School Closed for Pupils P1-P7 Parent Teacher Meetings.
December 	SCHOOL CLOSES @ 12noon - Friday 19 th Dec (No breakfast club, snack or dinner on this day)
January 	Thursday 1 st - School Holiday Friday 2 nd - Staff Day SCHOOL REOPENS FOR PUPILS ON Monday 5 th JANUARY 2025.

All Closures are on www.sttierneyspsroslea.com

We are so looking forward to our Christmas Plays in school this year. P1 & P2 will take place on Tuesday morning 16th December and P3- P7 will be on Thursday 18th December @ 7.00pm. Our Annual Christmas Draw will take place in the school during the evening shows. We will also have a draw for the children in school – tickets 50p or 3 for £1.

Tickets will be on sale for pupils from Monday 1st December.

Thank you in advance to local business, staff and parents who will sponsor our prizes. If you feel you can donate anything towards our main draw or pupil draw please let us know.

We really appreciate your support for our Christmas fundraising and charities. In acknowledgement of this, teaching staff would again like to remind parents that we do not expect gifts from the children. Families have enough to focus on at this time of year and we get so much joy in seeing the children and families support the school and our chosen charities.

We are also proud to have our school choir sing at Christmas Eve mass in St. Tierney's Church and would ask as many pupils as possible from P4 up to attend choir that evening. Time to be confirmed.

Team Hope Shoe Box Appeal and St Vincent De Paul are the charities we are supporting this Christmas. Leaflets were sent home for families to take part in the Shoe Box appeal, with a shoebox return date of 12th November. Pupils are asked to bring in a minimum of £1 donation for St. Vincent de Paul on our Christmas Jumper Day, Wednesday 3rd December. This will go towards supporting local families in need over Christmas.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

As previously communicated to parents, dates for sacraments have been arranged as follows:

First Holy Communion - Saturday 30th May at 11am in St. Tierney's Church – School choir to sing (pupils from P3 up)

Confirmation – Saturday 25th April in St. Tierney's Church at 10.30am. More details on Enrolment and Service of Light to follow. Families with pupils celebrating sacraments this year are encouraged to attend weekly mass as often as possible. There will also be other activities and visits to the chapel organised for these classes in preparation for celebration of the sacraments.

MUSIC

Music money for November and December is now due for Tuesday classes with Master McCabe. £10 covers both months and should be sent to school in a labelled envelope.

LISNASKEA FEIS WINNERS (OCTOBER 2025)

Well done to all our boys and girls who represented the school so well at Lisnaskea Feis.

Winners in Art, Verse Speaking, Handwriting & Own Poetry Sections have been published on the website.



AUTUMN BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all who bought books from the recent Book Fair. The school gets 50% of the overall spend to purchase new books for the school so we now have an extra **£925.20**. The school council will be helping us choose books to update our novels, reading books etc. Our pupils really enjoyed the Book Review competition and there was a very high standard of work.



AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

Thank you to our dedicated staff who have facilitated Afterschool Clubs this term. Pupils have so far enjoyed Art, ICT & Games/Lego. Literacy and Numeracy Booster Club for P7 has also taken place.

Our popular Wednesday Core Kids Club will run for a further 6 weeks from 5th November to 10th December. This club must be booked and paid for through Core Kids directly. The cost is £36 for 6 weeks and the link is on the website.

PAIRED READING PROGRAMME

It was so encouraging to see so many parents and pupils taking up the invitation to take part in our Paired Reading Programme this term. We can already see the benefits that pupils are experiencing with this extra focus and we appreciate the time and effort involved. The programme runs now for a further 6 weeks up until 12th December. Please remember to use the record book and folder to keep in touch with school and request new books if needed. The final week we will have a presentation and treats to reward the pupils for their efforts.



HEALTH AND WELLBEING

We are very aware of the importance of developing positive mental health for our pupils and will be taking part in various programmes throughout the year including our daily mile each morning, Wellbeing programmes and our monthly Walk to School.

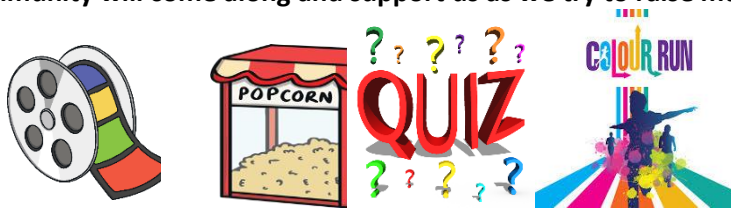
We will also be partaking in **Anti-Bullying** activities next week and have signed up to work with NSPCC on their **Speak Out Stay Safe** campaign next term. Teachers also continue to make **Personal Development and Mutual Understanding** and **Pupil Wellbeing** a key element to ongoing classroom practice, through **Circle Time**, focused lessons and active learning. Please remember our door is always open if you need to discuss any aspects of your child's over all wellbeing.

FRIENDS OF ST. TIERNEY'S PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Thank you once again to all the parents who volunteer their time and expertise to helping with our Parent Support Group. This year we will be working towards paying off the rest of the balance for our new Outdoor Climbing Frame and beginning to raise money towards new laptops and PC's to replace ICT equipment that was removed due to being outdated. If you cannot attend meetings but will be able to help at events, please let us know.

SAVE THE DATES: This term the PTFA will be organising a **Christmas Cinema Night** for primary school age pupils on **Friday 12th December**.

Other events planned for the year ahead include a Family Quiz Night on Friday 6th March 2026 and a Summer Colour Run on Sunday 7th June 2026. These child friendly events have been chosen to suit all families and we really hope that the whole school community will come along and support us as we try to raise much needed funds.



PEACE PROMS

All songs and videos for peace proms are on the school website under the parents section. If your child is going to the peace proms please encourage them to watch the videos to help learn the moves and all of the words for the songs.

NOVEMBER - WE REMEMBER OUR DEAD

In November we remember all those in our families who have died. Children will have sheets home to colour and can bring them back for our wall display.

FERMANAGH GAA COACHING

Thank you to Roslea Shamrocks GFC for kindly funding our coaching for the school year from Fermanagh GAA for P5-P7 on Fridays. They also have a Winter Programme running on Monday nights in the school for 6 weeks (3rd November – 8th December), more details on school website.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN – YEAR 3 PRIORITIES

We are currently in Year 3 of our 3 year School Development Plan cycle and in Term 2 we will begin the process of evidence gathering for our next 3 year plan. Overleaf you will see some of the main priority areas for the current school year. Throughout the year, staff training and pupil experiences will reflect the areas for development. We appreciate all feedback and input in to how we can keep developing and improving our school to ensure that we maintain the highest standards of teaching and learning for all. We encourage you to respond to any parental consultations throughout the year and or email me at any time on emurray339@c2kni.net.

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO KEEP UP TO DATE WITH SCHOOL LIFE THROUGH OUR WEBSITE: www.sttierneysproslea.com If you have not downloaded the SCHOOLSNI APP, which is directly linked to our website, please do so. 😊

High Quality Teaching and Learning

1. Literacy and Numeracy - analysis of standardised data to identify further areas for development and focus at individual, class and whole school level. Effective use of SIMMS Assessment Manager/GL Reports to track progress / target set. Continue to target set and monitor progress.
 2. Literacy focus on spelling skills and rules. Also continue to raise reading and literacy standards for boys and pupils identified as underachieving.
 3. Numeracy focus on problem solving incorporating Shape and Space and other areas identified at class level through data analysis. Target setting and monitoring support for pupils identified as underachieving.
 4. Maintain and develop active teaching and learning strategies in class and outside the normal classroom.
 5. UICT - Embed key skills and use of digital technology to enhance teaching and learning with focus on Music and Sound. Planning and progression grid across the school incorporating the 5E's.
 7. Synchronise and monitor planning across the school. Clear planning for continuity and progression in World Around US and PE.
 9. Self-Evaluation/Monitoring and Evaluation
- Implementation of year 3 of the SDP. Continue process of monitoring and self-evaluation at whole school/teacher and pupil level.
- Oversee process of self-evaluation using ETI Inspection Framework and Quality Indicators in preparation for new SDP cycle.

School Connected to The Community

1. Further develop outdoor play/garden and use of outdoor classroom for teaching and learning.
2. PTA to provide financial support for provision of outdoor play and updated resources.
4. Continued promotion of school within the community and develop links with local businesses- open days/PTA events/ participation in external competitions etc..
5. Continued development of supportive learning community through shared education, extended schools cluster group Learning Area Community cluster.

Summary of School Development Plan Priorities for 2025-26 School Year



This plan reflects Year 3 of the 3-year cycle of our 2023-2027 School Development Plan. Following consultation with all stakeholders, the current SDP has been drafted and approved by Board of Governors in November 2023.

**Aspects of the plan may be subject to change due to ongoing strike action.*

Child Centred Provision

1. Principal, vice-principal and coordinators involved in ongoing review and update of relevant training & policies.
2. Review Health and Safety Risk Assessments.
3. Continue to develop Health and Wellbeing at whole school level for staff and pupils. Participation in EA Being Well Doing Well as appropriate and continued promotion of healthy life style.
5. Consolidate implementation of Addressing Bullying in Schools Act - use of appropriate templates for behaviour or bullying issues. Use of SIMS or alternative platform to record any related issues.
6. Review SEN provision and ensure appropriate support for pupils. Implementation of SEND including accessibility plan.
7. Ongoing review of school priorities in these areas and preparation for next SDP cycle.
8. Pupils in leadership roles involved in monitoring and reporting back. Opportunities for First Aid training for older pupils.
9. PE Training & Support for all staff through Core Kids NI.

Effective Leadership and Management

1. Review of Action Plans for 2024/25. Creation and monitoring of Action Plans for 2025/26.
2. Principals and Coordinators to monitor and evaluate robustly the quality of provision within their area of responsibility and including the standards achieved by the children.
3. Ongoing review and update of policies.
4. Teaching and non-teaching staff development - relevant training in line with SDP and needs of pupils.
5. Implementation of SEND Act legislation and Graduated Response Framework.
6. Review, evaluate and plan for next School Development Plan cycle in conjunction with all stakeholders. Use of ETI Empowering Improvement Framework for Inspection - Look at 5 core questions and 9 contributory areas.