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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 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> 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**

**Drama, Food and Art, ICT & Lego Extended Schools Clubs continue for the next 4 weeks. Tuesday classes (finish on 26<sup>th</sup> November):**

P1 & P2 - 1.50pm-2.50pm, P4&5 – 2.50 - 3.50pm & P7 – 2.50 – 3.50pm

**Thursday classes (finish on 28<sup>th</sup> November):** P3 - P5& P6 – 2.50 -3.50pm

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November** – Parents Association Meeting @ 8.30pm.

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November** - Shared Education P3 in St Macartan's.

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> - Friday 15<sup>th</sup>** – Anti Bullying Week.

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November** – P4/5 Anti-bullying Open Assembly/Odd Socks Day.

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November** - Shared Education P3 in Aghadrumsee PS.

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November** – Post Primary Transfer Test Day 1.

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November** – P1 & P2 Trip to Enniskillen Castle.

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November** – School Nursing Team – Flu Vaccine.

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November** - Shared Education P3 in St Tierney's.

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** – Post Primary Transfer Test Day 2.

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> please check your letters.

**DECEMBER**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** – P1-P4 - Panto in Armagh Market Place "Rapunzel @ 11am."

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December** – Open Morning for prospective pupils and parents 9.30 – 11.00am

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December** – P5-P7 - Panto in Armagh Market Place "Rapunzel @ 11am."

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** – P5 FODC Ceilidh Programme – Looking at Sean Nos, Bodhran. Marching Bands and Highland Dance (To be confirmed).

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Dinner in school and Christmas Jumper Day.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Jumper Day & Walk to school. PTFA Cinema Night.

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December @ 7pm** – **Carol Service in St Tierney's Chapel involving all classes.** Family members and wider community welcome.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – School closes at 12 for all.

**Any other events for this busy term will be communicated by text as they are arranged.**

**OPEN MORNING AND PRIMARY ADMISSIONS**

We will be hosting an Open Morning on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 2025 will open on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 12noon and closes at 12 noon on Friday 24<sup>th</sup>.

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 arrangements.

**ANTI-BULLYING WEEK**

November 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> is Anti-bullying Week. The theme for the week is **Respect!**



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 12<sup>th</sup> to show that its ok to be different 😊.**



**SCHOOL CLOSURES**

November	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> School Closed for Pupils P1-P7 Parent Teacher Meetings.
December 	<b>SCHOOL CLOSES @ 12noon - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec (No breakfast club, snack or dinner on this day)</b>
January 	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> & Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> - School Holiday Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Staff Day <b>SCHOOL REOPENS FOR PUPILS ON Monday 6<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2025.</b>

**All Closures are on [www.sttierneyspsroslea.com](http://www.sttierneyspsroslea.com)**

## CHRISTMAS IN ST. TIERNEYS – CAROL SERVICE/CHARITIES/DINNER/JUMPER DAY

We are so looking forward to our Carol Service this year. There will be no entrance fee but there will be a bucket for donations on the night.

Our Annual Christmas Draw will take place in the school before we break up for Christmas. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

Our local branch of St Vincent De Paul is the charity we are supporting this Christmas. Pupils are asked to bring in a minimum of £1 donation for St. Vincent de Paul on our Christmas Jumper Day, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. This will go towards supporting local families in need over Christmas. Pupils may also bring in non-perishable food and seasonal items to put towards Christmas Hampers that we will make up for donation to St. Vincent de Paul also.

## CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

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

**First Holy Communion - Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May** at 11am in St. Tierney's Church – School choir to sing (pupils from P3 up)

**Confirmation – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May** in St. Tierney's Church at 6pm. 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 2024)

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

Winners in Art & Verse Speaking Section have been published on the website.

Results from Handwriting and Own Poetry are not back yet so keep an eye on the website during November for any winners.



## 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 **£739.75**. 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 free Afterschool Clubs this term. Pupils have so far enjoyed ICT/Lego/Cooking and Art. Literacy and Numeracy Booster Club for P7 has also taken place.

Our popular Wednesday Core Kids Club will run for a further 5 weeks from 13<sup>th</sup> November to 11<sup>th</sup> December. This club must be booked and paid for through Core Kids directly. The cost is £20 for 5 weeks and the link is on the website.

## HEALTH AND WELLBEING

We are very aware of the importance of developing positive mental health for our pupils. During Term 1 we have already begun several initiatives to focus on Pupil Health and Wellbeing. As well as our daily mile each morning and our monthly Walk to School, we have also welcomed **Action Mental Health** into school as well as the **EA Reach Programme**. By the end of Term 2, each class will have participated in Action Mental Health 'Healthy Me' Programme.



**Healthy Me** promotes good mental health and social and emotional well-being in children with a strong focus on prevention and self-care.

Our P4, 5 and 6 classes are also working with staff from the Education Authority 'Reach' Programme. This is an engaging programme for pupils to help them explore feelings and emotions, managing worries, strengths, kindness, gratitude and self-care.

The P3 Class are currently taking part in the **Roots of Empathy** Programme. The program consists of guided observations of an infant's development and emotions by school children. It supports childrens' positive mental health and well-being. We are so lucky to have Baby John-Joe visit the class once a month and over the course of year we will watch baby John Joe grow and develop.

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 childs over all wellbeing.

## DEFIBRILLATOR

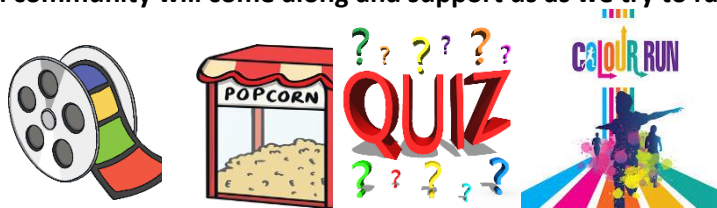
We are pleased to announce that we have purchased a defibrillator for the school. This was partially funded by our Cash For Clobber initiative that raised over £300. The defibrillator will be available for anyone in the community who may need it during school opening hours. Please make this known to wider family and friends.

## 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 Interactive Whiteboards and beginning to raise money towards new fixed play equipment to replace the piece that was removed from the front of the school. 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 13<sup>th</sup> December.**

**Other events planned for the year ahead include a Family Quiz Night on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025 and a Summer Colour Run on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2025. 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.**



## PARENT REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

We are delighted to be able to announce that Mrs Liz Rooney will continue on as Parent Representative on our newly constituted Board of Governors. Liz has shown a lot of commitment to the school in this role during the last term and we are sure she will continue to do so. Final details of the Board will be available on the school website in due course.

## SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN – YEAR 2 PRIORITIES

We are currently in Year 2 of our 3 year School Development Plan cycle. 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 feed back 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](mailto:emurray339@c2kni.net).

**PLEASE MAKE SURE TO KEEP UP TO DATE WITH SCHOOL LIFE THROUGH OUR WEBSITE:** [www.sttierneysproslea.com](http://www.sttierneysproslea.com)

If you have not downloaded the SCHOOLSNI APP, which is directly linked to our website, please do so 😊

# Summary of School Development Plan Priorities for 2024-25 School Year



This plan reflects Year 2 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

- Review and update relevant training and policies as necessary.
- Continue with wellbeing initiatives from post lock down and previous year. Participation in EA Being Well Doing Well at whole school level for staff and pupils.
- Implementation of Addressing Bullying in Schools Act - use of appropriate templates for behaviour or bullying issues. Review of school rules and agreed Code of Conduct with involvement from Student Council.
- Review SEN provision and ensure appropriate support for pupils. Begin to implement accessibility plan. Skilled intervention of CA's supporting the individual and collect learning needs of children.
- Pupils in leadership roles involved in monitoring and reporting back.
- Healthy life style promoted in PDMU, assemblies, Healthy Eating week, Daily Mile, Sustrans etc.
- PE Training and Support for all staff through Core Kids NI.
- Implement SEND in line with current guidance.
- Implementation of Accessibility Plan.

## Effective Leadership and Management

- Creation of Action Plans for 2024/25. Monitoring of Action Plans and updates from co-ordinators throughout the year.
- Ongoing review and updating of policies in conjunction with stakeholders.
- Review and continue to develop the role of middle management and co-ordinators.
- Professional development for teaching and non-teaching staff - relevant training in line with SDP and needs of pupils.
- Implementation of SEND Act legislation, PLP's Pupil Voice etc.
- Implementation of Accessibility Plan.
- Continue to develop use of space throughout the school, in particular completion of hygiene room, and management of school budget.
- Oversee reconstitution of the Board of Governors and prioritise areas for training with newly constituted Board of Governors.
- Review, evaluate and plan for next year of School Development Plan.

## High Quality Teaching and Learning

### Literacy -

- Review teaching of writing, in particular writing process, editing and making improvements to writing using success criteria.
- Ensure quality and progression in writing throughout the school, with appropriate differentiation in place.

### Numeracy -

- Further develop the integration of mental maths strategies into Numeracy lessons and build knowledge of available resources.
- Problem solving and investigation work focusing on number and facts and procedures.
- Continue to increase pupils enjoyment of maths through active learning experiences.

### UICT

- Implementation of ICT key skills in KS1 and KS2 with continued focus on Computational Thinking and Coding.
- Continue staff familiarisation with new C2K software - Just2Easy.
- Upgrade and maintenance of Whiteboards as budget allows.

### Teaching and Learning -

- Clear planning for continuity and progression in World Around Us.
- Begin to formulate whole school planning and lines of progression for PE and The Arts.
- Ensure Assessment for Learning is evident across all elements of classroom practice and pupil work. Sharing of Learning Intentions and Success Criteria. Self and Peer Assessment ongoing and Formative Feedback provided with children using feedback to edit and improve their work.
- High quality displays of children's work throughout the school that are up to date and showcasing high standards.
- Ensure continuity and progression in age-appropriate Play Based and Active Learning Strategies throughout the school.

### Assessment Data & Analysis -

- Analysis of standardised data, review progress and identify further areas for development and focus at individual, class and whole school level.
- Effective use of Assessment Manager and school data pack to track progress and target set at whole school, group and individual level.
- Coordinators and Assessment team to monitor targeted plans in place for Under Achievers. Focused support in place.
- Ensure appropriate challenge activities for high achieving pupils.

### Self-Evaluation/Monitoring and Evaluation

- Principal, VP and coordinators to evaluate robustly the quality of provision within their areas of responsibility, including the standards achieved by children.
- High level of involvement from BOG and School Improvement Committee with termly meetings and reports.
- Children involved in identifying and setting their own targets - Target walls/sheets/displays in place and reviewed at least termly.

## School Connected to The Community

- Update and refresh website regularly and key school documents available to parents.
- Consultation on relevant school policies and communication of these and SDP to parents.
- Calendar for Open Assemblies in place.
- Specific parent evenings and workshops arranged.
- Further development of PTA.
- Maintain connection and supportive learning community with neighbouring primary schools through Shared Education, Extended Schools cluster and Fermanagh Partnership schools.
- Reach out to post primaries for support and expertise in certain areas.
- Opportunities identified for teaching and learning in the local and wider community.
- Visitors into school linked to class topic work and educational visits to areas of interest.
- Promotion of school within community - open days, publicity, attending events etc.
- Links with all relevant pre-school organisations. Open Morning for pupils and parents.
- Links with Roslea GFC, Comhaltas etc
- Maintenance of school garden/grounds
- Participation in competitions and events in wider community.