

Curriculum Meeting 2016/2017

Primary 6 & 7



Administration

- Please make sure all money sent to school is clearly labelled.
- All items of clothing marked with your child's name.
- Breakfast club 8.00-8.45am daily.
- Dinners cost 2.50 per day.

Break

Water bottles can be filled at the water fountain during break & lunch time.

- Please try to provide a healthy break for your child.



- **Uniform:** Full school uniform at all time
- **Rewards** – Star Merits, Pupil of the Week & Cappy Award
- **Assemblies**– Weekly assemblies take place.
- We will lead two class assemblies this year and parents will be notified of the date.



Absence/Attendance

Please inform the class teacher or Mrs Miller if your child has a medical appointment.

An absence note must be sent in to explain why your child has been off.

School Attendance Matters - See A Parent's Guide



The Curriculum

Language and Literacy:

Reading - Encourage reading at home - Home Reads and Library Book

Listen to your child reading their 'Home Reads'. Listen for expression, fluency and understanding of the story.

In Class we have- Shared Reading - Class Reads

Guided Reading - Class Novel

Writing - Forms of Writing; Narrative, Procedural, Recount, Report, Persuasive and Explanation.

(Whole School Focus linked with Assessment)

Mathematics and Numeracy:

Processes, Number, Measures, Shape & Space and Handling Data

The World Around Us - Topics

The Arts- music, drama etc

ICT- ICT is a cross curricular skill and is developed through all areas of the curriculum. Ipads are now used as part of the daily teaching within the school.



- **PE:** Swimming on a Friday. Also Gaelic football coaching on a Wednesday.
- **Personal Development & Mutual Understanding** Living Learning Together Programme
- **Religious Education:**
We are following the Alive O-6 and the RSE programme Education for Love. P7 Course 3rd term- (Transition programme)

Whole School Focus;

Maths- Embedding Problem Solving & Investigations & developing Word Problems.

Literacy- Embedding Comprehension & Reading whilst developing Phonics.



Testing/Assessment

- We use AfL to assess and monitor children's progress and learning.
- The children use Peer & Self-Assessment to provide feedback on their learning.
- Throughout the year we level pieces of children's work using their CCS book.
- Progress tests - PIE, PIM & CAT4 (May 2017)



Homework

- Spellings; Prim-Ed Spelling Workbook (Mon- Thurs)
- Spellings and Mental Maths for Friday assessment.
- Maths & English homework every night
- Reading - 2 homereads per week- changed on a Monday.

Please sign your child's homework diary and Reading Record Book



Extended Schools

- Once again this year we are involved in the programme.
- We hope to offer a wide range of clubs through the year e.g. ICT, Soccer, Dance, Art & Craft etc
- We also hope to develop further parental involvement this year. Details to follow.
- We are also involved in a cluster Extended Schools Programme.



Child Protection

- Mrs Hagan is Designated Teacher
- Mrs Millar Deputy Designated Teacher
- Please let them or myself know of any concerns or worries
- How children get home.



Questions/Concerns

- Open door policy in school!
- We have arranged parent meetings to take place in November .taking place Nov 2016. If you have any worries or concerns please speak to the class teacher or arrange an appointment.
- We hope to hold Parent Support Evening in Numeracy, Literacy & ICT. We hope you will be able to attend and see what you child has been learning.



Thank you for your time.

I hope we have a good year working together and raising standards in St. Mary's PS Killyleagh.

