

January 2010 - Newsletter – Primary 7

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Dear Parents,

Wishing you all a very happy new year. It's great to see the children back in such good form after a lovely Christmas holiday! Thank you for helping with all the preparations for our Christmas play. The children all looked and sounded beautiful! **DVDs** are now on sale from school - £ 10.00.

A lot of the bits and pieces they wore at Christmas will come in very useful this month for our **annual P7 visit to "The Causeway" Victorian School** in Portrush.

P7A - Wed 27th January

P7B - Tues 26th January

P7C - Thurs 28th January

School Photographer now coming Feb 3rd & 4th - P7 will have an opportunity for Confirmation photographs later in term 2 but if you want a family photograph taken in February please let us know.

Curriculum Content for January

Numeracy – Learning and using the old "Imperial" money system – Pounds, Shillings and Pence!! Grannies and grandpas – help very much appreciated here! Children will be learning to add and subtract "money" using this system. Arithmetic stations set up in classroom for lots of practice before our big day! Folens Mathematics tests and the 4 rules of number will continue throughout January too!

Language and Literacy – Recreating a Reading Corner in our classroom where children will all practice reading aloud in small groups in preparation for our day at the Victorian School. Class Reading – group, class, shared, paired and individual reading. Continue spelling workbooks. Reading for comprehension programme. Poem – Cosy Winter Evenings – use of metaphors & personification in poetry. Focus on Literacy English scheme. Grammar & punctuation – proof reading and editing.

The World Around Us – Continue "Life in Victorian Times". Changes in school system. Typical life of a Victorian school child. Poor diet – preparing our "Lunch" for our day at the Causeway school. Poor hygiene. Victorian clothing in preparation for our mock school day! Learning the Bays and Headlands of the Causeway Coast.

Religion – Continue Alive-O 7 programme , Term 2 – New years resolutions. Learning all 7 sacraments. Learn the 5 Mysteries of light. Choose one modern day prophet to investigate.

PDMU – School Nurse – "Growing & Changing" – Puberty talk. Empathising with Victorian School children – children will take on the identity of an actual Victorian child from our real Victorian register of the Causeway school. They will learn a little about the child's background and will recreate their actual school day – clothing, lunch, schoolwork, etc.

P.E - Victorian street games.

The Arts – Learning "Copperplate" handwriting style of Victorian children. Using ink pens and ink wells. Blotting their writing with blotting paper when complete. Writing in rhyme – similes, limericks, etc.

Thank you for your continued support in 2010,
Mrs Anne McKenna, Mrs Michelle Marley, Mrs Clare Taggart