**Steelstown Primary School**

**Parents’ Newsletter**

Dear Parent

We welcome your child to their final year in primary school. On behalf of the Year 7 teachers, Mr Feeney and Mr Hargan, we hope your child has a very happy and memorable experience. The core focus of our work throughout the year is to develop the broad potential of every child.

Below are a few school housekeeping rules to support and help your child settle into their new class. We look forward to meeting you during this term.

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**RULES**

* Proper school uniform should be worn at all times
* Be punctual each morning
* PE Kit should consist of yellow polo shirt and navy bottoms. A change of bottoms can be brought to school if necessary.
* No jewellery should be worn
* Mobile Phones should not be brought into school
* Chewing gum in school is forbidden.

**EQUIPMENT**

* Whilst school provides essential equipment, it is advisable that each child has their own personal supply of pens, pencils, rulers, sharpeners, colouring materials, glue and scissors for use at home.
* A pocket dictionary is an essential tool for all children in Primary 7.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

* **Please ensure your child completes their Mathletics nightly. This is a great reinforcement of key skills.**
* **If your child is bringing a snack to school, please ensure it follows our healthy eating policy and remember we have children with various allergies.**
* ***The closing date for entries for the Transfer Test is 22nd September.***

**HOMEWORK**

The purpose of homework is to consolidate and develop ability to work independently.

* Your child will have homework each night.
* Your child will have a homework diary where they should record their homework each day.
* Parents are asked to sign homework diaries or homework books each night.

**There will be a parent-teacher meeting in October to meet our year 7 Parents and update you on our expectations for the year ahead. Please see weekly newsletter on school website for dates.**

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**READING**

This is a core skill and should be encouraged at every opportunity at home. Reading will be

an important element in homework preparations.

Your child will have a reading book as well as a library book and set reading homework will be given each night. Please ensure that your child develops a strong reading habit by continuing to

encourage them to read as much as possible each night.