



# Recarson PS



Pupils in Primary 7 are developing their science, technology, engineering and maths skills in advance of the upcoming 'STEM Challenge' competition.



## EXTREME WEATHER (Hopefully not!)

In the event of a disruption to school caused by extreme weather (such as heavy snowfall) the prime concern of our school will always be the **health and safety of the pupils, parents and staff**. In keeping with our school policy, the decision to close the school will be made **before 8.30am** (where possible) and, if necessary, will be made **the night before** with an aim of providing working parents with more time to find alternative and suitable supervision for children.

**PLEASE NOTE:** When a decision has been made to close the school, the announcement will be made as follows:

1. Firstly, by **text message** directly to parents using the school's messaging service (to mobile numbers previously provided by parents).
2. Secondly, **on the BBC News Website and Radio Ulster**. Parents should be aware that these BBC services require email confirmation directly from the school which includes a validation code and so, once announced, this can be taken as a formal school closure. However, it does take some time for the BBC website to be updated.

**During severe weather, parents and staff should always check these sources before travelling to school.**

## What's happening this month in Recarson?

- ♦ **Wednesday 14th January 2015 at 12.00 noon** is the closing date for Application Forms for entry into Primary 1 in September 2015.
- ♦ **Feis Thir Eoghain 2015** registration opens for any pupils wishing to enter.
- ♦ Three P7 pupils will represent the school in the **WELB Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Challenge** during January.
- ♦ **'Catholic Schools Week'** runs in the last week of January with this year's theme: "Called to Serve".
- ♦ P7 pupils will begin a 10 week programme of **Swimming Lessons** this month.
- ♦ P4 and P5 pupils will begin a programme of **'Active Communities'** PE Coaching thanks to funding available through Omagh & Fermanagh District Council.

Welcome  
Back to  
Term 2!



*Happy New Year and welcome back everyone to a new term! Hopefully you have had an enjoyable Christmas break. I know Santa will have visited you all!*

*Boys and girls, there are approximately thirteen weeks of school this term so let's keep up the very hard work, make sure we continue to do our best and make the most of every moment!*

On behalf of all staff, sincere thanks to parents for their kind words of thanks, thoughtful cards and lovely gifts at Christmas.

Your kindness is very much appreciated by all staff.



## Fundraising Success!

The 'Christmas Hamper' fundraiser was a wonderful success raising a grand total of £888.04!

Sincere thanks to all parents, extended family and friends who contributed items and purchased tickets and thanks, too, to all members of the Parent Support Group for giving valuable time and input to organising this fundraiser.

*The generosity and involvement of all parents is much appreciated.*



## 98.2% Attendance

Recarson PS continues to have one of the highest whole school attendance rates of any primary school. This is a wonderful achievement and, more importantly, ensures consistency for pupils in terms of their learning with 'no' or 'few days' missed.

**KEEP UP THIS EXCELLENT RECORD!**



# Congratulations to all December Award Winners!



P1: Kaela, Aidan and Maiya.



P2: Ryan, Ellie and Daithi.



P3: Aisling, Sarah and Tristan.



P4: Maeve, Niall and Caitlin.



P5: Mairead, Sean and Cara.



P6: Niall, Ellen and Fionn.

P7:

Dylan,  
Connor and  
(missing  
from photo)  
Matthew.



The school has been made aware of an outbreak of head lice. Please remember to check your child's hair regularly. You may find some helpful information on these websites:

[www.nhs.uk/conditions/Head-lice](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Head-lice)

[www.onceaweektakeapeek.ie](http://www.onceaweektakeapeek.ie)



More school news from Recarson PS next month!