



# BALLYCLARE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**TERM 1**



<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ballyclareprimary/>



**TOTAL RAISED SO FAR IS: £1270.11**

## WELL DONE

Well done to all our P7 classes who have worked incredibly hard over the past months for their AQE tests and also to other pupils completing challenging class work activities. We look forward to seeing all our P7s develop other skills in the months ahead. Well done to all our parents also who have supported this work so far!

The last test for AQE will be this Saturday. Best wishes to all the entrants.

## SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our website has been much used since its launch. Please be aware of the features it has to help parents who are busy and need to check on things -

- ★ Diary dates are clearly there, and holidays
- ★ Letters sent home are there
- ★ Menus for canteen are there
- ★ Weekly Bulletins are online



There is also lots of information re: class activities, trips and other amazing things going on in our school. Please access this site with your children and pass on the link to family members, friends and other interested parents too. Let us know if you need any other information added. We are constantly updating things to keep you informed.

## TERM 2 MILK ORDER - early notice

A letter concerning our milk order for next term will be sent to you on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December. The cost of milk for Term 2 will be £13.65. Any pupils wishing to take milk in Term 2 should return their order slip and payment by 10:00am on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018. Thank you.



## P1 FORMS FOR APPLICATION IN 2019

This year EA has changed the application process for all parents completing forms for P1 pupils. This will now be done On-Line and will be available from 2<sup>nd</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019, for completion. The form will be found on the EA website. We will send you further information on how to access the forms and any help we can offer you before the January release date. Do not panic!

If you need to chat about this process, see any senior staff outside in the mornings or speak to our office staff who will be happy to help you.

## EXTENDED SCHOOLS ACTIVITIES

All Extended Schools Activities will end tomorrow, Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November for Term 1, as notified on our timetable already sent home. Term 2 timetable will be sent home in January for further choices to be made. Paid lessons continue until the timetable date given already.

## REINDEER FOOD FOR SALE

Final preparations are being made for Santa Claus soon. The staff and pupils in school are so excited and cannot wait for the holidays and celebrations to arrive. The 24<sup>th</sup> of December will bring some excitement as we wait for St. Nick to arrive, he'll be so busy as he delivers presents to all the boys and girls. But what about his reindeer? They work hard too, so why not leave them a special treat on Christmas Eve.

To raise some funds for school, our school council will be selling little pouches of magic reindeer food at the start of next week during break and lunch - cost £1.

*We hear that Rudolph just loves it!*



## M & M THEATRE COMPANY

We hosted M & M Theatre Company last Friday in our school hall and we were not disappointed. The children and staff enjoyed the performance of Beauty and The Beast. Thank you for your support for this event. It was marvellous!



## SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SERVICE – All Welcome

Our School Christmas Service will take place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 7: 00pm in St. Johns Church of Ireland. We are hopeful many will come out and support the children and staff for all their hard work over the past weeks. The times for pupils taking part to arrive, will be sent home by Mrs Kennedy, Miss Kernohan and Mr Scott. Please note these times.

We are extremely grateful to St. Johns Church of Ireland for the use of their church this year. Our retiring offering will be for Youth for Christ (Ballyclare Area).



## TOY SALE

Our Toy Sale will take place on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December in our school.



All classes (P1-6) will be invited to attend, if we have sufficient items, so please send in your unwanted toys, books, games, DVDs from next Monday. This event is for the enjoyment of our children and our P7 year group will be organising and selling the donations. Your generous support is greatly appreciated. Items should be sent to your child's class teacher.

## CHRISTMAS DINNER & CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Tickets for our Christmas Dinner will be on sale on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> of December, cost £2.60. Pupils entitled to free meals will receive their Christmas Dinner.

We are having a Christmas Jumper Day on this day also for charity. Each child can bring a donation of £1. Staff are keen to support the Hospice/Macmillan Nurses each year, so please send your donation on Christmas Jumper Day – should you wish to do so. Many thanks.

*All Staff and Pupils will wear 'Christmas' Jumpers on this day. Do not buy one especially. A favourite jumper with some decoration (tinsel etc) will be equally as good. Children do not wear any uniform on this day. Jumpers and Jeans/Leggings/Track Suit bottoms are great.*



## SPORTS KITS

All pupils with Sports' Kits belonging to the school should ensure they are returned, washed, to the teacher in charge by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you.



*As always: If there is anything that concerns you in any way in school, please contact me via the school office or by e-mail if that is easier. I will always follow up any issues raised if I have your contact details.*

*Mrs Mulligan*

## COMMUNITY NEWS

A CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL will take place in Christ Church, Church of Ireland, Ballynure, 7<sup>th</sup>- 9<sup>th</sup> December.

A beautiful exhibition of Christmas trees designed by different groups within the community. Entrance will be free, however donations will go to support local charities and church ministries. Opening times: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am - 9:00pm. Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 - 5:00pm. Community Carol Service on Sunday at 5:30pm.

Parties may request lunch or dinner. This will be provided on request. Please contact Jeannie Lynd on 07762781902. General enquiries contact the Parish office - 02893354814 or [david@theunitedparish.org.uk](mailto:david@theunitedparish.org.uk)



\* *Parents please note that our Community News items are advertisements only. The school has no means of endorsing these activities. All parents are advised to seek details and suitability for themselves.*



**FUND RAISING**

**CHRISTMAS TOY SALE**



As you aware, our Christmas Toy Sale will be taking place soon. To celebrate the season with the children, we are holding our Toy Sale on Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th December in school.

We are asking for donations of children's toys, games and suitable books and DVDs. They should be in good condition and can be sent into school from Monday 4th December. Please have a major tidy out this weekend and leave some space for Santa to come!

C. McAuley  
Vice-Principal



**HELP US WHILE YOU SHOP ONLINE THIS CHRISTMAS**



Help us Raise money for school - *for free!*

We have signed up to raise money for our school every time you shop online. This is a really easy way to help us raise vital funds and won't cost you a thing! The fundraising is run by a website called [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk). You can access it directly by clicking the link on our school website homepage.

To start, you have to register. It's free and will allow the money fundraised to go directly to our school page. They website won't ask for any additional money, other than to pay for the item you are shopping online for. This is a very safe and easy way to help us raise money for our school. Please take a few moments to register and help us start collecting. This website has helped raise over £5 million pounds in the UK for various causes, let's see how we can do!

### **HOW IT WORKS**

#### **1. START AT EASYFUNDRAISING:**

Let's say you want to buy a book from Amazon.  
Instead of going to [amazon.co.uk](http://amazon.co.uk), you go to [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) first  
- or you can download the easyfundraising toolbar or app.

#### **2. MAKE A PURCHASE:**

You click from the easyfundraising website through to Amazon to make your purchase.  
The price of the book is exactly the same as if you'd visited Amazon directly.

#### **3. GET A DONATION:**

After you have bought your book, Amazon will make a donation to your cause as a thank you for shopping with them. Easyfundraising collect these donations, and it costs nothing!

R. Kennedy  
Head of P7



# CLASS AWARDS NOVEMBER 2018



CLASS & TEACHER		MONTHLY STAR	BEST HANDWRITING
P1	Miss Campbell	JESSE WRIGHT	SIENNA McCLAY
	Miss Moorhead	BEN McFALL	ELLA ROSE LOGAN
	Mrs Sturgess & Mrs Farquhar	LEAH FERRIS	WILLIAM WEBSTER
P2	Mrs Irwin & Mrs Farquhar	THOMAS McMASTER	MEGAN THOMPSON
	Mrs Martin & Mrs Stewart	LIAM BLAIR	POPPY LESTER
	Mrs Hall	PORSCHA ARMSTRONG	BEN LILLEY
P3	Mr Heyburn	LANA McMULLAN	EMILY WEATHERUP
	Mrs McNeilly & Mrs McIntosh	JAKE ROBB	RUBY LEWIS
	Miss Drury	GEORGIA COWAN	HARRY SCOTT
P4	Mrs McDowell & Mrs Anderson	ALECIA MOORE	RILEY BELL
	Miss Kernohan	CARLA DAVIS	CHARLIE McDONALD
	Mrs Annett/Mrs Stewart	ELLIE HINTON	MOLLY PEEL
P5	Miss McGoran	SHILOH BLAIR	CONOR ARCHIBALD
	Mrs McKeown	IZAACK HARSON	RILEY DUNSEITH
	Mr Scott	JORGIE AULD	ZAC McCORD
P6	Mrs Arbuckle	KEIRSHA CARMICHAEL	EMILY NICKELS
	Mrs Shannon	LOIS BELL	SHANNON MURRAY
	Mrs Watson	BETHANY HERON	MIA BRADLEY
P7	Mr Gordon	CHLOE ABRAHAM	SAM MULHOLLAND
	Mr McAuley	NATHAN AKANJI	JOSHUA GILCHRIST
	Mrs Kennedy	RHYS BAIRD	KIRSTY IRVINE
L.S.	Mrs McCollum	CRAIG MOORE (P4MCDA)	—