



BALLYCLARE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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TERM 1



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TOTAL RAISED SO FAR IS: £1,283.50

CHRISTMAS DINNER & CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

All tickets for our Christmas Dinner are now sold. Please note the date - Friday 14th December 2018. Anyone not taking dinner should bring a packed lunch on this day as no canteen is available. A reminder was sent on Tuesday to all parents. Pupils in receipt of free school meals will have their dinner as normal. +



Our Christmas Jumper Day will also take place on Friday 14th December. Please note this will be a non-uniform day and all pupils can bring a donation of £1 for Hospice/Macmillan Nurses. Remember, if you do not have a Christmas Jumper - just decorate another top/jumper with 'Christmassy' items. We have some great creations every year.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

School closes for all pupils at 12:00noon on Friday 21st December. Breakfast Club will be on as usual. Toast will not be available at break time on this day.

School opens again on Monday 7th January 2019 at 8:45am for all pupils.

OPEN DAY – Wednesday 12th December 2018

Each year we have an Open Morning Event for new parents and we hope that many will attend to see and enjoy our lovely school. You will have received a flyer on See Saw advertising this event. Please share this with all your friends and neighbours, who have children due to start Primary School in September 2019, to ensure they have booked a place on one of our tours. Thank you.

P1 CHRISTMAS EVENT – BUSY, BUSY BETHLEHEM

Our P1 Nativity, for parents and grandparents, was a huge success. Well done everyone who played a part in this production. Thank you to all who gave so generously for tickets and donations.

We had two great mornings! The children and staff were wonderful as usual and Christmas is truly in full swing now. Thank you to all who donated so generously for this event. For children who have been in school such a short time, they were amazing.

A DVD is available for purchase. Details will follow.

TOY SALE

Our Toy Sale will take place on Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th 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.

BE SAFE BE SEEN

It is super to see so many pupils arriving to school with their fluorescent tabards and clothing on during these dark mornings. Please keep this up over the winter months.

MORNING PROCEDURES

In the playground each morning, staff are present to provide support. Please see Mrs Mulligan, Mrs McCollum or Mr McAuley if you need help. We are happy to do this.

P7 WOODHALL TRIP – PAYMENT REMINDER

Please note that £50 deposit + additional £100 should be paid by 10th December.
If you have any queries/problems – please contact Mr McAuley (P7).

TERM 2 STARTS: MONDAY 7th JANUARY 2019 at 8:45am.

There will be toast and Breakfast Club this day.

After schools activities start back on 21st January 2019, after mid-year assessments are completed.



SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Assessments/Class Tests	-	10th - 18th January
Enrolment for September 2019	-	2nd January - P1 forms accessible online 31st January - closing date for completion
P7 Road Safety Quiz	-	16 th January
P7 Titanic Centre Trip	-	18th January
Anti-bullying Week	-	21st - 25th January
BLUE Day	-	25th January *Pupils and staff wear blue clothes this day.
AQE Test results (P7)	-	26th January
P6 Viking Day	-	1st February
P5 Dairy Council Visit	-	4th February
P3 Sentry Hill Visits	-	11th - 13th February
Parent/Teacher Interviews	-	11th - 15th February
Poetry Day	-	14th February
Mid-term Holiday	-	18th - 22nd February
P7 Woodhall Residential	-	4th - 7th March
P6/7 SU Castlewellan Castle Trip	-	15th - 17th March
Science Day P1-7	-	4th April
P6 Ulster American Folk Park Visit	-	9th April
Easter Holidays	-	School closes at 12:00 noon on 12th April and recommences on 29th April.

LOST PROPERTY

Lost property bins will be displayed in the playground on the last full week of term. Any unclaimed items will go to the charity shop on Friday 21st December 2018.

FROSTY WEATHER

The weather has not been too severe, and certainly not as bad as past years just yet. When needed, our paths around the school are gritted each day and Richard works hard to keep us all safe travelling to and fro. Please stick to the gritted areas for safety, but still take care.

Should our school be forced to close in snow or treacherous conditions in the winter, please note the following:

- (i) An early notice will be posted on our website: www.ballyclareps.co.uk
- (ii) A See-Saw message will be forwarded to parents.
- (iii) A text message concerning the closure will be sent to each parent on our 'Class Parents' list/ or the First Contact given by parents to our School Office.
- (iv) Staff will be outside to inform parents/carers of the unforeseen closure if able to reach the school building themselves.

You will appreciate, this will be an exceptional circumstance and the school will only be closed if absolutely necessary or as directed by DE. Working parents should ensure emergency child care is put in place and phone numbers are up to date should we need to contact you at any time.

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