



BALLYCLARE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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TERM 1



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

TOTAL RAISED SO FAR IS: £1295.55



CHRISTMAS DINNER & JUMPER DAY – FRIDAY 14th DECEMBER

Tomorrow is Christmas Jumper Day! This is a non-uniform day in school and we try to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Care Nurses. Please send in a £1 donation, if you can. **REMEMBER** - if you did not purchase a ticket for Christmas Dinner for your child - please send in a packed lunch. There is no canteen lunch tomorrow except ordered Christmas Dinners.



THANK YOU!

Thank you to all parents who watched and shared our 'snapshot' DVD! We made this recording last June to share with you and to encourage others in our area to enjoy a little experience of school life here with us. If you haven't watched it or shared it with a friend, do that today! It is on our school website www.ballyclareps.co.uk. Thank you to Mrs Irwin (P2) as always, who directed, edited and produced the footage *what a talent!*

CAROL SERVICE & OFFERING

What a great night we had at our annual Carol Service in St. John's Church of Ireland on Thursday night. The children were fabulous and the parents/families in attendance really enjoyed the evening. Thank you to all who attended and to Mrs Kennedy, Miss Kernohan, Mr Scott, Miss Campbell and Mrs Martin for organised it all. Thank you to everyone who gave to the retiring offering. The total collected for Greater Ballyclare Area Youth for Christ was £432.



BALLYCLARE BIG BOP!

On Thursday 20th December, P1-7 pupils will enjoy a Party Bop with their classes in school to round off the term. This will be organised by our energetic staff and funded by school donations, already given by parents. No money should be sent on this day. Normal uniform will be worn, but please send in the Christmas Jumpers again for another wearing!

BUSY, BUSY BETHLEHEM

Thank you to all parents/grandparents who supported our P1 productions last week. Every child in P1 was on stage looking spectacular. Thank you to our P1 Staff for their amazing organisation. A DVD was made and will be produced for anyone wishing to order this. A letter will be sent to you this week.

MILK ORDER – TERM 2

Closing date for Term 2 milk orders is Wednesday 19th December at 10:00am. Late orders will not be accepted. Thank you.



HOLIDAY DATES

Parents are reminded that we will close on Friday 21st December at 12:00 noon and reopen on Monday 7th January at 8:55am. Extended School Activities for P4-7 will restart on Monday 21st January for Term 2. A new timetable will be sent to you. Please keep this safely so you can check the dates and thus avoid phoning the school office to check if activities are on.

All private lessons for Monkeynastix, Guitar, Piano and Drama have their own dates timetabled. Please check these with the relevant teacher in charge of these activities.

HOUR OF CODE

Last week we took part in Hour of Code in all classes from P1 to P7. It is a global movement involving tens of millions of children in over 180 countries. The Hour of Code originally started as a one-hour introduction to computer science, designed to demystify "code" and show that anybody can learn the basics. Our pupils were delighted to be a part of this project as they investigated Tynker and Minecraft. We would love to encourage you to try this out at home as there are many more projects available online. You can find them at <https://hourofcode.com/uk/learn>

LOST PROPERTY

Our Lost Property items will be on display next week in the playground shelter, when dry. A lot of clothing has to be claimed. Any left-over belongings will go to the Charity Shop on Friday 21st December, if unclaimed. Please check the lost property before it leaves school.

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 24th 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, Bethany and Bella Heron have been selling little pouches of magic reindeer food during break and lunch - cost £1 for school funds.

Thank you girls, and Mrs Heron too! *We hear that Rudolph just loves it!*



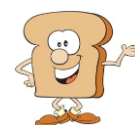
TOY SALE

Our Toy Sale will take place this Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th December in school. P7 pupils will be organising the sale and all pupils will get an opportunity to attend and purchase something. Please ensure your child comes prepared for this, if they wish to take part. *Any further donations for the sale should be left at the school office tomorrow morning before 10:00am.*

BREAKFAST CLUB – RISE & SHINE CLUB

Our Breakfast Club has been running now for a seventh year. This has been successful with different families throughout each week. The children eat well and enjoy each other's company every morning. The Breakfast Club will continue to function next term for parents who wish to avail of this early drop off service. £2.05 for Breakfast and Supervision. £1 for Supervision only.

Any child who arrives to our playground unaccompanied, before 8:45am, must go to Breakfast Club for supervision.



CHANNEL 4 – LEGO MASTERS

Do you or does someone in your house eat, sleep and breathe the LEGO bricks?

Is the LEGO MASTERS build room with over 1 million bricks your idea of heaven?

The producers of the popular Channel 4 series LEGO MASTERS are looking for a new bunch of imaginative building pairs to take part in a third series of the bold brick-building competition.

If you think you, a family member or a friend have the creativity, skill and imagination to be crowned Britain's best amateur building team then please email build@tuesdayschild.tv

Applicants must be aged 9+ by 03/02/2019 in order to take part.



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