



BALLYCLARE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Our P4-7 pupils had a special Assembly last Friday, led by our P6(TS) class. The service was very moving and the children showed the utmost respect for the remembrance of service men and women, past and present. Miss S. Kernohan (P4) played the Last Post for our time of silence and reflection. The children saw pictures relating to the war years and watched a short DVD presentation.

Thank you to all our parents and pupils who supported our act of Remembrance this year by purchasing poppies and other items on sale in school. It is important that the great sacrifices of so many, both past and present, are never forgotten.



The Remembrance Service, held last Sunday at the War Memorial in the Town Park, was very well attended by Ballyclare Primary School parents and pupils. Grace Cowden and Jonathan Kilgore (P7) laid a wreath on behalf of our school.

PHOTOGRAPH MONEY

The closing date for payment of photographs is Wednesday 22nd November. After this date, anyone wishing to place an order may do so directly with Tempest Photography - see order form for details.

P5 S.U. RESIDENTIAL WEEKEND Friday 17th November - Sunday 19th November 2017

Please be reminded that the balance of £50 for the upcoming P5 SU Weekend is to be paid to Mrs McDowell and that all Medical and Code of Conduct forms are to be returned by tomorrow morning.

ROAD SAFETY WEEK & WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

The school has been holding a Road Safety and Walk to School Week this week. The pupils were looking at a number of road safety issues including 'Being Safe and Seen' on these darker mornings and evenings. As such, we have been encouraging the children to wear something bright or reflective each morning during Road Safety Week. Coats/hats/scarves/gloves etc in colours such as red, white, yellow, bright blue/green, or of a reflective material, are most suitable.

Please KEEP THIS UP in the winter months when it can be so dark.

THEATRE VISIT

We are having a visiting Theatre Company into school this year, on Friday 24th November. The children will attend with their class teacher. A letter regarding this event was sent home earlier this week. Payment should be sent to school by Wednesday 22nd November. The cost will be £3.50 per child, due to no transport cost being required. (Same cost over last seven years.)

P7 TESTS

Well done to our P7 pupils who completed their first AQE test of three last Saturday. We hope the next two run as smoothly.

S.U. CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Our normal S.U. meetings have finished.

Please note the arrangements below for our Christmas parties.

Tuesday 21st November 3:00 - 4:00pm P4/5 Christmas Party - no P6/7 children to attend.
Tuesday 28th November 3:00 - 4:00pm P6/7 Christmas Party - no P4/5 children to attend.

All children attending these parties must bring their ticket and £1.50 admission charge.
A change of clothes may be brought to change into at the end of school, if desired.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Our P4-7 pupils will be involved in our annual Carol Service on Wednesday 6th December at 7:00pm in Ballyclare Presbyterian Church. This year the service will consist of traditional carols and readings and all parents, family members and friends are welcome.



SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DINNER & CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY Thursday 14th December

Tickets will be on sale from class teachers on Monday 4th, Tuesday 5th December as final numbers must be given to the catering staff. Unfortunately, no late requests will be able to be accommodated. The cost will be £2.60 as usual for all pupils who pay for their dinners.

PUPILS ENTITLED TO FREE MEALS WILL RECEIVE THEIR DINNER AS NORMAL.

★ *Pupils not taking Christmas Dinner will need to bring a packed lunch.*



OPEN MORNING - 13th December 2017

Our Open Morning for new families is coming up soon. Encourage all your family and friends, who are not connected to a school already, to join us. Call the school office to join a tour - 02893 322389.

WELL DONE MRS EDWARDS

Mrs Edwards, parent and staff member, entered a competition to win funds for new equipment for our Breakfast Club. She had to write a speech about all the benefits of our club for pupils and parents and the great job Anne and Mavis do there, looking after the children.

The prize was £400! Well done Clare. Parents, as you know school budgets are perhaps in the worst position we have ever known them we really appreciate any and all help you can give us in this current climate.

*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

ABBEY JUDO CLUB, the home of numerous Irish, NI and British Champions, meets each week in Waite's Warehouse, Dennison Industrial Estate. Thursday (8-12 yrs) 6:30 - 7:30pm, Sundays (5-7yrs) 11:00am - 12:00pm.

For more information, contact William Cully (Black Belt - 2nd Dan) 07840807376,

* *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.*