



BALLYCLARE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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TERM 1



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TOTAL RAISED SO FAR IS: £835.47

CHRISTMAS DINNER & CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

All tickets for our Christmas Dinner are now sold. Please note the date - Thursday 14th December 2017. 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 Thursday 14th December. Please note this will be a non-uniform day and all pupils should 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 had some great creations last year.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

School closes for all pupils at 12:00noon on Thursday 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 8th January 2018 at 8:45am for all pupils.

OPEN DAY – Wednesday 13th December 2017

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 at this stage. Thank you.

CAROL SERVICE

Our Carol Service for P5-7 was held last night in Ballyclare Presbyterian Church. What a delight it was to have so many children involved and parents/family members attend. Thank you to all for your generous donations to Autism NI.

We are, as always, indebted to Mrs Hyde, Mrs Kennedy, Miss Kernohan, Miss Campbell and Mrs Martin for their part in organising the whole event and working with our pupils. Mrs Reid (Parent & Peripatetic Music Teacher), Mr Doherty (Peripatetic Music Teacher) and Mr Hyde also play for us each year - which is a great treat. Thank you.

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 TRIPS – PAYMENT REMINDER

Please note that the following amounts should be paid by Monday 11th December.

(P7) York: £50 deposit + additional £50 (P7) Woodhall: £50 deposit + additional £25.

If you have any queries/problems - please contact Mr McAuley (P7).

TERM 2 STARTS: MONDAY 8th JANUARY 2018 at 8:45am.

There will be toast and Breakfast Club this day.
After schools activities start back on 22nd January 2018.



SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Assessments/Class Tests	-	11th - 19th January
Closing date for return of P1 forms for enrolment 2018	-	10th January at 12 noon
Anti-bullying Week	-	22nd - 26th January
BLUE Day	-	26th January *Pupils and staff wear blue clothes this day.
AQE Test results (P7)	-	27th January
Poetry Day	-	8th February
Parent/Teacher Interviews	-	5th - 9th February
Mid-term Holiday	-	12th - 16th February
Peace Proms (Choir)	-	25th February
P7 Stormont Trip	-	26th February
Easter Holidays	-	School closes at 12:00 noon on 23rd March and recommences on 9th 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 Thursday 21st December 2017.

FROSTY WEATHER COMING!

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR - St. John's Parish Church, Ballyclare are hosting a Christmas Craft Fair on Friday 8th December, 7:00 - 10:00pm. All proceeds will go to Newtownabbey Food Bank. Tea, Coffee and Festive Treats!



** 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.*