



BALLYCLARE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

A very warm Happy Christmas to you all as we reach the end of Term 1 next Thursday. All pupils will finish school at 12:00noon. Please ensure all pupils have their break with them as no toast will be served on the last day. Breakfast Club will be on as usual.

The Governors, Management and Staff would like to thank you for all your support this term both in working with your children and also to us as a school. The strong partnership we have allows for great progress to be made in the education of our pupils.

As we begin the year of 2018 we always remember many families connected with our school who have been through difficult times in 2017. We pray God will be with you in the days ahead. We also welcome many new families to our school - we hope you have settled well this term with us and we look forward to the new year ahead together.

Mrs Mulligan, Governors & Staff

CHRISTMAS DINNER & JUMPER DAY

Our Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day was a great success and good fun. The children looked spectacular and we thank all our families who gave a donation. If you forgot today, please send it in with your child tomorrow.



THANK YOU!

All parents/families, thank you for all the resilience shown this week during very challenging travelling conditions, in order to get to school. We fully appreciate the effort this took and the very early start for many who were here on time. Other families who were unable to get here due to living in very icy/snow packed areas - we understood. Always make decisions to attend on these snow days with your safety given paramount importance.

Remember - we will always text message and website any changes to our school times or closures. Otherwise, assume we will be here. There is a long winter ahead yet!

HOUR OF CODE

This past 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>

HOLIDAY DATES

Parents are reminded that we will close on Thursday 21st December at 12:00 noon and reopen on Monday 8th January at 8:55am. Extended School Activities for P4-7 will restart on Monday 22nd 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 Judo, Monkeynastix, Guitar, Piano, Drama and Singing have their own dates timetabled. Please check these with the relevant teacher in charge of these activities.

MILK ORDER – TERM 2



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

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 Thursday 21st December, if unclaimed.

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, 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!



TOY SALE & COMPETITIONS

Our Toy Sale will take place this Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th 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.

Our competitions to 'Guess the Bear's Birthday' and 'Number of Lego Bricks in the Box' are still available to enter - 50p per guess.

BREAKFAST CLUB – RISE & SHINE CLUB

Our Breakfast Club has been running now for a sixth 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.

CAROL SERVICE OFFERING

Thank you to everyone who gave to the retiring offering at our recent Christmas Carol Service. The total collected for Autism NI was £421.26.



COMMUNITY NEWS

BALLYCLARE'S COMMUNITY CINEMA - The award-winning Picture House cinema is showing two special Christmas films for all the family at the Town Hall on Saturday 23rd December.

Showing at 3:00pm, 'Home Alone' - festive fun for kids, and parents who remember it first time around.

Showing at 7:00pm, the great all-time Hollywood Christmas classic, 'It's A Wonderful Life.'

This heart-warming Jimmy Stewart movie will get you in the mood for the festivities.

You can buy tickets online on Eventbrite, or pay on the door. Tickets are going fast.

★ All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

*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