

# BALLYKEEL BUGLE - OCTOBER 2017

CHILD PROTECTION - Designated Teacher: *Mr J Fisher*, Deputy Designated Teacher: *Mrs J Thompson*

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## Important Dates For Your Attention



**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct & Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Oct**

Pyjama Parties

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Oct** – School Photographer in school - Note attached.

**Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Oct** – School Council Elections.

**Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Oct** – P3LK to St Brigid's and St Brigid's to P3CM.

**Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Oct** – 9.00am – 1.45pm Family Photographs. Details attached.

**Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Oct** – P2AS to St Brigid's and St Brigid's to P2JT.

**Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Oct** - P1KH to St Brigid's and St Brigid's to P1KM.

**W/B Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct** – Nursery to P.7 Parent/Teacher interviews. **School closes at 1.30pm for all children this week.**

**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct** - P5–P7 Disco - More details later.

**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct** – P3LK to Creative Gardens.

**Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Parents' Coffee Morning with Family Worker. See below for details.

**Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Oct** – P3CM to Creative Gardens.

**Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Oct** – 9.15am Harvest Service taken by P7 pupils.

**Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Non-Uniform Day. Details to follow.

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Oct to Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov** – **SCHOOL CLOSED** for Mid Term Break.

**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov** – **SCHOOL CLOSED** for Staff Training.

## Milk Money



*Primary School Pupils Only*

Milk money to cover from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December is **£6.72. THIS MUST BE**

**PAID to the class teacher on/before Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October as late orders cannot be made.**

**CHEESE!**



## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

Cool for Schools photographer

will be in school on **MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup>**

**OCTOBER.** See note attached and the

**FAMILY SESSION is on SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup>**

**OCTOBER from 9.30am – 1.00pm** - see booking slip on leaflet sent home.

## DATES YOU MIGHT LIKE TO KNOW!

**Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Flu vaccine for whole school.

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Nursery Christmas Fair. 6.30 - 8.30pm

**Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Nursery Nativity & Open Morning (am)

**Tues 12<sup>th</sup> & Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dec** – P1/P2 Nativity(am)

**Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Dec** – P3 Nativity (am)

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec** – 9.30am

Carol Service lead by P4 & P5 children

**Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Dec** - P1-P3 Christmas Party from 1.30 - 3.00pm.

Also P4-P7 Disco from 7.00-9.00pm



**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec** – **SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 12noon**

## SCHOOL FUND – A BIG 'THANK YOU'!

A huge thank you to the significant majority of parents who have now paid school fund for their children. To date 278 families out of the 282 families have contributed (98.5%). This has raised a fantastic £1675 so far for school funds this year.



## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING – A BIG 'THANK YOU'

We really appreciate all the parents and friends who came to our Macmillan Coffee morning last Thursday. The final total collected was **£538.56!** So a special thank you for your generous giving.



## OLD £1 COINS

Please note that from **MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER 2017** the old plain round £1 coin will no longer be accepted by the school.



**CLASSES OF THE MONTH:-**  
**FOR ATTENDANCE:- P2AS**  
**FOR UNIFORM:- P3LK/P4JDT**  
**GOLDEN BALL CLASSES:-**  
**P7BM, P3LK, P2AS & P2JT**

## PUPILS OF THE MONTH

P1KH – ANYA BONES  
P1KM – DEVON LOWRY  
P2JT – JASMINE WYLIE  
P2AS – SKYLAR SPEIRS  
P3LK – NATASHA AGNEW  
P3CM – ETHAN McBRIDE  
P4JDT – COOPER McKILLEN  
P4RM – SAMARA DAVIDSON  
P5CC – HAYDON McKILLEN  
P5AR – ZOE BALMER  
P6SM – AIMEE CLAIL  
P6JH – JESSICA McKAY  
P7SG – CHELSEA GILLESPIE  
P7BM – ZAK HOUSTON



## We Are Going to the Opera House!

We are intending to take the children to the Opera House again in Belfast to see **PETER PAN** on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018**, leaving at 12:00pm and returning at approximately 5:00pm (to be confirmed). The pantomime, with May McFettridge and Claire King, will be absolutely fantastic and the children will really love the whole experience. See attached letter giving details of payment/s.

## A Word from Leanne Calderwood

(Covering Linda's maternity leave)



I would like to invite you to the Parents' Coffee morning on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October in the Staff Room at 9.00am. I look forward to meeting the parents of Ballykeel Primary.

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## GOLDEN CLASS

The school has introduced a new positive behaviour strategy called the 'Golden Class.'

The idea behind this is that individual pupils, groups or whole classes can be rewarded for good behaviour by being presented with a **Golden Ball** (about the size of a ping pong ball) by Mrs Sheeran, Mr Fisher or Mrs Thompson. Each classroom has a special glass jar to store / display the balls that have been earned. The idea is that the class with the most golden balls at the end of each month will win the title 'Golden Class' and get a whole week off written homework as a reward (P3-7 classes.) P1 and P2 classes will get extra play time as their prize.

Golden balls can be won for all sorts of good behaviour e.g. lining up quietly and respectfully, using good manners, making improvements in the quality and standards of work, a whole class wearing correct uniform etc. HOWEVER, a **Black Ball** can also be presented to a pupil, or pupils, for negative behaviours too! If a black ball is acquired, this is the equivalent of getting a minus point.

Thankfully, very few black balls were given out during September (only 2 in the whole school!) so let's hope this continues! *The winning classes for September, with each winning 13 balls, were P7BM, P3LK, P2AS & P2JT. Well done!*

## DYEING TO WEAVE

We were delighted to have Emma Robinson from Woolly Mammoth Fibres visiting our club. Emma demonstrated how to dye wool using natural products. We were all amazed to discover that red onion skins turned the wool a green/yellow, instead of a pink colour. Emma showed us wool from different breeds of sheep and even an alpaca! It was very smelly! We then got to see how Emma spun fleece into woollen threads ready for knitting. Some of us even had a go. Emma thought that Latrell Carley from P6SM had great potential and would make an excellent spinner!



## Our Friends in St. Brigid's PS.

*Over the past five years Ballykeel PS have been working very closely with the staff and pupils from St. Brigid's PS. We have participated in a range of different programmes with St. Brigid's and this year is no different! Most of the shared work we do with St. Brigid's relies upon us receiving funding and we are delighted that we have secured funding for the incoming year to do such work. The funding will enable us to pay for transport and trips. Every class from P1-P7 will meet classes from St. Brigid's PS at different stages throughout the year, so please keep an eye out for more information in due course and on the class pages on the website and on the Bugle.*

## THE BETTY BUS



*On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September The Betty Bus rolled up into Ballykeel as the team came to visit our P7 children to teach them more about growth and puberty. Onboard the bus the girls enjoyed completing some interactive games, digging for clues in the ball-pit and discussing how changes affect them physically and emotionally. The boys enjoyed a classroom-based session with games and activities which helped develop their understanding and attitude towards how we change as we grow up. Both classes enjoyed hearing from our visitors.*

## SMARTIE TUBES FUNDRAISING

This year in our school fundraising, we will be raising money towards two new interactive whiteboards for school. This will provide an interactive learning experience which encourages enthusiastic participation from the whole class. Each family will receive a Smartie tube and the aim is to fill it up with 20ps. **On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October, the last day of half term, we will be having a pirate themed day**



**in which each class will take part in treasure hunts and other pirate themed activities. This day will also be non-uniform, with pirate themed clothes optional.** We are very grateful to the various shops who kindly donated Smartie tubes to us. A huge **THANK YOU** to the Candy Corner at Harryville, Spar at the Rosses, Wyse Byse and Spar at the Fry's Road.

## COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

Whilst we as a school would seldom have complaints it is hoped that any problems can be solved by informal contact between parents and the School Principal. However, it is a requirement of the Department of Education that we inform you that where a parent feels that a matter should be progressed further, then the following people should be contacted in the order shown.

1. The Principal.
2. The Chairperson of the Board of Governors.
3. The Northern Ireland Public Services Ombudsman (NIPSO).

Should you wish to have a copy of our Parental Complaints Procedure please contact the office.

## SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS

If your child/ren have any food allergies or special dietary needs please contact Mrs Bradley (Canteen Supervisor) asap.  
028 25630009