

BALLYKEEL BUGLE - DECEMBER 2017

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

WEBSITE:- www.ballykeelps.org.uk




DATES FOR THE DIARY -

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

**See Separate note
sent home**

**Thurs 7th Dec – NO
BREAKFAST CLUB**

**Children from P.1 to P.7 do not
start school until 11:30am on this
morning.**

- **Final Date** for Pantomime money to be paid in full.
- **9.30am Nursery Nativity** - Admission by ticket only - £1 (See below for more details).
- **School Open Morning for new P1** - 10.15-11.15am. See notice below.
- **Christmas Dinner** in the canteen (PUPILS ONLY). If paying – cost is £2.60 (**P1-P3 must pay**  on **Monday 4th Dec** – also note **P4-P7 must also** pay class teacher on **Monday 4th Dec** to order their dinner).
- PLEASE NOTE that **SCHOOL WILL CLOSE FOR ALL AT 2.00pm**

Mon 11th Dec – 10.00am - Choir to Radio Cracker. St Brigid's coming to see P1/2 Nativity.

Tues 12th & Wed 13th Dec – P1/P2 Nativity (9.30am) Admission by ticket only - £1 (See below for more details).

Wed 13th Dec – P7s to Sound of Music at Slemish College. St Brigid's coming to see P3 Nativity.

Thurs 14th Dec – P3 Nativity (9.30am) Admission by ticket only - £1 (See below for more details).

Fri 15th Dec – 9.30am Carol Service in Ballykeel Pres Church lead by P4 & P5 children. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Fri 15th Dec – P1-P3 to St Brigid's for Nativity.

Mon 18th Dec - 11am Choir Carol Singing at Tesco

Mon 18th Dec - P1-P3 Christmas Party from **1.30 - 3.00pm.**

Also **P4-P7 Disco** from **7.00-9.00pm**

**Wed 20th Dec - SCHOOL CLOSSES
AT 12noon sharp.**

SCHOOL CLOSED

Thursday 21st December to Tuesday 2nd January 2018 inclusive.



Wed 3rd January 2018 - Whole school visit to the pantomime – see below for details.

**PLEASE READ
CAREFULLY!**

Pantomime

Arrangements -

Wednesday Jan 3rd 2018

On 3rd January 2018 those children going to the pantomime are to be in school at **11.30am sharp**. Please make sure that your child has eaten lunch at home before they come to school as the canteen is closed. Children should wear a warm coat **with their name on it**. No other bags are to be brought to school on that day.

The children should be ready for collection at 5:00pm. Please note the following:

- The school gates will remain closed until the buses arrive back.
- The main gates will be opened for the buses and once all children are out of the buses and safely back into their classrooms, Mr McKendry will open the 2 pedestrian gates to let parents in to collect their P.1 to P.3 children as normal. After these children have gone, the P.4 to P.7 staff will walk their pupils to the school gates as usual.

Please also note that Thursday 7th December is the last day for pantomime payments.



NURSERY & PRIMARY - SEPTEMBER 2018

Nursery and Primary forms for admission in September 2018 are available for collection at the school office and **must be returned by WEDNESDAY 10th January 2018 by 12 noon.**

NURSERY:- D.O.B. 02/07/14 to 01/07/15

PRIMARY:- D.O.B – 02/07/13 to 01/07/14

NURSERY, P1/P2 (2 DATES) & P3 NATIVITY PLAYS

Parents will by now have received letters to order their tickets for this year's Nativities which are admission by ticket only. All proceeds will be going to charity. It is important parents remember that in the interest of health and safety that **no prams or buggies** are allowed in the school. It is preferred that babies or toddlers should not be brought along so as not to disrupt the performances of the children taking part. Thank you for your co-operation.

SHOE BOX APPEAL 2017

This year as part of our Charity fundraising we decided to take part in the Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box Appeal. Every class from nursery to Primary 7 created a box for a girl and a box for a boy. We thank you for your generosity in sending in items with your children to fill these. In total we packed 37 boxes! No doubt the gifts the pupils packed will make Christmas very special for children in difficult situations this Christmas. Thank you for your support once again.

By Mrs R McKelvey

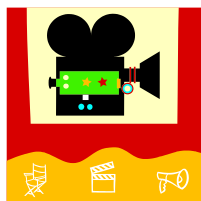
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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BALLOT



The ballot tickets have been sent home with children. As usual there will be a list of the fantastic prizes to be won

displayed on the main entrance door. The class that sells the most tickets will get a trip to the cinema.

Milk Money - PS Pupils Only

Milk money to cover from:- Thurs 5th JAN to Fri 9th FEB is **£5.67**.



THIS WILL BE COLLECTED ON/BEFORE FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER as late orders cannot be made with Dale Farm.

CLASS OF THE MONTH FOR

ATTENDANCE:- P1KM

CLASS OF THE MONTH FOR

UNIFORM:- P1KH

CLASS OF THE MONTH FOR GOLDEN

BALL:- P6SM

PUPILS OF THE MONTH

P1KH – BERTIE TENNANT
P1KM – ELLIE-ROSE BOYD
P2JT – JOEL RICHARDSON
P2AS – KATIE RAINNIE
P3LK – KAITLIN MATERNAGHAN
P3CM – JOSH WOULAHAN
P4JDT – JOHNATHAN HAWKINS
P4RM – NICOLE MURPHY-TODD
P5CC – CHARLIE GREGG
P5AR – BRODEE KENNY
P6SM – CARTER McNEILL
P6JH – MIA MULHOLLAND
P7SG – LEONA GIBSON
P7BM – EMILY McMASTER

JIGSAW STAFF UPDATE:

Although I have really enjoyed my short time as family worker at Ballykeel Primary, I am sad to say I will be leaving my post just before Christmas as I take the next step in my career in clinical psychology. A new member of the team is currently being appointed, so come and say hello to your new family worker at the coffee morning in January!



New Play Park for Ballykeel 1

A new Play Park area has been proposed for Ballykeel 1. The proposed play area will cater for children up to the age of 12. There may also be the opportunity to include Green Gym equipment which would cater for the needs of adults.



As with all new play areas commissioned by Mid and East Antrim Borough Council, play equipment will be selected which will be suitable for a range of ages and abilities, and efforts will be made to make the facility as accessible as possible. Donna from the Parks division came in to school to ask the children what they would like in their new play park, but she would like the views of adults too. Please take a few minutes to complete a short, online questionnaire in order to help shape future play provision in Ballykeel – the link to this can be found on our school website.



Ballykeel and St Brigid's Joint School Council:

We had our first ever joint school council meeting on Monday 20th November in St



Brigid's PS. The pupils on the council are (from Ballykeel)

Kyle Harkness, Scott Irwin, Daisy McConnell and Lexi McKendry, (from St Brigid's) Ronan McBride, Robert Crooks, Aoife O'Kane, Lukasz Wolinski-Glabikci and Ola Zlobikowska.

The meeting included:

- Introductions of staff and pupils
- Explanation about what a shared council is
- Sharing of ideas from Ballykeel / St Brigid's individual councils
- A Video and photograph were taken
- Trip to Stormont was explained

On the agenda for the next meeting:

- Sharing of school rules / what is different and similar in both schools
- A Shared Education suggestion box to be placed in the welcome area on the Shared Education information boards and suggestions will be discussed.
- Next meeting will be in term 2.

By Miss K. McGlaughlin

FOOTBALL NEWS

On Thursday 16th November, the senior football team took part in the annual 7-a-side qualifiers at Ballymena Showgrounds alongside Broughshane, Camphill, Carniny and St Colmcille's. The top two teams would proceed to the Finals due to be held in Term 2.

The opening match was an even contest against Camphill. Chances were few and far between, with goalkeepers ensuring the tie finished in a 0-0 stalemate. Carniny were the next opponents. They had the lions' share of possession and chances and ran out as eventual 1-0 winners. Ballykeel found their shooting boots in match 3 against St Colmcille's and won 3-0, with goals from Zack Fleming and Steph Mark (2). Match 4 continued on a similar theme with Ballykeel beating Broughshane 3-0, goals coming from Zack Fleming, Calvin Termonia and Bobby Crawford.

Despite finishing strongly, Ballykeel finished third in the group on 7 points behind Carniny (9) and Camphill. While Camphill also had 7 points, they had a superior goal difference. (Ballykeel +5 goals; Camphill +6 goals.)

Well done to each player, particularly Zak McKendry and James Dickson who made their senior team debuts.

By Mr J Hughes

NEW FOOTBALL KIT



We would like to express our sincere thanks to Mr W Allen from Allen Meats who has kindly sponsored our new Football kit.