

BALLYKEEL BUGLE - DECEMBER 2016

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



DATES FOR THE DIARY - PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

Thurs 1st Dec - Alan Kirk in to talk to children about his work in the Philippines. Donation from BLUE Day - £362.50 - will be given to Mr Kirk.

Fri 2nd Dec - **Final Date** for Pantomime money to be paid in full.

Wed 7th Dec - Mad for Maths finishes

See Separate note sent home

Thurs 8th Dec - NO BREAKFAST CLUB

- Children from P.1 to P.7 do not start school until 11:30am on this morning.
- **9.15am 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 £2.50 (**P1-P3 must** pay on **Monday 5th Dec** - **P4-P7 must also** pay class teacher on **Monday 5th Dec** to order their dinner). PLEASE NOTE -



SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR ALL AT 2.00pm

Mon 12th Dec - Choir to Moatview Court 1.30-3.00pm

Tues 13th Dec - 2-3 Club finishes

Tues 13th & Wed 14th Dec - P1/P2 Nativity (9.30am) Admission by ticket only - £1 (See below for more details).

Wed 14th Dec - Choir to Belfast for afternoon recording for BBC Newsline. Times to be confirmed.

Thurs 15th Dec - P3 Nativity (9.30am) Admission by ticket only - £1 (See below for more details).

Thurs 15th Dec - Choir to Glenravel Fold 1.20-2.45pm

Fri 16th Dec - 9.30am Carol Service in Ballykeel Pres Church lead by P5 & P6 children. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Sun 18th Dec - Choir singing at Ballykeel Pres Church evening service at 5.30pm

Mon 19th Dec - P1-P3 to St Brigid's for Christmas Show.

Mon 19th Dec - **P1-P3** Christmas Party from **1.30 - 3.00pm**. Also P4-P7 Disco from 7.00-9.00pm

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



TUES 3rd January 2017 -

Whole school visit to the pantomime - see below for details.

BOOKING A HOLIDAY IN 2017?



Please note that the children will be returning to school on **TUESDAY 29TH AUGUST 2017.**

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

Pantomime Arrangements -

TUESDAY January 3rd 2017

On 3rd January 2017 those children going to the pantomime are to be in school at **11.30am sharp**. Please make sure that you give your child/ren 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 5:30pm. 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 Friday 2nd December is the last day for pantomime payments.

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

Parents will by now have received letters to order their tickets for this year's admission to the nativities. 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.

NURSERY & PRIMARY - SEPTEMBER 2017

Nursery and Primary forms for admission in September 2017 are available for collection at the school office and **must be returned by WEDNESDAY 11th January 2017 by 12 noon.**

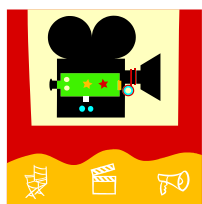
NURSERY D.O.B. 02/07/13 to 01/07/14

PRIMARY D.O.B - 02/07/12 to 01/07/13

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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 - Primary School Pupils Only

Milk money to cover from:- WED 4TH JAN to TUES 28TH FEB is **£7.00**

THIS WILL BE COLLECTED ON FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER. Orders for milk must be placed by the school with Dale Farm no later than noon on Wednesday 16th December, so it is important that milk payments are in before this time.



CLASS OF THE MONTH FOR ATTENDANCE:- P7BM

CLASS OF THE MONTH FOR UNIFORM:- P1KM

PUPILS OF THE MONTH

P1KB – CAMERON WARD

P1KM – ABBIE McCrORY

P2JT – ETHAN HANNA

P2AS – SOPHIA ADAIR

P3LK – LUCY DIGGINS

P3CM – MARK LYNN

P4JDT – BRETT MARK

P4RM – KIANA STEELE

P5CC – AVA COOPER

P5AR – MYIA McCLINTOCK

P6SM – KATIE-LEIGH BALMER

P6JH – SOPHIE CLAIL

P7BM – KAITLYN BLACK

P7SG – JACK WATT

BOARD OF GOVERNORS' ANNUAL REPORT

The Annual Report of the Board of Governors for 2015/16 is now available. If you would like a copy can you please send a note into the teacher or call into the school office.



SMARTIE TUBE UPDATE

The final total for the 20p Smartie Tubes is £2283.94! This will be going towards our new Maths scheme which is on its way.

A very big 'Thank you' to everyone!



COME DINE WITH US

We had nearly 150 parents and children at our 'Come Dine With Us' evening. It was a great night and everyone there enjoyed the lovely food made by Geraldine and her staff.



Merry Christmas

PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS - OCTOBER 2016

We were delighted that so many parents attended their parent/teacher interview in October - 98.67%. The target was 100% so we will continue to aim for this in February!

SCHOOL CHOIR TO SING ON BBC NEWSLINE!

We are delighted that our School Choir has been invited to record a carol to be featured on BBC Newsline during the run-up to Christmas. The children will be travelling to Belfast on Wednesday 14th December to record their carol. Unfortunately we don't yet know the date we will be on TV, so be sure to keep an eye out for us at the end of the Newsline show.



WEBSITE REFRESH!

Our school website is currently in the process of being refreshed and we hope you will be as pleased as we are with the new design and content. Additional features will include a downloadable free app linked to the website, and the option of signing up for a 'Parent Email Update' which means the website will send you a weekly/monthly email with the latest updates and upcoming school events. The new website will hopefully be live before Christmas and will still have the same address www.ballykeelps.org.uk – please check it out!



FOOTBALL NEWS



On Thursday November 17th, the school football team journeyed to Kells MUGA to participate in a tournament against four other schools from the Ballymena area. Set up as a mini league, each team played four matches with the top two teams progressing to the next stage of the competition, (to be played in the new year). Ballykeel started well and were very well disciplined in defence, turning out 1-0 victories in their opening two matches against Carniny and Kells & Connor. A 2-1 victory in the third match against Broughshane set up a tasty encounter with Camphill, the only other undefeated team in the tournament; this match finished 3-2 to Camphill, although Ballykeel finished second overall and we can look forward to the next round of matches in the new year. Special mention goes to player of the tournament Kane Carley for his three goals and two assists!