

# **BALLYKEEL BUGLE - OCTOBER 2016**

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

## **IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR ATTENTION**



**Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Oct & Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Oct** – P1

Pyjama Parties - 6.00 - 7.00pm

**Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Oct** – School Council Elections

**Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Oct** -

Photographer in school  
- Details to follow later.

**Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct** – 9.00am – 1.45pm

Family Photographs. Details to follow later.

**W/B Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Nursery to P.7 Parent/Teacher interviews.

**School closes at 1.30pm for all children this week.**

**Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Oct** – 9.15am Harvest Service taken by P4 pupils Parents of these children are welcome to attend. Also P4-P7 Disco 7-9pm.

**Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Non-Uniform Day. Details to follow

**Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Oct – Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov** – Mid Term Break.

**Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Nov** – School closed for Staff Training.



## **DATES YOU MIGHT LIKE TO KNOW!**

**Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov** – Flu vaccination for whole school.

**Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Nursery Christmas Fair. 6.30 - 8.30pm

**Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Nursery Nativity & Open Morning (am)

**Tues 13<sup>th</sup> & Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Dec** – P1/P2 Nativity(am)

**Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Dec** – P3 Nativity (am)

**Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Dec** – 9.30am

Carol Service lead by P5 & P6 children

**Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Dec** - P1-P3 Christmas Party from 1.30 - 3.00pm.

Also P4-P7 Disco from 7.00-9.00pm



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

## **MILK MONEY**

*Primary School Pupils Only*

Milk money to cover from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November - Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>

December is **£6.40**



**IMPORTANT** - Some parents are wanting to order milk after this date but this is not possible due to Dale Farm restriction on order times.

**THIS MUST BE PAID to the class teacher before FRIDAY 21<sup>st</sup> October as late orders cannot be made.**

## **We Are Going to the Opera House!**

We are intending to take the children to the Opera House again in Belfast to see **CINDERELLA Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017**, leaving at 12:00pm and returning at approximately 5:30pm (to be confirmed). The pantomime, with May McFetridge, is absolutely fantastic and the children will really love the whole experience. You should receive a letter from your child today giving details of payment/s.



## **CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES**

*Have any details in relation to your child changed? For example landline number, mobile phone number, address, doctor, medical circumstances etc. If so please put in writing to your child's teacher or call in at the office. We must be able to contact you should the need arise (or another adult nominated by you - their details should be given to office asap). Remember, we also need to keep your mobile number updated on our texting service.*



## **CREDIT UNION SAVINGS**

'Slemish 'n the Braid' Credit Union - Queen Street, have started their savings again this year from the school. If you would like to open an account for either you or your child, or join the Christmas saver scheme, please call in at the school office for forms.

The Credit Union collect all savings from parents, pupils (and teachers too!) each Friday.



## **CAR PARKING AT THE SCHOOL**

It has been brought to the school's attention again regarding inappropriate parking of parents at pick up times, including blocking entry to the Ballykeel 2 estate, blocking resident driveways and even a report of a resident's car being damaged. Reports of poor parking in the car park outside the school gates, and in some cases a lack of regard for children's safety, have also started again. I would



therefore once again appeal to parents to park safely and responsibly both in the car park directly outside the school gates and any other surrounding streets. The safety of property, and primarily of children, must be everyone's priority and the last thing we want to see happen is a child getting hurt because of reckless driving. The children of the School Council in conjunction with parents will be drawing up an advice sheet in relation to parking.

## **SCHOOL FUND**

A huge thank you to the significant majority of parents who have now paid school fund for their children. To date 268 families out of the 273 families have contributed (98.2%) This has raised a fantastic £1590 so far for school funds this year.



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## **CARE FOR CAMBODIA**

### **FUNDRAISER**

Last school year as our charity fundraiser we raised money to build a classroom in Cambodia. The pupils raised an amazing £3000 which was enough to build and furnish the classroom you see below. The Charity Care for Cambodia have written to thank the pupils for their generous effort. Before, the children were being taught underneath a tree whilst sitting on the ground but now they are sheltered from the weather and can have a much better chance at gaining a good education. Many thanks to all parent and pupils who supported this cause.



### **CLASSES OF THE MONTH:- FOR ATTENDANCE:- P6SM**

### **FOR UNIFORM:- P3CM**

### **PUPILS OF THE MONTH**

P1KB – HANNAH MITCHELL  
P1KM – AVA CURRELL  
P2JT – AIME RITCHIE  
P2AS – TAYLOR HAMILTON  
P3LK – BROOKE McGALL  
P3CM – LACEY AIKEN  
P4JD – KYLA STEWART  
P4RM – CHLOE CUNNINGHAM  
P5CC – LEXIE BRADSHAW  
P5AR – RACHEL-ANN GILLESPIE  
P6SM – ZAK HOUSTON  
P6JH – ADAM COARD  
P7SG – McKENZIE CARLEY  
P7BM – LISA MORROW

### **OUR FRIENDS**

#### **IN ST. BRIGID'S PS.**



Over the past four 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 projects, 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.

*Miss K. McGlaughlin*

### **POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR POLICY**

The Positive Behaviour Policy has been recently updated and is now on the website for viewing. Should you have any comments please let us know.

### **AMAZING THE SPACE**

On the 21<sup>st</sup> September 2016, 'Amazing the Space', a youth-led peace-building initiative was held in the Eikon Exhibition Centre in Lisburn to Celebrate the United Nations International Day of Peace. There were 4,000 people there from schools all around Northern Ireland and there were four pupils from Ballykeel PS there too. We sat with pupils from St Brigid's PS. It was a great day and we even met the news and weather presenter, Barra Best.

*By Miss K McGlaughlin*



### **SMARTIE TUBE FUNDRAISING**

This year our school fundraising is going towards raising money for our school funds. Every family has received a tube of Smarties and the aim is to fill it with as many 20p's as you can before Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Oct. All the money raised will be put to good use in resourcing our school.



We would like to say a huge thank you to several local shops....**'THANK YOU'** to Mr James McMaster of the Mace at Ballykeel 2 Shopping Centre for his generous



donation of 200 tubes of Smarties towards this year's school fundraising appeal. We would like to thank Today's Express and the Candy Bar on Queen St. Harryville and McCullough's shop on Linen Hall Street for also generously donating Smarties tubes. We greatly value the support of our local community.

### **JIGSAW NEWS**

Parents, there are still a few places left for The Great Ballykeel Sewing Bee. Would you like to learn a new skill, connect with new people, do something nice, well then give Linda a ring on 07919057754 to book your place. It will be held in the school on the following Fridays:

14<sup>th</sup> October from 9.15am - 10.45am, 21<sup>st</sup> October and 28<sup>th</sup> October from 9.15am - 10.15am. Along with tea/coffee, we will provide the materials for you to make your own draught excluder.



Oh, don't forget that our next Coffee Morning is on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 9.00am. Look forward to seeing you there.  
*Linda Calderwood*

