

# Ballycraigy Primary School

## DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

### PASTORAL

#### Child Protection

The designated teacher for Child Protection is Dr Edwards, Mrs D Fowler and Mrs R Little are her deputies.

#### Attendance

*UNCRC Article 28 – You have the right to good quality education. You should be encouraged to go to school.*

### HEALTH AND SAFETY

#### Dogs

Due to Health & Safety reasons dogs MUST not enter our grounds.

#### Car Parking

Please remember that only car park permit holders are allowed to use the school car park at 'peak' times in the morning and afternoon.

**Could all car park users drive with due care and respect? A third member of staff has had her car damaged.**

### ADMINISTRATION

#### P1 Intake 2017

Admission forms are now available from the school office if your child will be 4 years old on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017. They should be returned to school by Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

#### Early Closures

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December School will close at **1.30pm**

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December School will close at **1.00pm**

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December School will close at **1.00pm**. All children must return to school by 6.30pm for the evening performance of the Christmas Play.

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December School closes at **12.00noon**.

Christmas holidays are from 22<sup>nd</sup> December – 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017. School will resume on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

### COMMUNITY

Sure Start Programmes in December      6<sup>th</sup> December Nurturing      8<sup>th</sup> December Bumps and Babies  
15<sup>th</sup> December Little Treasure

School choir will be singing at the kids4school Carol Service at Donegal Road Methodist Church on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December. The service begins at 3.00pm and everyone is invited to come along. There are some seats available on the bus. Children to meet at school at 2.00pm.

Antrim Borough Council Carol Concert at Antrim Forum will be on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 3.30pm. Everyone is invited to come along as our school choir will be taking part. Choir members to meet Dr Edwards at the forum at 2.45pm.

St Jude's Christmas Party – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at Ballycraigy Primary School

#### Parent/Teacher Association

Thank you to everyone who supported the PTA Bingo, we raised £108.00 also the Asda Bag Pack raised £1073.32 Christmas Raffle Tickets are now on sale priced at 50p each for the following:

⇒ P1 – P3 Hamper      • P4 – P7 Hamper      ⇒ Adult "Date Night" Hamper      • Guess the name of the Penguin

# Ballycraigy Primary School

## DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

### SCHOOL EVENTS - Dates to Remember

Our school trip to the Courtyard Theatre to see the Pantomime 'Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs' will be on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016. School will close at 1.30pm for all children

Christmas Dinner - will be on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016. This is also **"Wear your Christmas Jumper to School day"**. All children (and staff) can wear their jumpers instead of their sweatshirts on that day. No money needed as this is not a charity event - it's just to get us all in the Christmas spirit.

Christmas Fair on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 6.00pm.

Our Christmas Play 'Christmas with the Aliens' will be held on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am and also 7.00pm. Ticket numbers are limited for each performance. Tickets are available from the school office. To obtain your ticket/tickets for the Christmas play, please send a Voluntary Donation of £2.00 per ticket. All Children will finish school at 1.00pm on the day of the play and should return to school at 6.30pm.

PTA Christmas disco will be held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December from 6.30pm - admission FREE but there will be a tuck shop.

Sustrans event for our Gold Award will be 'ditch the dark' on Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Dec non-uniform, more details later.

School Carol Service will be held at St Jude's on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 10.00am - everyone is invited to come along. All the school will be attending and we would like as many parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends to attend as well. All children will finish school at 12.00noon. Children can go home with their parents directly after the Carol Service instead of returning to school. There will be NO school dinners on this day.

### Extended Schools Activities

Breakfast club every morning

P4-7 Homework club Mon & Tues

P1 Mini-Me Yoga (Thursday)

P5 - P7 Party Science Professor (Thursday)

Playsport Friday

Check out the PEGI rating for All Games

### Choir

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec Carol singing in ASDA from 1pm

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec Carol singing in Starbucks from 1pm

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec Carol singing in Tesco from 1pm

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec Carol singing for P6 & P7 at Clonlee Nursing Home from 2.00pm

The [PEGI \(Pan European Gaming Information\)](#) labels appear on a game's packaging indicating one of the following age levels: 3, 7, 12, 16 and 18. They provide a reliable indication of the suitability of the game content for different ages.

There are eight such descriptors: bad language, discrimination, drugs, fear, gambling, sex, violence and online gameplay with other people. If you'd like to know more see 'Pegi games ratings explained' from Parent Info.



### Right of the Month -

Human Rights Day 10<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Article 1 - *'Everyone under 18 years of age has the rights in this convention'*

Don't forget to use this website with your child:

 [www.espresso.resso.co.uk](http://www.espresso.resso.co.uk)

Username: **student8906**

Password: **bally1**

### CHARITIES/FUNDRAISING

Please remember 10p each Friday.



Bracken Avenue • Antrim • Co.Antrim • BT41 1PU

Tel: (028) 9446 2450 Fax: (028) 9446 1766

Email: [info@ballycraigyps.antrim.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@ballycraigyps.antrim.ni.sch.uk)

Website: [www.ballycraigyprimary.org.uk](http://www.ballycraigyprimary.org.uk)