

# Ballycraigy Primary School

## FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

### PASTORAL

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

#### **Child Protection**

Our updated policy for Pastoral Care and Child Protection is available from the office or on our web site. The designated teacher for Child Protection is Dr Edwards and Mrs Fowler and Mrs Little are her deputies.

#### **Start/Finish Times**

Children should be encouraged to arrive at school before the 8.50am bell. School starts at 8.55am sharp. Children arriving after this time will be recorded as late on the school register. Persistent lateness will be reported to the Education Welfare Service. Remember breakfast club is available from 8.15am daily.

Article 45 Schedule 1 of the Children NI Order states that the Education Welfare Service can fine families up to £1000.00 for failing to ensure that their children attend school. The Education Welfare Officer visits school regularly to monitor attendance.

**Parents of P2-P7 children are reminded that they should not enter the school playground but leave their child/children at the school gates.**

P1 – P3 children MUST be collected each day from school by a responsible adult. They should not walk home alone.

#### **Nits**

Please remember to check your child/children's hair on a weekly basis. Should you find any 'visitors' please treat in the appropriate manner.

### ADMINISTRATION

#### **Holidays/Early Closures**

**SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED** on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February & Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February will be a **SCHOOL CLOSURE** for Staff Development.

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March **SCHOOL CLOSURE** due to school being used for elections

#### **PTA**

Our next PTA committee meeting will be on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm.

The PTA Movie Night raised £139.05 for school funds.

Our next PTA event is the Valentine Disco on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 6.30pm – 7.30pm tickets cost £2.00

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March will be PTA Family Quiz Night more details later

### 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.

Some children and adults are still walking through the car park gate to enter the school grounds. Please use the pedestrian gate beside the playground.

#### **E-Safety**

The Internet can be a great place but it is important to remember there are people out there who may wish to abuse, exploit, intimidate or bully you online. If a child comes to you for help and advice go to [www.saferinternet.org.uk/nee-help](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/nee-help)

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### SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

Friday 3/2/17	P5 Tip to Bushmills
Thursday 2/2/17	Dress up for Digits
Monday 6/2/17	P6 Titanic Trip
Tuesday 7/2/17	P5 Rugby 1.00pm – 2.00pm – Internet Safety Day
Wednesday 8/2/17	P5 – P7 Football Coaching
Monday 13/2/17	P6 Young Enterprise 9.15 – 12.15
Monday 13/2/17	P7 Young Enterprise 1.00 – 3.00pm
Tuesday 14/2/17	PTA Valentine Disco 6.30 – 7.30pm
Tuesday 14/2/17	P5 Rugby
Wednesday 15/2/17	P5 Young Enterprise 9.30 – 12.15
Tuesday 21/2/17	P5 – P7 Cheerleading Rehearsal 9.30 10.30am
Tuesday 21/2/17	P5 Rugby 1.00pm – 2.00pm
Wednesday 22/2/17	Football 9 a-side 1.00 – 1.30pm
Monday 27/2/17	P5 – P7 Cheerleading Competition
Tuesday 28/2/17	P5 Rugby 1.00pm – 2.00pm

World Book Day Celebrations – Monday 27<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March **Dress Up as your favourite Book Character**

### EXTENDED SCHOOL ACTIVITIES DURING FEBRUARY

Monday at 9.30am - Parent and Toddlers  
Mondays & Tuesdays - P4 – P7 Homework Club  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, Judo P4 – P7  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> Jump, Jiggle and Jive P1 – P3  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> Jo Jingles P1  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> Drumming P4/5  
Film Club P3 & 4 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> Starburst Drama

### COMMUNITY

#### Families Together



Families Together Family Key Worker is now Rosie Wood and she will be covering the Antrim Area. She will be organising tea and coffee drop in sessions every Wednesday from 1.45 to have a chat or to discuss any support that Parenting NI may be able to offer.

Rosie will be running the Parenting Apart Programme which is a 6 week programme for separated parents beginning Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 9.30 at Parkhall Primary School. Please speak to Rosie on 08088010722 or email at [rosie@parentingni.org](mailto:rosie@parentingni.org) to discuss if you are interested. Rosie would also be interested in any suggestions for future programmes and workshops that you feel may be helpful.

### RIGHT OF THE MONTH

Fair Trade Fortnight 28<sup>th</sup> February

*Article 32*

*The Government should protect children from work that is dangerous, or might harm their health or their education.*

### CHARITIES/FUNDRAISING

Kids4School - Please remember to bring a 10p each Friday.

Dress up for Digits day Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February £1.00



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