

# 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.*

Average attendance for November 2015 is 97.2%

P1 – 97%	P2 – 97%	P3 – 97%	P4 – 99%
P5 – 95%	P6 – 99%	P7 – 97%	

### 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.

### ADMINISTRATION

#### **P1 Intake 2016**

Parents with children at home who will be 4 years old on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016 should leave their name into the office so that an admission form for next year's intake September 2016 can be sent out.

#### **Early Closures**

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December School will close at **1.30pm**

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December School will close at **1.00pm**

Friday 11<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.

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December School closes at **12.00noon**.

Christmas holidays are from 21<sup>st</sup> December – 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016. School will resume on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

Dinner with the Doc (Golden Ticket) – 8 lucky children will be chosen for this special reward at the end of term

Sure start Precious Moments Crèche – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am.

### COMMUNITY

School choir will be singing at the kids4school Carol Service at Donegal Road Methodist Church on Sunday 6<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. If you would like to join us but would need transport – please talk to Dr Edwards.

Antrim Borough Council Carol Concert at Antrim Forum will be on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 3.30pm. Everyone is invited to come along as our school choir will be taking part.

#### **Parent/Teacher Association**

Thank you to everyone who supported the PTA Bingo, we raised £90 also the Asda Bag Pack raised £1304.05

This year we will have Star Wars 'Storm Troopers' at our school fair on 4/12/15 along with Christmas crafts, climbing wall, Scentsy Stall and the Christmas raffle.

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### SCHOOL EVENTS - Dates to Remember

Our school trip to the Courtyard Theatre to see the Pantomime 'Jack and the Beanstalk' will be on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2015. School will close at 1.30pm for all children

Christmas Dinner – Will be on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2015. 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 4<sup>th</sup> December from 6.00pm.

Our Christmas Play 'Straw and Order' will be held on Friday 11<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.

P5 – P7 visit from Gordy Cameron and one of the Belfast Giants Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December

PTA Christmas disco will be held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December from 6.30pm – admission FREE but there will be a tuck shop.

School Carol Service will be held at St Jude's on Friday 18<sup>th</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.

Antrim Newtownabbey Borough Council Primary  
5-7 Table Tennis will be Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

### **Extended Schools Activities**

Breakfast club every morning - P1 Jo Jingles Tuesday  
P4-7 Homework club Mon & Tues  
Happy Puzzle Day – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December  
P3-P6 Bricks4kids – Thursday  
Playsport Friday

### **Guess the Name and Number**

Children will have the opportunity this week to:-

'Guess how many sweets are in the jar' and  
'Guess the name of the Reindeer'

The cost for the above will be 50p each and the winner will be announced on Friday night at the fair.

### **Right of the Month** – Root's Day 23<sup>rd</sup> December

Article 8 – '*....Governments should respect children's right to a name, a nationality and family ties.*'

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

 **Discovery** | **espresso**  
EDUCATION

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

Login details available from the school

### **CHARITIES/FUNDRAISING**

Please remember 10p each Friday.



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