

Ballycraigy Primary School

JANUARY NEWSLETTER

PASTORAL

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

Average attendance for December 2015 is 95.4%

P1 – 94% P2 – 95% P3 – 96 % P4 – 99%
P5 – 95% P6 – 97% P7 – 92%

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.

Healthy Eating

Please remember we operate a Healthy Eating policy every day. Send your child with fruit, yoghurt, bread products, rich tea/digestive biscuits etc or money for toast at a cost of 20p per slice. Fresh fruit is also available to purchase in school at a cost of 20p per item.

Start/Finish Times

Parents are reminded that 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.

E-Safety

If someone has made you feel uncomfortable or you have had disturbing interaction online, tell police or a trusted adult. You can ring the police on 101 or for help and advice ring Childline on 0800 1111 or Lifeline on 0808 808 8000.

ADMINISTRATION

P1 Intake 2016

All application forms for entering school in September 2016 **MUST** be returned to school by 12 noon on Wednesday 13th January 2016.

Exams

P3 – P7 Exams will be held week beginning 11th January 2016. **SCHOOL WILL CLOSE AT 2PM ALL WEEK FOR EVERYONE**

Parent/Teacher Consultations

Parent Teacher Consultations will take place on the afternoon of Wednesday 27th January 2016. Exam results will be sent home Wednesday 20th January 2016. Should you wish to discuss your child's exam results please return the reply slip to the class teachers to make an appointment.

I.E.P reviews will take place on Wednesday 20th January 2016.

Holidays

The next school holidays will be Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th February 2016 for Half Term break.

Pupil Details

If you have purchased a new phone over Christmas please make sure we have your new number. We would also like to remind you that children are not permitted to bring their mobile phones to school. Please make sure that we have accurate and up to date emergency contact numbers for your child/children.

New forms must be filled in if your child has Asthma and needs medication. Also if you have not made the school aware of any medical needs your child has please inform us as soon as possible.

ICT Support

We have recently purchased the licence to espresso. This is an ICT package to support children's learning. You can access this from home. Details available from the School Office

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SCHOOL EVENTS

January 5 th	P7	Young Enterprise	January 5 th	P4	Circus Skills begin for 6 weeks
January 7 th	P3 & P4	Educational Gymnastics begins for 6 weeks			
January 7 th	Choir	"Christmas Party" from 3.00-4.00pm			
January 8 th	P1-P3	Jump, Jiggle and Jive begins for 10 weeks			
January 12 th		PTA Committee meeting at 6.30pm			
January 11 th – 15 th		P2 – P7 School Exams			
January 14 th	P5 – P7	ANBC Sports Hall Athletics			
January 14 th		Special Playsport Assembly			
January 18 th		RSPB Big School Bird Watch			
January 18 th		Board of Governors meeting at 7.30pm			
January 20 th		IEP Review meetings			
January 21 st	P4 – P7	PATHS Modelled Lessons			
January 22 nd	P1 – P2	Visit from Genevieve the Goat			
January 27 th		Parent/Teacher consultations			

Tuck Shop

There will be a Tuck Shop after school from 5th – 8th January. (Crisps, mix-ups, and chocolate bars)

ECO

Our clothing bank will be collected on Friday 8th January 2016. Can you fill it when you have a clear out after Christmas?

We have already sent bags home. The monies we raised go towards school Eco Fund. "Look out and clear out!"
Thanks

COMMUNITY

Sure Start

Sure Start Precious Moments crèche will be Friday 8th January at 10.00am.

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.

RIGHT OF THE MONTH

Celebration of Life Day 22nd January

Article 6

.... *All children have the right to life.*

PTA

The PTA Christmas Fair raised £1722.00.

A big thank you to everyone.

CHARITIES/FUNDRAISING

Choir

Thank you to all the choir members who sang at Starbucks, Tesco and Asda before Christmas. Thank you also to all the parents and friends who came along to support us. We raised £188 for Text Santa

Straw and Order raised £721.00

Kids4School – please remember 10p each Friday. This term we collected £98.32



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