

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 Percentages for November 2017

P1 = 96% P2 = 97% P3 = 93%
P4 = 99% P5 = 94% P6 = 98%
P7 = 97%

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 staff & blue badge holders are allowed to use the school car park at 'peak' times in the morning and afternoon.

ADMINISTRATION

P1 Intake 2018

Admission forms are now available from the school office if your child will be 4 years old on or before the 1st July 2018. They should be returned to school by Wednesday 10th January 2018.

Early Closures

Tuesday 5th December School will close at **1.00pm**

Friday 8th 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 20th December School closes at **12.00noon**.

Christmas holidays are from 21st December – 3rd January 2018. School will resume on Thursday 4th January 2018

Antrim Grammar School Open Day:

The School will be open for visits by pupils and prospective parents on Saturday, 13th January 2018, 9.15 am to 12.15 pm

Principal's address: 9.15 am and 11.00 am

COMMUNITY

Sure Start Food Value – Wednesday 6th and 13th December 2017

Antrim Borough Council Carol Concert at Antrim Forum will be on Saturday 9th 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.

Parent/Teacher Association

Thank you to everyone who supported the Asda Bag Pack we raised £1282.53

Internet Safety

- Set up limits for which online sites your children can visit and for how long.
- Spend time surfing the Internet with your children and let them show you what they like to do online.
- Place your computer in a high-traffic common area of your home.
- Set up a plan to monitor mobile devices such as cell phones, gaming devices and iPods.
- Tell your children that they can't give out any personal information like name, address or school.



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SCHOOL EVENTS - Dates to Remember

Our school trip to the Baird Arts Centre, Ballymena to see the Pantomime "Cinderella" will be on Thursday 14th December 2017. School will close at 1.00pm for all children

Christmas Dinner – will be on Tuesday 5th December 2017. 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 1st December from 6.00pm.

Our Christmas Play "The Landlady's Cat" will be held on Friday 8th 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.

School Carol Service will be held at St Jude's on Wednesday 20th 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.

Our Christmas Programme

- Friday 1st December PTA Christmas Fair from 6.00pm
- Tuesday 5th December School Christmas dinner, school closes at 1.00pm for **ALL** pupils (Christmas Jumper Day)
- Friday 8th December School Christmas Production of "The Landlady's Cat" at 10.00am and 7.00pm. See above for details
- Monday 11th December P5 – P7 School choir members to entertain Senior Citizens at Redz
- Tuesday 12th December School Choir to sing at ASDA from 1.30pm
- Thursday 14th December Whole school visit to "Braid Arts Centre" to see Cinderella. School closes at 1.00pm for **ALL** children
- Friday 15th December School choir to sing at Tesco from 1.30pm
- Monday 18th December School choir to sing at Starbucks from 1.30pm
- Wednesday 20th December School Carol Service (see details above) School closes at 12.00noon

Right of the Month –

International Day for Persons with Disability
Article 23 – 'Children who have any kind of disability should have special care and support, so that they can lead full and independent lives'



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CHARITIES/FUNDRAISING

Kids4School Sponsorship – please remember 10p each Friday.

Thanks to everyone who donated shoeboxes.