

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 2017 is 93.57%

P1 – 96% P2 – 89% P3 – 89% P4 – 96%
P5 – 94% P6 – 96% P7 – 95%

Child Protection

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. We have noticed an increased number of children arriving to school after registration closes at 9.10am. Please make it your New Year Resolution to have your children to school by 8.55am. 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.

ADMINISTRATION

Welcome back Mrs Fowler and farewell to Miss R Ellis

P1 Intake 2018

All application forms for entering school in September 2018 **MUST** be returned to school by 12 noon on Wednesday 10th January 2018.

Exams

P3 – P7 Exams will be held week beginning 8th January 2018. **SCHOOL WILL CLOSE AT 2PM ALL WEEK FOR EVERYONE**

Parent/Teacher Consultations

Parent Teacher Consultations will take place on the afternoon of Wednesday 24th January 2018. Exam results will be sent home Wednesday 17th January 2018. 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 17th January 2018.

Holidays

The next school holidays will be Thursday 15th to Monday 19th February 2018 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.

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SCHOOL EVENTS

Monday	8 th January	Drugs Awareness P7
Monday	15 th January	Drugs Awareness P7
Monday	22 nd January	Drugs Awareness P7
Monday	29 th January	Drugs Awareness P7
Wednesday	17 th January	Sample Lessons P6 & P7 Purple Mash
Thursday	18 th January	Party Science Professor
Thursday	25 th January	Party Science Professor
Wednesday	31 st January	P7 to see Little Shop of Horrors at Antrim Grammar
Wednesday	31 st January	P5 – P7 Football Tournament

PTA

The PTA Christmas Fair raised £2051.00
A big thank you to everyone.

Next PTA Committee meeting is at 6.30pm on Tuesday 9th January 2018.

ECO

Are you having a clear out after Christmas? If you have any unwanted items of clothing, bags & shoes, hats & belts, towels & curtains or bed linen, please place them in a plastic bag and dispose of them in our 'Green' clothing bin. All monies raised with our clothing bank will be used for our garden/outdoor ventures.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

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

Car Parking

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

E-Safety

Please check out the website below about internet safety:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>



COMMUNITY

Sure Start

8 th Jan	Baby Sign
10 th Jan	Time for Me
11 th Jan	Bumps & Babies
15 th Jan	Baby Sign
17 th Jan	Time for Me
22 nd Jan	Baby Sign
24 th Jan	Time for Me
24 th Jan	Young Parents at 3.30pm
29 th Jan	Baby Sign
31 st Jan	Time for Me

We can make a referral to Surestart for any parents with pre-school or younger children.

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 £175 for Save the Children Christmas Jumper appeal

The Landlady's Cat raised £508.80

Kids4School – please remember 10p each Friday. Last term we collected £100.42



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