

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 2019

Mrs Charles 90%	Mrs Leeman 92%
Mrs Little 94%	Miss Gourley 93%
Mr Caldwell 96%	Mrs Fowler 90%

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.

There seems to be an increased number of parents using the car park, staff have been blocked in unable to leave because of this, and it is also a risk to children leaving creating a health and safety issue.

ADMINISTRATION

P1 Intake 2020

On-line admission will be available from 10.00am on Tuesday 7th January 2020. Closing date for application is Thursday 30th January 2020.

If you need any help with this process or want to use our computers please ask.

Early Closures

Friday 20th December Last day of term 11.00am finish

Christmas holidays are from 23rd December – 3rd January 2020. **School will resume on Tuesday 7th January 2020.**

COMMUNITY

Antrim Borough Council Carol Concert at Antrim Forum will be on Saturday 7th December at 11.00am. Everyone is invited to come along as some of our school choir members will be taking part singing with the MFT choir.

Parent/Teacher Association

Thank you to everyone who supported the Asda Bag Pack we raised £1215.38

Digital Media/ICT

This Christmas why not check out some of the educational tech that is available? Try techadvisor.co.uk Coding games for kids can be a great way to expand children's minds. Please help Santa with PEGI rating!

www.askaboutgames.com will explain what they mean. Would you let your 6-year-old watch an 18 rated film – then why is an 18 rated game ok? PEGI ratings are there to keep children safe. Please remind Santa to keep that in mind.

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SCHOOL EVENTS - Dates to Remember

Christmas Fair on Friday 6th December from 6.00pm.

Our Christmas Play "Superstar" will be held on Friday 13th December at 10.00am and also 2.00pm. 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.

School Carol Service will be held in the school hall on Friday 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 11.00am. Children can go home with their parents directly after the Carol Service. There will be NO school dinners on this day. Parents and friends are welcome to stay in school after the 9.00am drop off. Refreshments will be available.

Our December diary:

- Friday 6th December School PTA Christmas Fair
- Saturday 7th December 11.00am ANBC Carol concert at Antrim Forum
- Monday 9th December P6/7 Choir to carol sing in Clonlee Nursing Home
- Friday 13th December "Superstar" Christmas Production 10.00am & 2.00pm
- Tuesday 17th December School Choir Carol Singing at ASDA 11.30am
- Wednesday 8th December School Choir Carol Singing at Starbucks 1.00pm
- Thursday 19th December Breakfast with Santa in school
- Friday 20th December 10.00am School Carol Service – this year this will be held in the Assembly Hall, due to our growing numbers. Parents are invited to stay at 9.00am for seasonal refreshments before the carol service.

We would like to wish all our parents and children a very happy Christmas. Congratulations to Charlie Alexander for designing our Christmas Card.



Right of the Month – 10th December Human Rights Day

Article 1

Everyone under 18 is entitled to the Rights in the UNCR.

Principle 1 *"We understand that you learn step by step."*

CHARITIES/FUNDRAISING

Kids4School Sponsorship – please remember 10p each Friday.

Thanks to everyone who donated selection boxes and items for the homeless.



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