

# Ballycraigy Primary School

## JANUARY 2020 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 2019 is 91.6%

P1 – 92%      P2 – 93%      P3/4 – 88%  
P4/5 – 92%      P5/6 – 92%      P7 – 93%

#### **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

#### **P1 Intake 2020**

Online applications are being introduced for admission to Primary 1 in the 2020/2021 school year. Go to [www.eani.org.uk/admissions](http://www.eani.org.uk/admissions) to apply. If you need help with the online application please contact the school office on 028 9446 2450.

#### **Exams**

P3 – P7 Exams will be held week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020. **SCHOOL WILL CLOSE AT 2PM ALL WEEK FOR EVERYONE**

#### **Parent/Teacher Consultations**

Parent Teacher Consultations will take place on the afternoon of Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Exam results will be sent home Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020. Should you wish to discuss your child's exam results please return the reply slip to the class teachers to make an appointment.

#### **Holidays**

The next school holidays will be Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020 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 DIARY

13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> January	P3-P7 Exam week. School closes at 2.00pm for <b>ALL</b> children
14 <sup>th</sup> January	P5 –P7 visit from PSNI
15 <sup>th</sup> January	P4/5 All About Me (Woman's Aid 6-week program)
23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Big school Bird Watch. Assembly – Roderick Barnes
27 <sup>th</sup> January	BOG Meeting

### **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 Eco club.

### **PTA**

The PTA Christmas Fair raised £2056.15. A big thank you to everyone.

Next PTA Committee meeting is at 7.00pm on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

### 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.

### RIGHT OF THE MONTH

#### **International Day of Education January 24<sup>th</sup>**

Principle 3 - *We help to nurture your self-esteem and help your confidence grow.*



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### COMMUNITY

Open Day/Evening:

**Antrim Grammar School** Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January 9.15am – 12.15pm Principal's address 9.15 and 11.00am

**Cambridge House** Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 9.30 – 1.00pm Principal's address at 9.30 and 11.00am

**Parkhall Integrated College** Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Jan at 6.45pm

**Ballyclare Secondary** Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Jan at 6.30 -9.00pm

**Slemish Integrated College** Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> & Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan at 7.00pm

**Sperrin Integrated College** Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan 7.00 – 9.30pm

### **Extended Schools Activities**

Breakfast Club (Monday – Friday)  
Parent and Toddlers (Monday 9.30am)  
Fun with Drums (Monday Selected classes)  
Judo (Monday – selected classes)  
2 – 3 Club (Mon & Tues P2 selected children)  
P4 – P7 Homework Club (Mon & Tues selected children)  
P1 Jo Jingles (Tuesday 2.00 – 3.00pm)  
P1 Monkeynastic (Friday – during school)

### CHARITIES/FUNDRAISING

#### **Choir**

Thank you to all the choir members who sang at Starbucks, and Asda before Christmas. Thank you also to all the parents and friends who came along to support us. We raised £143.06 for The Alzheimer's Society

Total raised at Christmas Jumper Day £86.50 for Alzheimer's

**Kids4School – please remember 10p each Friday. Last term we collected £91.70**