

BALLYLIFFORD PS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



December 2016



CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE & OPEN NIGHT

Thank you to all parents, families and friends who attended our Christmas Carol Service. It is always a special time of year for the school community connected to Ballylifford PS and the whole Ballinderry Parish. Congratulations to the children for their fantastic performances and we are extremely proud of them. It was wonderful to see the children perform with such confidence and joy.

We would also like to thank all the staff and the Friends of Ballylifford PTA who helped out at our Open Night and made it a memorable night for the children, with refreshments and organised a special visit from Santa.

CHRISTMAS PANTO

On Tuesday 13th December, the staff and pupils made the journey to the Grand Opera House, Belfast, to see the Christmas Panto - 'Cinderella'. Everyone had a fantastic time and we hope to make this an annual event.

PRIMARY 1 ENROLMENT 2017

Enrolment forms for children starting P1 in September 2017 must be returned to school office by **Wednesday 11th January 2017**. Forms can be collected from school office or you can download the form from Education Authority website www.eani.org.uk and type Primary Admissions in the search tab.



BALLINDERRY FISH HATCHERY

KS2 pupils attended the Ballinderry Fish Hatchery, Cookstown with Mr McElroy on Monday 19th December. It was an excellent educational and informative session focusing on the conservation of the Ballinderry River, its freshwater species and habitats.

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

Christmas Confessions for P5-7 pupils will take place on Wednesday 21st December at 10:30am in St. Patrick's Chapel.

CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY / RAFFLE

KS2 pupils will perform their Christmas Assembly to the staff and P1-P4 pupils on **Wednesday 21st December at 1:00pm**. Our annual Christmas Draw will take place after the assembly.

Can all sold and unsold tickets be brought into school by **Wednesday 21st December**. We would like to thank all those who have bought & sold tickets and also to everyone who donated prizes.

AFTER SCHOOLS CLUBS

There has been a positive response to all After Schools Clubs in Term One.

Term 2 activities will include:

Monday: Drama/Gaelic Coaching (TBC)

Tuesday: Multi Sports Coaching (Ruth Bell MUSA)



BALLINDERRY CREDIT UNION SAVERS

Congratulations to all the pupils who have saved throughout Term One (6th Sept - 13th Dec 2016) with Ballinderry Bridge Credit Union. The total amount saved was £150.00 which has seen a huge drop from this time last year.

We would encourage all pupils to set up an account if they haven't already done so as it introduces children to savings, budgeting and managing debt.

BALLINDERRY CREDIT UNION ART COMPETITION

Well done to all the pupils who participated in the Credit Union competition before Halloween. Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to the Credit Union for the wonderful prizes and to Miss Philomena McGuckin for presenting them to the winners.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

We would like to thank Brigid-Ann & Orla for providing us all with a beautiful Christmas Dinner last Friday for all pupils and staff.

SCHOOL MEALS

Please take note of the Education Authority revised school meal prices:

From January 2017.

**£2.50 - £2.55 per day
(£12.75 per week)**

From September 2017

**£2.55 - £2.60 per day
(£13.00 per week)**



BALLYLIFFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEBSITE & SCHOOL NI APP.

Our new school website is now online and all information will be updated to the website. We hope you will find this an informative way of sharing news and events about our school. An additional sheet was sent home with our November Newsletter encouraging all parents and family members to download the **SCHOOL NI APP**



The **SCHOOL NI APP** allows everyone to view school updates and receive messages via smart Please take note smartphone or tablet. The app is available on both Apple and Android devices, and will give you access to our school news, calendar events and letters.

www.ballyliffordps.com

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

Thursday 22nd December 2016

School will finish for Christmas Holidays at **11:00am.**

A breakfast/brunch will be provided at the normal price of £2.50 per child.

Transport will be available at 11:00am **ONLY.**

Wed 4th Jan 2017 -Staff Development Day

Thurs 5th Jan 2017 -School will reopen for ALL pupils.

On behalf of all pupils, staff and governors of Ballylifford PS we would like to thank you for all the support, encouragement and assistance you give to the school. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year

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