

Ballykeel Primary School

Nov/Dec News Sheet 2018

P2JT & P2S



Topics this half term: In the toy box ...



Dear Parents,

The idea of this news sheet is to inform you of the work your child is doing in school. It is also a place where if we need any things for topic work etc that we can keep you easily informed. We hope that this will bridge the gap between the classroom and home.

Please enjoy the poems and songs within this news sheet with your child. We hope you find this useful.

J Thompson & A Stewart (Mrs McWhirter from 15th Dec!)

READING

Please remember to listen to your child read on a regular basis and sign their reading cards.

They will also be sent home with a library book each week and would love you to read it to them, along with any other books, comics etc that you may have at home.

This is one of the most important ways you can help your child.



Don't forget
to write
your letter
to Santa!



Jolly
Phonics

Keep up **Jolly Phonics** with the Jolly Phonics homework – the children are becoming more confident and this really helps in class!

You will notice the word lists will change to “tricky words”. These words are **not** supposed to be sounded out – they just need to be learnt off by heart.

Thank you!

IMPORTANT CHRISTMAS DATES

- ❖ **W/B 12th November – Anti-bullying week in school**
- ❖ **13th November – Play Based Learning with St. Brigid's**
- ❖ **16th November – Kindness Day**
- ❖ **27th November – Flu vaccinations**
- ❖ **6th December – Nursery Nativity and open morning**
- ❖ **7th December – Nursery Christmas fair**
- ❖ **11th & 12th December – P1 & P2 Nativity – details to follow**
- ❖ **17th December – P1-3 trip to St. Brigid's Xmas concert**
- ❖ **17th December – P1-P3 Christmas Party - 3.00pm finish**
- ❖ **20th December – School closes at 12 noon**
- ❖ **3rd January – First day of term and trip to the cinema**

Maths ideas for you at home

This term we will focus on the numbers 1-20.

At home count together, write numbers, put numbers in order (smallest to biggest), and think about the number before, after and between. It is important that your child can recognise these numbers – try playing games with them!

Over the next few weeks keep an eye in their schoolbag for some more maths games you can play with them at home.

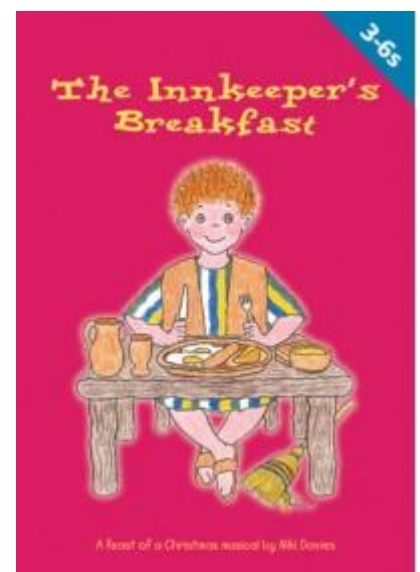
We have been talking about money – help your child to recognise all the coins up to £1. We will only be working with coins up to 10p in our toy shop, so why not play shop at home - start with using pennies.

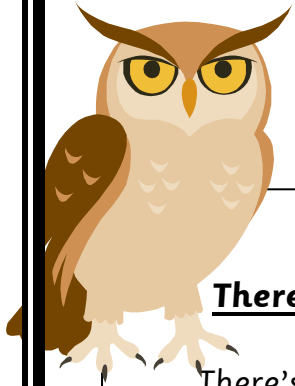


USEFUL WEBSITES

- www.gruffalo.com
- www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies
- www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/Games/educational/maths.html

**Date for the diary – 11th
& 12th December – P1&P2
Christmas Nativity.
Guaranteed to get you in
the Christmas spirit!**





There's a Wide-eyed Owl

There's a wide-eyed owl
With a pointed nose,
He has pointed ears
And claws for toes.
He sits in a tree
And looks at you,
Then flaps his wings and says,
"Tu-whit, tu-whoo!"



The Little Christmas Tree

One little star on top of the tree
Two little presents underneath for me,
Three silver ropes round the tree,
Four coloured lights shining prettily,
Five shining balls flowing silvery,
Oh, what a sight for us to see

When Santa Claus Comes

A good time is coming, I wish it were here,
The very best time in the whole of the year;
I'm counting each day on my fingers and thumbs --
the weeks that must pass before Santa Claus comes.

Then when the first snowflakes begin to come down,
And the wind whistles sharp and the branches are brown,
I'll not mind the cold, though my fingers it numbs,
For it brings the time nearer when Santa Claus comes.

Help out...

Please cut off and keep used stamps and send them in with your child.

We have a writing table in class and we would appreciate any old envelopes that you could send in, as the children love to send letters. Thank you.

