

**PAPER COPIES OF THIS BUGLE ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL ENTRANCE HALL****IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR ATTENTION**

Keep an eye on the website for up-to-date information about events for December



**TUES 3<sup>rd</sup> DEC** – Choir at Creative Gardens – 11.00-11.45am

**THURS 5<sup>th</sup> DEC** – Choir singing at PS Open Morning

**THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> DEC – SCHOOL OPEN MORNING FOR NEW P1** -See notice below.

**Children from P.1 to P.7 do not start school until 11:30am on this morning (unless helping).** A letter has already been sent home.

**NO BREAKFAST CLUB or CANTEEN BREAK & SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR ALL AT 2.00PM**

- **9.30am NURSERY NATIVITY** - Admission by ticket only - £1 (See below for more details).

- **CHRISTMAS DINNER (PUPILS ONLY).** If paying – cost is £2.60 (**P1-P3 must** pay on **MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> DEC** – also note **P4-P7 must also** pay class teacher on **MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> DEC** to order their dinner).



- PLEASE NOTE that **SCHOOL WILL CLOSE FOR ALL AT 2.00pm**

**FRI 6<sup>th</sup> DEC** – P6 & P7 Tesco Bag Packing. See blog below.

**FRI 6<sup>th</sup> DEC** –NURSERY CHRISTMAS FAIR. at 6.30 - 8.30pm. See below for details. **SCHOOL CLOSURES AT 2.00pm FOR P1-P7**

**MON 9<sup>th</sup> DEC** – Choir to Radio Cracker in the Tower Centre 10.00-10.30am

**TUES 10<sup>th</sup> DEC** – Choir to Tesco 11.00-11.45am

**TUES 10<sup>th</sup> & WED 11<sup>th</sup> DEC** – P1/P2 Nativity (9.30am) Admission by ticket only - £1 (See below for more details).

**WED 12<sup>th</sup> DEC** – St Brigid's to visit to see P3 Nativity

**THURS 12<sup>th</sup> DEC** – SCHOOL CLOSED DUE TO ELECTION

**FRI 13<sup>th</sup> DEC** – P3 Nativity (9.30am). Also 2.00-3.00pm P3 Nativity and Generation Celebration Afternoon Tea for Senior Citizens (See blog below). Choir will be singing at this event.

**TUES 17<sup>th</sup> DEC** – Choir to Kintullagh Nursing Home

**TUES 17<sup>th</sup> DEC** – P1-P3 to visit St Brigid's for Nativity

**WED 18<sup>th</sup> DEC** - P1-P3 Christmas Party from **1.30 - 3.00pm**.

**THURS 19<sup>th</sup> DEC** – 9.30am

Carol Service at Ballykeel Pres Church - lead by P6 & P7 children. Choir will be singing. Everyone welcome.

**ALSO** P4-P7 Movie & Munch Night from 7.00-9.00pm. More details to follow.



**FRI 20<sup>TH</sup> DEC – SCHOOL CLOSURES AT 12 NOON**

**JANUARY 2020**

**MON 6<sup>th</sup> JAN** – **School reopens** with whole school trip to cinema (See details below)

**TUES 28<sup>th</sup> JAN** - 9.15am Parent Consultation meeting

**SCHOOL TRIP TO IMC CINEMA**

The whole school will be going to the cinema on **MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JANUARY** to see 'SPIES IN DISGUISE'. Please note the following information:



- Breakfast Club as usual,
- Children start at 9.00am sharp,
- We will be walking to and from the Cinema,
- A snack pack will be provided by the school for the Cinema (so no break necessary),
- Full school uniform to be worn,
- Appropriate clothes to be worn i.e. waterproof, warm coat and shoes/boots depending on the weather on the day,
- Children will have dinner / lunch as per usual on their return to school. So dinner money to be sent in as usual for the week,
- **School will finish for all children at 2.00pm.**

**CAR PARKING**

We ask that parents park in designated spaces when using the car park and if you notice someone parking in yellow boxed areas please notify the school rather than approaching them directly. Thank you.

**MILK MONEY**

*Primary School Pupils Only*

Milk money to cover from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January - Friday 14<sup>th</sup>

February 2020 is **£6.30**.

**THIS MUST BE PAID to the class teacher on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

**as late orders cannot be made.**



**NURSERY FAIR**

Our annual Nursery Fair will be taking place on **FRIDAY 6<sup>th</sup> DEC 6.30 - 8.30pm**. We are so excited for what will be an action packed evening! There will be all the usual activities – Christmas Crafts, Tasty Treats, Face Painting, Games, Stories by Mrs Claus and so much more. This year we will be having a BQ and Smores! We are looking forward to seeing you all there and getting in the festive spirit! Our award winning choir will also be singing!



**NURSERY & P1 APPLICATIONS FOR 2020-2021**

*The Education Authority will publish admissions procedure and admissions criteria on the following website*  
[www.eani.org.uk/admissions-guides](http://www.eani.org.uk/admissions-guides) on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019:

**NURSERY**

If you have a child whose date of birth is from **02/07/16 to 01/07/17** they will be eligible to start **Nursery** education in **September 2020**.

*If your child is still too young for next year you can contact the office to put their names down on our register to receive future information.*

**PRIMARY 1 OPEN MORNING THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2019 from 10.15-11.15am**

If you have a child whose date of birth is from **02/07/15 to 01/07/16** they will be eligible to start **Primary** education in **September 2020**.

**PAPER COPIES OF THIS BUGLE ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL ENTRANCE HALL****REPORTING YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE**

If your child is sick, you can write a note or phone the office or alternatively you can send an email giving your child's name and class and the nature of the illness to

[info@ballykeelps.ballymena.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@ballykeelps.ballymena.ni.sch.uk)

**CLASSES OF THE MONTH:-**

*See website*

**PUPILS OF THE MONTH**

P1KH – DANIEL POWER  
 P1KM – BETH DAVIDSON  
 P2JT – JONAH McCLEMENTS  
 P2AM – NOAH WRIGHT  
 P3LK – JOEL McVICKER  
 P3CM – ZACK McCRYSTAL  
 P4JDT – MASON McDOWELL  
 P4CC – HANNAH MITCHELL  
 P5MA – MILLIE RAINEY  
 P5BE – KAYLEE LAW  
 P6SM – CJ BALMER  
 P6JF – JAMIE BRACKEN  
 P7SG – ZOE BALMER  
 P7JH – TERRI-BETH BARTLEY

**CHRISTMAS BALLOT 2019**

**It's time for our annual Christmas Ballot!** The tickets are on sale now – costing £1 each with all proceeds to school funds. We have some fabulous prizes to be won, including £50 cash, meals out, fun activity days for the kids, shopping vouchers, and pampering treats. The prize draw will be held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December, so lucky winners will be able



to enjoy a special Christmas treat for themselves.

Remember, you have to be in it to win it!  
 Mrs S McKeegan & Mrs C Montgomery

**ATTENTION ALL LOCAL PENSIONERS!**

**Senior citizens are most welcome to attend our P3 Nativity Play: 'A Midwife Crisis'**

**on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019  
 from 1.15 – 3:00 pm (approx.)**

School staff, pupils and members of the Board of Governors will be there to help make the event entertaining, intergenerational and good fun!

**The event is free of charge. If you would like to come along please telephone the school, on 25653902, to register your attendance**

**P6 TRIP TO TITANIC CENTRE**

Once we got there we met our tour guide Libby. She had loads of interesting facts to share with us. The centre was amazing; it was as tall as the actual Titanic! There was so much to see and learn – when the Titanic hit the iceberg it split in half, one half you can still see today. One of our favourite parts was getting to explore the 'Nomadic' which was a little ship that carried the passengers out to the Titanic in the open sea. We also really liked the ride which told us about the different jobs involved in the building of the Titanic. It was a great day; we'd love to go again!!

*By Darcey & Jamie*

**FOOTBALL NEWS**

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November, the members of the P6/P7 Football Club had the privilege of visiting the National Stadium at Windsor Park in Belfast, where Northern Ireland play their home international matches.

As part of the tour, we got to look around the interactive museum, where we had the chance to take penalties and test our tackling ability against virtual opponents. We also watched a short video about the journey of our national team through the decades.

In what was a rare insight into what goes on behind the scenes, we had the opportunity to visit the George Best VIP lounge, view the press

conference room, and sit in the players' seats in the home changing room. We even got to go pitch side, accompanied by music and chants of 'Green and White Army!'

A great time was had by all.

**ANTI-BULLYING WEEK**

**11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> November**

During Anti-bullying week, the whole school took part in a variety of activities finishing off the week with a special 'Bully Busters' assembly on Friday, taken by the school council and P.7's. During this week all children from Nursery to P7 focused on the theme of 'Change Starts With Us'. This included circle times, drama, quizzes and art activities. Lots of classes posted examples of their anti-bullying work on our school website. On Wednesday we had a visit by local author, Tim Bailie, who read and talked to us about his book 'The Six Legged Spider'. Everyone enjoyed it and Tim was very entertaining delivering his anti-bullying message. See the whole school artwork below.

