

**PAPER COPIES OF THIS BUGLE ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL ENTRANCE HALL****IMPORTANT DATES****OCTOBER****Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Oct** – P3CM to St Brigids.

– All About Me

**Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Oct** – School Council

Elections. See below

**Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Photographer (Cool

for Schools) – see letter sent home

**Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Oct** – P3LK to St Brigids

– Archimboldo Art. P1 to St

Brigids – to be confirmed.

**Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Whole school flu vaccination**Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Oct** – P6 bag packing

Tesco – Mark Lynn Foundation

**Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Oct** – P1 Pyjama Party (more details to follow)**Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Oct** – P3 St Brigids all to P3 Ballykeel PS - Activity Based Learning. P2 to St Brigids – to be confirmed.**W/B Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Oct** – Nursery to P.7 Parent/Teacher interviews.**SCHOOL CLOSSES at 1.00pm for NURSERY and P1-P7 at 1.30pm for this week.****Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct** – P3CM to St Brigids - Healthy Homes**Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct** – 9.15am Harvest Service taken by P5 pupils and their parents/friends will be welcome to attend this Assembly**Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct** - DISCO. **P4** from 5.45pm to 6.45pm. **P5-P7** from 7.00pm – 9.00pm**Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Family Portrait Photo Sessions – see letter sent home**Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Oct to Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Nov** – Mid Term Break**DATES YOU MIGHT LIKE TO KNOW!****NOVEMBER****Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Nov** – P3s to Portglenone Forest with P3s St Brigids**Sat 9<sup>th</sup> NOV + Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> NOV and****Sat 30<sup>th</sup> NOV** – AQE TESTS**W/B 11<sup>th</sup> NOV** – Anti Bullying Week**Tues 12<sup>th</sup> NOV** – P1 & P2 to St Brigids to be confirmed.**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> NOV** – Nursery Open Afternoon. P6 trip to Titanic**Sat 16<sup>th</sup> NOV** - GL TESTS**Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Nov** – P3LK to St Brigids - Differences Help Us Learn**DECEMBER****Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> DEC** –

Nursery Nativity &amp;

P1 Open Morning &amp;

Christmas Dinner

**Fri 6<sup>th</sup> DEC** – Nursery Christmas Fair.**Tues 10<sup>th</sup> & Wed 11<sup>th</sup> DEC** – P1/P2 Nativity(am)**Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> DEC** – P3 Nativity (am)**Fri 13<sup>th</sup> DEC** – Coffee Morning, Nativity and Choir for Senior Citizens**Wed 18<sup>th</sup> DEC** - P1-P3 Christmas Party from 1.15 - 3.00pm.**Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> DEC** – 9.30am Carol Service lead by P6 & P7 children. **Also** P4-P7 Movie Night from 7.00-9.00pm**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> DEC** – **SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 12noon****Mon 6<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2020**

School re-opens with a trip to the cinema.

**MILK MONEY***Primary School Pupils Only*

Milk money to cover from

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November -Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December is **£7.14*****THIS MUST BE PAID to the class teacher on MONDAY 21<sup>st</sup> October as late orders cannot be made.*****SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

The school council elections are due to take place on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October for children in the P4-P7 classes. The boys and girls have been busy preparing speeches and canvassing ahead of the big vote, and results will be announced on Friday afternoon. All the best to those who are taking part!

**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER****Cool For Schools** photographer will be in school on **MONDAY****7<sup>th</sup> October** to take the pupils' photographs. A**Family Portrait** session will be by appointment on**SATURDAY 26<sup>th</sup> October**

from 9.30am. See letter sent home with your child for booking details.

**MACMILLAN COFFEE****MORNING –****A BIG 'THANK YOU'**

We really appreciate all the parents and friends who came to our Macmillan Coffee morning last Thursday. The final total collected was

**£423.00!** So a special thank you for your generous giving.

**CAR PARK ARRANGEMENTS**

Can I please encourage all parents yet again to use the car park properly, park properly in spaces, do not park behind others, do not block the entrance and do not let your children run across the car park.

Some suggestions to help reduce congestion:

- If you live in the Ballykeel area, please walk and do not bring your car
- Park a short distance from the school and walk over
- Rev McNeely is more than happy for parents to use the car park at the church – this is just across the road from the school.
- Remember to show consideration and courtesy to local residents if you are parking in their residential areas, do so safely.



**Also:-** If you are collecting children at 3pm, please stay at the gates and keep any younger siblings with you – do not let them come into the school grounds and down the path.

Please remember that dogs are not allowed in the school grounds at any time.



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*By Mrs C Montgomery***SMARTIES FUNDRAISING**

This year our fundraising will go towards supporting our own school funds, particularly with the vision of being able to renew our sports pitch at the back of school in the next couple of years. Each family has already received a Smarties tube and the aim is to fill it up with **20ps**. To celebrate the pupils' hard work **we will host a whole school Smarties Party on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October where pupils can attend in COLOURFUL NON UNIFORM, classes will play party games and do some colourful art activities and lessons.** We are very grateful to the **Candy Corner in Ballykeel and Today's Extra** who kindly donated some Smartie tubes to us. Enjoy your smarties and thank you in advance for supporting our fundraising!

*By Mrs A. McWhirter***CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES**

Have any details in relation to your child changed over the summer? For example landline number, mobile phone number, address, contact person/s and their telephone numbers, doctor, medical circumstances etc. If so, please put it in writing to your child's teacher or call in at the office. We must be able to contact you should the need arise and we need to update your new number on our texting service.

**OUR FRIENDS IN ST. BRIGID'S PS.**

Over the past seven years Ballykeel PS have been working very closely with the staff and pupils from St. Brigid's PS. We have participated in a range of different programmes with St. Brigid's and this year is no different! In fact, we even have a new sporting initiative starting this year that some children in Key Stage 2 will have the opportunity to get involved with. Most of the shared work we do with St. Brigid's relies upon us receiving funding and we are delighted that we have secured funding for the incoming year to do such work. The funding will enable us to pay for transport. Every class from P1-P7 will meet classes from St. Brigid's PS at different stages throughout the year. We will also have a shared school council who will help to make decisions and suggestions about our shared work together. Last year the shared school council made suggestions about the 'Spring Concert' and the 'Sponsored Walk'.

This year we will be involving parents in a few different ways and we will let you know about these events in due course. In the meantime, please keep an eye out for more information in due course and on the class pages on the website and on the Bugle. *By Miss K. McGlaughlin*

**CLASSES OF THE MONTH FOR**

- **ATTENDANCE:-** P3CM
- **UNIFORM:-** P6SM/P4JDT
- **GOLDEN CLASS:-** P5BE

**PUPILS OF THE MONTH for SEPTEMBER**

P1KC LACY RUSSELL  
 P1KM ABIGAIL McCORMICK  
 P2JT EMILY GILLESPIE  
 P2AM DYLAN TURTLE  
 P3LK RILEY PICKEN  
 P3CM ISAAC JOHNSTON  
 P4JDT MICHAEL TURTLE  
 P4CC OLIVIE KOVACOVA  
 P5BE TAYLOR HAMILTON  
 P5MA LILY-ROSE WRIGHT  
 P6SM NICOLE TODD  
 P6JF TIANA WALSH  
 P7SG KATIE HAMILTON  
 P7JH AIMEE FULLERTON

**LEAVING SCHOOL EARLY GUIDANCE**

In order to be able to keep accurate records, a child leaving school early needs to have a valid reason and an appointment letter/card from the medical practitioner, brought in before the appointment, along with a letter from the parent/guardian explaining why the child is leaving school. **Please note that permission will only be given to requests which are put in writing and signed by a parent or guardian.** In the absence of above, children leaving school early will be recorded as absent and % attendance will therefore be affected.

