

**PAPER COPIES OF THIS BUGLE ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL ENTRANCE HALL****THE SCHOOL'S WEBSITE**

Please check the website regularly as it will keep you informed as to what is happening in school. Check your child's class out in the 'Classes' section, the homepage and the school calendar. The 'Parent Area' is full of lots of information such as the latest Bugle and the dinner menu. We have recently added in 'Permission Slips and Notes' in case you misplace one and need another copy, or you want to remind yourself of the arrangements for, for example, a trip.

I trust that all parents have downloaded the app and subscribed to the website as this is the main way we now communicate with you. The details on how to do this are in the 'Communication and Notes' section of the Parent Area. *Mrs S Sheeran*

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR ATTENTION****JANUARY 2020**

**WED 8<sup>th</sup> JAN** – Fire Service to talk to children in P.5

**THURS 9<sup>th</sup> JAN** Incredible Years Programme for parents

**W/B MON 13<sup>th</sup> JAN** – Afternoon Clubs start again.

**MON 13<sup>th</sup> JAN** - 9.00 -10.00am – Parents' coffee morning.

**MON 13<sup>th</sup> JAN** - 6.30-7.30pm. P1 Parents' Maths night. (Note sent home and details on website)

**TUES 14<sup>th</sup> JAN** - P3 Young Enterprise (every Tues for 4wks). P5BE to St Brigid's, P5MA hosting. P6SM to St Brigid's and St Brigid's to P6JF

**WED 15<sup>th</sup> JAN** - Dairy Council in to deliver their Food and Fitness programme to P5s & P6s

**FRI 17<sup>th</sup> JAN** – P.7s to Cullybackey College's 'INNOV8' day

**TUES 21<sup>st</sup> JAN** - P6JF to St Brigid's and St Brigid's to P6SM

**TUES 21<sup>st</sup> JAN** - P5MA to All Saints Church with St Brigid's, P5BE to B'keel Pres Church with St Brigid's

**WED 22<sup>nd</sup> JAN** - P2AM to St. Brigid's and St. Brigid's to P2JT for Chinese New Year celebrations

**TUES 28<sup>th</sup> JAN** – 9:15am Parental Consultation Group Meeting – details below

**TUES 28<sup>th</sup> JAN** - P5BE to All Saints Church with St Brigid's, P5MA to B'keel Pres Church with St Brigid's. P7JH to St Brigid's and P7SG hosting St Brigid's

**FRI 31<sup>st</sup> JAN** – P.6 to Dunclug College for Robotics show.

**FEBRUARY**

**TUES 4<sup>th</sup> FEB** - P6SM to St Brigid's and St Brigid's to P6JF

**TUES 4<sup>th</sup> FEB** - P5MA to St Brigid's, P5BE hosting

**WED 5<sup>th</sup> FEB – P1KC. Mrs K Cumberland's Parent Teacher Interview (all day).**

**W/B MON 10<sup>th</sup> FEB** - Parent Teacher Interview Week.

**Please note early closures every day this week -**

- *Nursery will finish at 12:30*
- *P.1 to P.7 finish at 1:00*

**MON 3<sup>rd</sup>, FRI 7<sup>th</sup> & TUES 11<sup>th</sup> FEB** - Action Cancer -Healthy Lifestyle visits to Nursery, P1, P2 & P3 classes.

**TUES 11<sup>th</sup> FEB** - P1KC to St Brigid's and P1KM hosting St Brigid's in Ballykeel. P7SG to St Brigid's and P7JH hosting St Brigid's

**TUES 25<sup>th</sup> FEB** - St Brigid's to Ballykeel P6 Artist visitor

**MON 17<sup>th</sup> TO FRI 21<sup>th</sup> FEB** -

**SCHOOL CLOSED for the Mid-Term break.**

**MON 24<sup>th</sup> FEB** – School re-opens

**EASTER HOLIDAYS**

**THURS 9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – WED 22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL** (inclusive)

**AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS**

Please see the website for details of our After School Clubs in 2020. In the 'School Life' section you will find a list of After School activities, showing the days on which they are held. It may be useful for you to look over and discuss these with your child/children before they opt in for a club.

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

Milk money to cover from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February - Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April is

**£6.93. THIS MUST BE PAID to the class teacher ON MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup> February Only. Late payments cannot be made.**



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

**NURSERY & P1 ADMISSION**  
*APPLICATION portals are now opened on the following Education Authority website [www.eani.org.uk/admissions](http://www.eani.org.uk/admissions). This site will also give you information on how to get help with your on-line application.*

**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**

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.**

**IF IT SNOWS!**

We will only send out a message via the app if the school is **NOT** open.

Children can bring in their wellie boots on snow days so that they can go outside and have fun!



**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)

**PAPER COPIES OF THIS BUGLE ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL ENTRANCE HALL****GENERATION CELEBRATION  
& AFTERNOON TEA**

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December some of our local seniors were invited to the school for a Christmas afternoon tea party. The afternoon began with our guests being entertained by P.3 performing their nativity 'A Midwife Crisis'. Then they enjoyed delicious food prepared by our school cook, Mrs Bradley, and other staff members. To get everyone in the Christmas spirit our school choir sang a medley of Christmas carols, and as is custom Mr Fisher did his usual quiz. It was a lovely afternoon and enjoyed by all who attended.

**CHRISTMAS BALLOT**

A huge THANK YOU for all your support throughout the festive period for all our fundraising efforts. As usual the **Christmas Ballot** was very popular and a great success. We raised a fantastic **£1389.00** and P5MA's class won the cinema trip to watch 'Frozen II' for selling an amazing **325** tickets. Well done to everyone for your support!

**BAG PACKING AT TESCO**

We also had the opportunity to do **bag packing** at Tesco on 2 occasions. We were delighted with the public support and generosity – we collected a total of **£1154.93**. This wouldn't have been possible once again without the support of our wonderful pupils and parents. Thank you all so much!

**DECEMBER 2019****CLASSES OF THE MONTH FOR**

- **ATTENDANCE:-** P3LK
- **UNIFORM:-** P3LK
- **GOLDEN CLASS:-** P6JF

**PUPILS OF THE MONTH**

P1KH – ELLIE-MAY CARLEY  
 P1KM – ALFIE YOUNG  
 P2JT – EVA BAMBER  
 P2AM – RILEY ROBINSON  
 P3LK – LUKAS GORDON  
 P3CM – KAI CRAIG  
 P4JDT – TOM ALLEN  
 P4CC – SUFYAN KHAN  
 P5MA – HOLLY McVICKER  
 P5BE – JOSHUA REID  
 P6SM – MAISY REGAN  
 P6JF – MILEY SEMPEY  
 P7SG – MONTY BUTTERFIELD  
 P7JH – MELISSA SIMPSON

**Parental Consultation Group**

The group met on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019. Our main topic for discussion was the importance of children's emotional health and wellbeing, the school's commitment to this and how we promote and cater for this. Suggestions included older children being buddies or mentors in the playground, more mindfulness and meditation activities for children, and more programmes and information for parents. We will take these into account in the new school year and in our new school development plan.

Other suggestions included notes to parents and permission slips to go on to the school website, which we have done. The visit to the cinema was discussed and we agreed to look at going to the pantomime in Belfast every 3 years. The behaviour of children in the car parks and parking in general was also discussed, the school continues to remind parents to use the car park safely and properly.

**You are welcome to our next meeting on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020.**

**BALLYMENA ACADEMY**

In December, the P6s & P7s got to enjoy a Christmas Concert at Ballymena Academy. We found out all about the different sections in the orchestra and heard them play along with the choir. They were fantastic! Our favourite part was when we got to sing along and Mrs Gregg was picked to be the conductor.

*By Samara and Lucy*

**P1, P2 & P3 NATIVITIES:**

St Brigid's PS came to visit us for the dress rehearsals of our nativity plays.

We loved performing for our friends and are looking forward to seeing them again in 2020.

**CALAMITY JANE**

Our P6 & P7 classes visited Dunclug College on 27<sup>th</sup> November to watch their show 'Calamity Jane'. We all really enjoyed it.

A short report by **Samara & Lucy P6JF:**

*'When we arrived we got a warm welcome for pupils who showed us to our seats. We were very excited to find out that Calamity Jane aka Amy Ford was a past pupil of Ballykeel Primary! We enjoyed all the songs as they were very catchy. The actors were brilliant and we even got to meet them when we were leaving. After watching Calamity Jane, we would love to take part in a musical!'*