BALLYKEEL BULLETIN – 6th NOVEMBER 2020

HRISTMAS

special



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We hope you had a lovely break. This is the time of year when we would normally be very busy thinking about Christmas activities

such as our annual nursery fair, Christmas Ballot, nativities, Carol Service, parties, discos etc. Despite the current situation we are busy thinking of all the things we can safely do as we still intend to make December fun and special for the children. We will also make sure that Christmas dinner is available to everyone who wants it. Making

Organisation and Operation of the School

Thank you to everyone in the school community - staff, parents and children for your co-operation in helping to make sure that the school operates effectively. The behaviour of our children, in general, has been super, with virtually no one having to stay in at break times for inappropriate behaviour. Playing outside in their own bubbles is helping our children to form and maintain great friendships with each other.

Can I please ask you to ensure that children are not arriving to school late, or are collected late, as this compromises bubbles. Also please ensure that your child has everything they need for the day ahead, in particular break and packed lunch, as delivery of these to the school door causes disruption and also compromises bubbles when the office staff has to deliver them to classrooms. Thank you!

School Fund Update

Thank you so much to those who have contributed to school fund, it is very much appreciated, particularly in the absence of our usual fund raising. If you did not contribute to this by the deadline of the 23rd October, it would be great if you could do it as soon as possible. Last year's fund raising is going towards replacing an interactive whiteboard in one of the classrooms. Our whiteboards are getting older now and we started 3 years ago trying to buy one to two per year as we have 17 in total to replace. They are approximately £4500 each. We have also ordered new books for class libraries costing £2000 as the main school library is not open for general use. Your support of school funds makes these things, as well as many other things, possible so thank you again.

Shoe Box Appeal

This year, as always, we are hoping to contribute a shoe box per class to the Samaritan's purse shoebox appeal. This is a good opportunity for our children to think of

those across the world who are less fortunate than themselves at Christmas time. Due to Covid-19 we are going to pack a box online as a class this year rather than contributing items from home. Next week each class will take time to select together what they would like to send and also write a short message to the child in Moldova who will receive their gift. To pay for the box all we ask is that each child in the class contributes £1 via Parent Pay before next Thursday 12th November. We trust as always you will be generous in supporting us in this worthwhile project and thank you in anticipation. Mrs McKelvey

OCTOBER 2020 CLASS OF THE MONTH FOR UNIFORM: P4JT

PUPILS OF THE MONTH

P1CC - Alice Lynn

P1KM - Myles McCammond

P2JT – Romman Khan

P2AM - Tommy-Lee Balmer

P3LK - Rosie McIntyre

P3CM - Jonas McPeake

P4JDT - Joel McVicker

P4KH - Aaron Stewart

P5MA - Logan McKendry

P5BE - Sophie Lynn P6SM - Mia McDowell

P6JF - Lee Scott

P7SG - Maggie Lorimer

P71H -Kiana Law



Diary Dates

W/B 16th November - Anti Bullying Week

Tues 24th Nov– Whole school flu vaccination

Tues 22nd December – from 11:30 to 12:30 School closes for the Christmas Break. We will let you know the times each year group will finishing closer to the time.