

Christmas Family Fun Day!

Friday 13th December is our Family Fun Day! There will be lots of activities on offer for you and your child to take part in and have a lovely morning or afternoon! Jo Jingles will be here doing Christmas music sessions, there will be the opportunity for you to make Christmas keepsakes and there will be other 'Christmassy' activities to take part in, as well as a very special visitor! We are also delighted that Ballyclare Primary School choir will be singing during the day too! This will also be our 'Christmas Jumper' Day to raise money for the school. Please wear your festive jumpers and pay £1 on the door for every jumper worn! Staff will all be involved in running the activities therefore **children MUST be accompanied by an adult** in order to attend please. This can be anyone you choose who is a responsible adult over the age of 16. You will stay with your child throughout the session to complete the activities together.

AM session 9:15-11:15- PM session 12:30-2:30pm.

Please do not arrive before the start time of your session, as we will be busy getting everything ready! This will be a lovely day for everyone!

Christmas Gifts

We know that parents are always very generous at this time of year in the giving of gifts to staff. We would very much appreciate that rather than giving us gifts that you make a donation to our Christmas Charity The Northern Ireland Children's Hospice. Money can be given to your child's teacher in an envelope please. We will then make a donation from the school on the children's behalf. Thank you.

Christmas Party Day

Children will be having a Christmas Party in school on Friday 20th December. Children can wear party clothes on this day.

The times of these are:

AM Session 9:30-11am

PM Session 12:00-1:30pm

Nursery closes on this day for the Christmas Holidays.

Children return on Monday 6th January



Diary Dates

All diary dates are on our 'Calendar' on the website, with details of key events being added throughout the year.

November

3+ Health Reviews begin with parents- We will send an 'App' notification when your child's class has appointment sheets available.

Friday 8th & 15th- Jo Jingles Music

Friday 15th Children in Need- **Wear Spots to school!**

Wednesday 13th- **SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING**

Tuesday 19th & Weds 20th- School photographer here to take individual and Family photographs

Friday 22nd- Forest School Autumn Walk

Monday 25th- Visit to Fairview PS to watch Christmas Concert

December:

Friday 6th- Whole School visit to Mr Hullabaloo's Pantomime at the Theatre at the Mill. ALL children from both sessions arrive at school at 12:00 and we ALL return at approx. 4pm. *Please see letter home.*

Friday 13th- Family Christmas Fun Day- **All children must have an adult to attend with them on this day please**

Friday 20th- Party day and finish for Christmas

Settling In Information

Next week you will be receiving your child's 'Settling in Information' long with a selection of photographs of their first weeks in school. As explained at the 'Family Visit' day this will give you an overview of how your child has settled into Nursery. You will have the opportunity to make an appointment to speak with your child's teacher in addition to this information if you choose.

Friends of Ballyclare Nursery PTA

Many thank to everyone for supporting our first PTA event of the year- 'Smarties Tube Challenge'! The total raised so far is £1100- with more tubes still coming in! We are absolutely delighted! All money raised will be going towards the cost of the visitors we will be welcoming into school this year. We are also extremely pleased to have taken delivery of our new outdoor 'resources sheds'. These were kindly paid for last year by the PTA – so we are now busy getting them ready for the children to use!

Our Learning Themes

In November and December we will be learning about "Special Events". This will include learning about Birthdays, Halloween fireworks, The Hindu Festival of Light- Divali and Christmas. All of this learning is about the 'cultural' traditions of each event, such as types of food and clothing that children experience at these times. There is no religious element within these events except during our learning about Christmas, when we learn about the story of the Nativity and the birth of Jesus. More information about our learning is available on the website under the tab 'Parents' and 'Learning Themes'

Clothing Bin



Please continue to use the clothing 'recycling' bin that is located at our Main Entrance Gate. This is for family and local community use. Every time the bin is emptied the school receives a small donation from 'Cash for Clobber' so please use it whenever you are having a clear out! We are pleased to have received our first cheque of the year for £64!

School App and Parent Feedback Survey

Please ensure that you use our "School App" and have allowed notifications. This is now being used to send messages to remind you of events, when letters are available and other useful information and reminders. Please use the 'Calendar' feature to check for dates and events throughout the year. We will also be sending you a link to an online 'Parent Feedback Survey'. We really appreciate you taking your time to give us your thoughts. Any suggestions will be taken into account wherever possible and we enjoy reading your comments about our school.



Children In Need

Every year we support BBC Children in Need. Children can come to school wearing anything spotty/ Pudsey that day! We ask for a donation of £1 per child. Collection tins will be outside each classroom. The children will be doing lots of fun activities and making spotty biscuits for snack!



School Photographer

The school photographer will be here on Tuesday 19th and Weds 20th November to take individual children's photographs. There will also be an opportunity for you to book a "Family" photo session after school. This provides the opportunity to bring the whole family for a sitting that would be of a high cost in a photography studio. All photographs both individual and family will be available to buy online afterwards. Appointment sheets for Family sittings will be displayed in the main entrance hall from Monday 11th November, so please sign up!

Contacting Us

If you need to let us know anything during the day whilst your child is in nursery, please phone us. Emails are not checked continually throughout the day and therefore should only be used for non- urgent queries and messages. We aim to answer all queries by email within 24 hours whenever possible.

Open Afternoon for September 2020

On Wednesday 4th December we are holding our annual 'Open Afternoon' for any child who be 3 on or before 1st July 2020 from 3:30-4:30pm. If you know of anyone who has a child who will be due to start Nursery School then please let them know!

They can also register their interest for a place in Ballyclare Nursery School by visiting our website:

www.ballyclarenurseryschool.co.uk

Forest School

We will be starting our 'Forest School' programme at Fairview Primary School on Friday 22nd November. The children will be visiting the 'Forest School' in their classes and have also been allocated a P5 or P6 'Buddy'. Their 'Buddy' will be their partner to walk to and from Fairview with them. They will also work with them during the activities to help and support their learning. This is a great learning experience for all the children. Not only for our Nursery pupils but also for the children from Fairview! You will receive a reminder notification nearer to the dates of these events. Children should wear warm clothing and suitable footwear. If the weather is too severe the visits will be rescheduled.



