

BALLYMACRICKETT PRIMARY SCHOOL

PARENT INFORMATION

4th November 2019

Safeguarding/Child Protection

Please understand that, in the interest of safety, the school gates will be closed when classes start at 9:00am and will remain closed until 1:15pm. Parents can use a pedestrian gate if requiring entry during these times. Please always report to the front office. **No adults should be attempting to gain entry through the children's doors at any time of the day - even drop off and pick up times.**

Annual Appeals

Ballymacrickett Christmas Shoebox Appeal

In past years at Christmas time, many children and parents have shown their thoughtfulness and generosity to the staff of Ballymacrickett by way of Christmas gifts. Over recent years it was suggested that **instead of buying gifts for staff**, parents and children may like to participate in 'Operation Christmas Child'. This initiative has proven highly successful and so we would like to suggest the same for this year. Each family will receive an information leaflet which outlines suitable items to include and the instructions for packing a shoebox. You may prefer to donate items for a box rather than completing one.

If you would have been considering buying Christmas gifts for staff, we ask that you participate in this appeal **instead**. Please send boxes to school anytime from now until Friday 15th November, when they will be collected and prepared for distribution for Christmas. Your child's wrapped box will be gratefully received by his/her teacher as a Christmas wish to all of our staff. Please then resist any temptation to buy Christmas gifts for staff.

Apostolic Christmas Fair

(24th November in St Clare's Hall - after Glenavy Masses - Everyone welcome.)

The Apostolic workers of our parish are organising their annual Christmas Fair and have asked if the families of Ballymacrickett could donate a gift to be used for the Tombola (household/cosmetics/toys etc.) If you would like to donate a gift, you are asked to send it to school with your child any time before Friday 15th November.

St. Vincent De Paul

Every year at this time, the St. Vincent De Paul workers make up hampers for families in need in our community. This year again, Ballymacrickett has offered to help by supplying items for these hampers. If you would like to be involved in this appeal we would ask that you send in an item (non-glass) with your child any day over the coming weeks. Goods will be collected on 6th December.

Staff of Ballymacrickett Primary School and Nursery Unit

Reminder: Classes finish at 12:20pm on Wed. 13th and Thurs. 14th November to allow time for Parent/Teacher Meetings to take place. (There will be no dinners or buses on these days.)