



# Kells and Connor Primary School



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Dear Parent/Guardian

## Ballymena Rotary Club Christmas Hamper Appeal:

# Rotary



We want to say thank you for your generosity so far to the Ballymena Rotary Club Christmas Hamper Appeal.

**There is still time to donate** and help us to support the Rotary Club by bringing along or sending in some groceries if you can. A box is available in the main reception area of the school where you can just 'drop-off' any donations. Alternatively, you can send these with pupils to school **tomorrow**. Staff from the Rotary Club will collect any items at the beginning of the week.



## The Week Ahead:

**Monday:**

**P5/P6/P7** Movement Monday activities at Kells MUGA.

Boys P6 & P7 – Tag Rugby      Boys P5 – Football (shin guards required)

**Collect from MUGA at 3:00 pm**

Girls P5 & P6 group 1 – Hockey (shin guards/gum shields required)

Girls P7 & P6 group 2 – Netball

**Collect from SCHOOL at 3:00 pm**



**Tuesday:**

**P6** Swimming - please remember swimming kits/towels.

**Thursday:**

Coaching for Christ activities for **P3/P4F/P4H/P5** – pupils should wear appropriate sportswear with their school poloshirt & sweatshirt ie leggings or jogging bottoms and trainers.

## Afterschool Clubs week commencing 02 December 2024:



<b>Monday - Friday</b>	P1 - P3	2:00 – 3:00 pm	Stay & Play
<b>Monday</b>	P1 & P2	2:00 – 3:00 pm	Music Club
	P3 – P7	3:00 – 4:00 pm	
<b>Tuesday</b>	P1 – P3	2:00 – 3:00 pm	MMD Lego Club
	P4 – P7	3:00 – 4:00 pm	
<b>Wednesday</b>	P4 – P7	3:00 – 4:00 pm	Choir

## Final Balance Due Christmas Pantomime Outings:

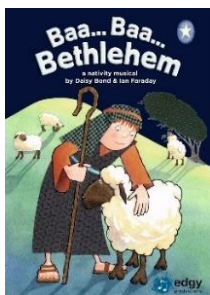


Several payments remain outstanding for our KS1 & KS2 Christmas outings to the Braid Arts Centre, Ballymena and the Grand Opera House, Belfast.

**All payments must be completed by 12 noon tomorrow, Friday 29 November.**

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## P1 -P3 Christmas Play: 'Baa Baa Bethlehem'



Tickets are still available to purchase for the P1-P3 play on the following dates:

**Tuesday 10 December from 1:30 pm - 2:15 pm**

**Wednesday 11 December from 10:30 am - 11:15 am**

Priced at **£3.50** each. Parents can purchase through Parentpay **until Monday, 02 December**. All proceeds will go to school funds.

**Please Note:** Ticket allocation is **2 per family**, (this can be 2 tickets for the same performance or 1 ticket for each performance). If any tickets remain unsold on **Wednesday 04 December, 1 additional ticket** may be available to purchase. Parents will be notified when these tickets are released and they will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Please remember, you must present your ticket (**for the correct day**) upon entry.

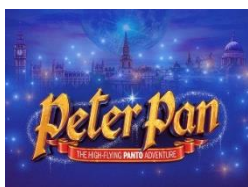
**Following the performance at 10:30 am on Wednesday 11 December, parents may take pupils home if they wish.**

## Christmas Jumper Day:



**Tuesday 03 December** is Christmas lunch day & Christmas jumper day! This is a **non-uniform day** and pupils **do not need** to bring any money.

## P5 – P7 Pantomime Thursday 05 December:



Our P5 – P7 pupils will be going to the pantomime in Belfast on **Thursday, 05 December**. Pupils will travel by bus with staff to the Grand Opera House for the 1:30 pm performance and we will return to school for **4:20 pm approximately**.

Pupils from **P1 – P3 will finish school at 2:00 pm as normal and P4 pupils will finish early at 2:00 pm**. Please make sure any childminders, relatives etc are aware of this earlier pick-up time for P4 pupils. **Stay & Play will not be available on this day.**

## Santa Daily Mile:



The Daily Mile Santa Run will take place during school tomorrow, **Friday 06 December**.

Pupils can wear their Santa hat or Christmas bobble hat.

**School uniform should be worn as normal.**

## Radio Cracker Tower Centre:

The school choir will be performing for Radio Cracker in the **Tower Centre, Ballymena** on **Friday, 06 December 2024**. Their performance time is scheduled to take place from **10:10 am – 10:25 am**. We would welcome parents who may wish to come along to support them or tune in to listen on **107.6 FM**.



### Christmas Lights Switch-On:



We would love to see our parents/guardians, grandparents etc at the switching on of the Christmas lights at **Connor Boulevard on Friday, 06 December at 7:00 pm**. Our school choir will be singing once again – please come along and support them!  
Pupils should meet at the Boulevard at **6:45 pm**.

### PTA Christmas Fair:



The PTA will be holding their Christmas Fair at the school on **Thursday, 12 December 2024** from **6:30 – 8:30 pm**. The cost for a **single ticket (one child) is £5 or £12 for a multiple ticket (3 or more children)**. There is no charge for adults.  
Tickets are now available to pre-pay via Parentpay.  
Parents/relatives may also pay at the door on the evening.

Santa will be in his grotto at the fair and parents **must pre-book a visit** for their child via the payment item which has been set up on Parentpay.

**All visits to Santa's grotto must be pre-booked before Tuesday 10 December**. The cost is **£4.00 per child** which will include a small gift.



We look forward to seeing you all there for an evening of fun and festivities!

### Can You help?



The PTA are looking for some volunteers to help at the Christmas Fair on Thursday 12 December. If you are available and would like to offer your support, please contact school and your details will be passed along.

### Deposits P7 Residential Trip:



**All outstanding deposits** for the P7 Residential Trip to the Share Village in May 2025 are now due.

**Payments must be completed now to allow school to confirm our booking.**

### Open Day & Early Finishing Time:



Our school's **Open Day** will take place on **Thursday 09 January 2025 at 1:30 pm**. This is a great opportunity to get to know our school better. Please share this with your friends, family, and the wider community. Pupils will finish early at **1:00 pm** on this day to allow for staff to prepare.

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## Lost & Found:



A small black pouch containing babywear and nappies has been found in the staff car park. This can be collected from the office between 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.

## Christmas Dates to Remember:

Date	Event	Notes
Tues 03 December	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day	
Thurs 05 December	<b>P5 – P7 Panto</b> , Grand Opera House 1:30 pm	Return to school <b>4:20 pm approx.</b> <b>P1-P4 finish at 2:00 pm</b> <b>No Stay &amp; Play</b>
Fri 06 December	Santa Daily Mile in school Christmas Lights Switch-On – Connor	<b>Pupils wear uniform &amp; Santa hat</b> <b>6:45 pm</b>
Tues 10 December	P1 – P3 Nativity - <b>1:30 pm</b> performance	Please see information provided re purchase of tickets
Wed 11 December	P1 – P3 Nativity - <b>10:30 am</b> performance	
Thurs 12 December	PTA Christmas Fair	<b>6:30 – 8:30 pm</b>
Wed 18 December	<b>P1 – P4</b> Braid Arts Centre, Ballymena 9:30 am	Return to school 11:30 am approx
Thurs 19 December	Carol Service, Connor Presbyterian Church	<b>1:30 pm</b>
Fri 20 December	School finishes for Christmas holidays	Early finish <b>from 12:00 noon</b>
Mon 06 January	Term 2 begins	
Thurs 09 January	School Open Day <b>1:30 pm</b>	Pupils will finish at <b>1:00 pm</b>



Yours faithfully

*S Finlay*

Mr S Finlay  
Principal

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