

### DATES FOR DIARY:

- BPS Access will be online tomorrow. Log on to your Seesaw for News from this term.

- Christmas Picnic Party Dates:  
**P1-3 Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

**P4-7 Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

Children should wear their Christmas Jumpers on their Picnic Day.



Please send your £2.60 in tomorrow, Friday 27<sup>th</sup>, in your child's homework folder, if you've booked a Christmas Lunch Box.

(Please send money in named envelope/bag.)

We are looking forward to some fun together. If your child has not booked for school lunch, then send a packed lunch as normal.

- We are currently completing a
  - ★ P1 Nativity
  - ★ P5-7 Christmas Poem
  - ★ BPS Advent Event for Parents and Pupils.



*Watch out in December for their launch!*

### CHRISTMAS INFORMATION

Thank you for noting our information sent out to you on Tuesday this week. We hope this clarified some queries received from parents.

The key target this year is to enjoy the Christmas Season and its meaning, alongside staying well. Giving away a little kindness or encouragement to others makes a huge difference. Thank you for all you do with our pupils at home!

### SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our school website was updated again this week. Please be aware of the features it has to help parents who are busy and need to check on things

- ★ Diary dates are clearly there, and a holiday list
- ★ Letters sent home are there
- ★ Menus for canteen are there
- ★ Weekly Parent Online News copies are there.

There is also lots of information re: class activities, trips and other amazing things going on in our school. Please access this site with your children and pass on the link to family members, friends and other interested parents too. Let us know if you need any other information added. We are constantly updating things to keep you informed.

*Don't forget to Easy Fund Raise using the Link.*



### P1 FORMS FOR APPLICATION IN 2021

This year EA is continuing the application process for all parents completing forms for P1 pupils. This will be done On-Line and will be available from 12 noon on 7<sup>th</sup> to 12 noon on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021, for completion. The form will be found on the EA website.

We will send you further information on how to access the forms and any help we can offer you before the January release date. Do not panic!

If you need to chat about this process, see any senior staff outside in the mornings or speak to our office staff by phone who will be happy to help you.

### ROAD SAFETY FORTNIGHT

Well done to all the pupils who came to school so brightly dressed during our Road Safety Fortnight and thank you to all parents who ensured they did so. Please keep sending your children dressed brightly during these dark weeks and months (and indeed the rest of the year!) Remember, Be Safe Be Seen.

As our roads seem to get busier and busier it is vital our children are reminded frequently to stay safe when out and about. Please keep reinforcing road safety messages at home as we do in school. Together we will work to keep our children safe.

### CAN YOU HELP?

We need a man, or woman, with a van! We need to deliver some Christmas cheer donations on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December (time flexible). If you can help us with this delivery, then please get in touch with our school office. Thank you.



### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### NEWTOWNABBEY FOODBANK

The Ballyclare distribution centre of Newtownabbey Foodbank operates from Ballyclare Presbyterian Church every Thursday from 2.30-5pm. Our aim is to support people who cannot afford the essentials in life.



If you are experiencing financial difficulties, we can alleviate the pressure by providing you with food. Parcels are packed according to family size and contain a mix of dried and tinned goods, including meat, fish and vegetables. For more information, contact Michelle on 07713928775. All enquiries are treated confidentially.