

MANY THANKS

We were overwhelmed at the generosity of families for our Food Hamper Appeal this week.

A huge amount of food and luxury items were received in school and we have delivered this to Women's Aid this week.

Thank you to Mr Blair (Governor) and Mr McKillen (Parent) who packed and delivered this for us.

It was a joy for us, as a staff, to see all your generosity to us being forwarded to others.

Thank you!



CHRISTMAS LUNCH PARTY

We had two great days in school this week watching the fun of our Christmas Party Lunches and treats in each class. It was a little different from past years but it was still great. Thank you to all parents who supported us in this.

Thank you to the lunch staff in our canteen and to our own staff and LSAs for their input into this.

The jumper decorations were fab – as usual.

WATCH OUT!

Watch out this Friday for the Launch of our Christmas Events on Seesaw.

P1 Nativity

P5-7 Jesse Tree production

These productions are in place of our usual Christmas Carol Service and P1 Chat & Chew.

Many children are involved in both and we hope you will take time to watch and enjoy them.

Our Advent Calendar has been much viewed and we hope you keep logging on right to Christmas Eve.



LAST WEEK OF TERM INFORMATION

Information re: school being open next week.

The Department of Education has deemed it appropriate to remain open and therefore our school term will end on FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER.

★ *Exit times of classes will be sent to you early next week.*

Should this change, we will inform you via Seesaw. All schools in our area are functioning as normal.

Any family unable to attend for personal reasons, should contact Mrs Mulligan via kmulligan818@c2kni.net

School will reopen on TUESDAY 5TH JANUARY 2021 for all pupils, at their usual entry times.

RETURN

There will be no change to our school arrangements until after Christmas and a review in January is made. We will keep you informed, when we see how the holiday time affects us and our community, on return.

Please be wise with your family, set 'bubbles and stay safe.

FROSTY WEATHER

The weather has not been too severe, and certainly not as bad as past years just yet. When needed, our paths around the school are gritted each day and Richard works hard to keep us all safe travelling to and fro. Please stick to the gritted areas for safety, but still take care.

Should our school be forced to close in snow or treacherous conditions in the winter, please note the following:

- An early notice will be posted on our website: www.ballyclareps.co.uk
- A See-Saw message will be forwarded to parents.
- A text message concerning the closure will be sent to each parent on our 'Class Parents' list/ or the First Contact given by parents to our School Office.
- Staff will be outside to inform parents/carers of the unforeseen closure, if able to reach the school building themselves.

You will appreciate, this will be an exceptional circumstance and the school will only be closed if absolutely necessary or as directed by DE. Working parents should ensure emergency child care is put in place and phone numbers are up to date, should we need to contact you at any time.

In any circumstance, parents are always requested to make decisions re: the safety of travel for themselves.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Our local Nursery School is hoping to get your support for a change of venue to give them more space.

For details of how to do this, log on to the Ballyclare Nursery School website www.ballyclarenurseryschool.co.uk

For pupils entitled to Free Meals, please see attached Menu for January & February 2021.

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