



Dear Parents/Carers,

Our choir sang in Montgomery's, Ballymena on Saturday morning at the Northern Ireland Hospice's 'Jingle All The Way' event. We are very proud of all the children and we are delighted to be associated with this charity. During our Christmas Shows and Carol Service, an offering will be taken for this worthy cause.



### PTA Christmas Fair

Thank you for all your donations and support for our Christmas Fair. We have some fantastic raffle prizes on offer. Photographs of this special event will be on our website. [www.buickmemorial.org](http://www.buickmemorial.org)

### Buick Christmas Shows

On Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> December we will be having **two shows!** The first show will begin at **9:15am** and will be for the **parents of Nursery and Primary 1 parents only**. Doors will open at 9am and there will be an **entry fee of £3** per seat. Following this performance, the children will return to their classrooms to get changed. Parents will then be able to take them home early.

Parents who plan to stay to see their other child/ren in the next performance (P2/3/4) will be offered refreshments in the library.

The second show will begin at **10:30am**. The doors at the side entrance of the Assembly Hall will open from 10:10am. This show will encompass a performance by each class. Again this show will cost **£3** per seat.

**\*\*As there will be many parents wishing to see their child/ren perform, we would strongly advise that only 2 family members attend per child. Space in our hall is also limited and we respectfully ask that buggies are not brought along.\*\***

### Child Protection

If you have any concerns about your child's safety in school, you can speak to Mr Beattie (Designated Teacher for Child Protection) or to Mrs McCluggage (Deputy Designated Teacher). If you are still concerned you may contact the Acting Principal, Miss R Peters who oversees the Safeguarding Team within Buick Memorial Primary School. At any time, you may talk to a Social Worker at the Social Services Gateway Team on 0300 1234 333.

### Buick After School Programme w/c 4<sup>th</sup> December

Monday - Miniversity & Orchestra \*No Netball this week  
Tuesday - Buick Ju-Jitsu & Choir (3pm - 3:45pm) Thursday - Football

### Photographs

Individual and Family Photographs have now arrived from La Fayette. Please return these orders by Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December as a courier has been booked for uplift. Orders will not be processed by the school after this date. Your co-operation is appreciated.

### Dining Centre Menu Change

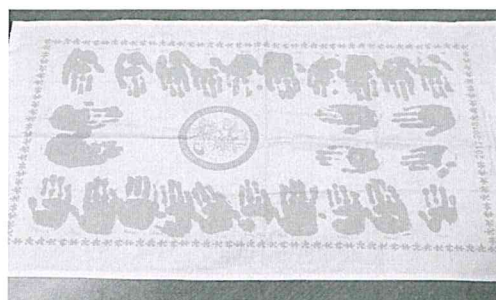
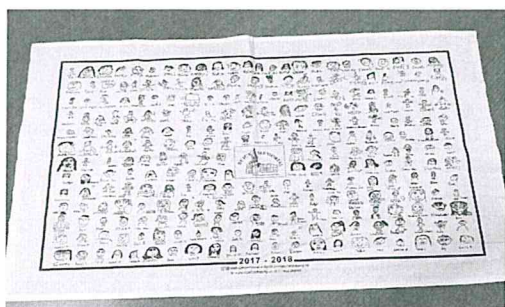
Due to the visit to the Grand Opera House Belfast, we will be having an earlier lunch on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December. This will now be the buffet.

### Nut Allergies

We would like to remind parents that nut products should not be brought into school. This includes Nutella products. We have a number of children with serious nut allergies and we need to minimise the risk of anaphylactic shock.

### Buick Tea Towels

As part of PTA fundraising, all children have drawn a picture of themselves and their designs have been made into a tea towel. These lovely tea towels will be on sale during the Christmas Fair at £4 each or two for £6. We also have a Nursery tea towel which has each child's hand print on it. These are in lovely Buick colours of brown and yellow and will make lovely gifts for Grandparents!



### Ewan Harkness Photographs

Thank you to everybody who supported this PTA initiative. Photographs can now be viewed on the website at [www.ewanharkness.co.uk](http://www.ewanharkness.co.uk) Username: Buick17 Password: Family17

### December Dates for your Diary

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December - AQE Transfer 3

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December - Key Stage 2 pupils to Ballymena Academy Primary Schools Christmas Event

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December - Buick v Cullybackey College (Year 8) Football Match

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December - Buick Christmas Shows 9:15am & 10:30am

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December - Whole School Finishes at 12:15pm - (no Dining Centre for break and no pm buses)

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December - Peter Pan Pantomime at Belfast's Grand Opera House

\*Return to Cullybackey at approximately 5pm\*

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Dinner

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Choir & Orchestra to Cuningham Church - Young at Heart Event at 2pm

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - 10am - Carol Service in Cuningham Church

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Open Afternoon (1:30pm) for January 2018 enrolment for Nursery & Primary 1

Application Forms are available from the office or at [www.eani.org.uk/admissions](http://www.eani.org.uk/admissions)

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December - Choir to Radio Cracker

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December - Pupils finish at 12:15pm (no Dining Centre for break and no buses)

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January - Pupils Return for Term 2

\*Dates are subject to review/change if needed.

### Additional Information

\* Elim Christmas flyer (1 per child)

\* La Fayette Photographs

\* Buick Christmas Lunch - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Good luck to our Primary 7 pupils who will be sitting the AQE Transfer Test 3 on Saturday morning. This is the last one for this year! Our pupils have worked extremely hard and we are very proud of you all.

We hope to see you all at the 'Cullybackey Christmas Lights Switch On' tonight at 6:30pm. Our choir will be performing alongside our friends from The Diamond Primary. Please wrap up warm as it will be a cold evening!

Kind regards,

R. Peters (Acting Principal)