



Dear Parents/Carers,

On Monday morning our Primary 6 pupils made lanterns with a creative company called 'Streetwise'. They then used their lanterns during the Ballymena Christmas Parade on Thursday evening. It was an honour to be one of the two schools invited to attend this year. Our Primary 6 pupils had a fantastic time and we would like to thank parents for their co-operation in the evening's arrangements.



Christmas Cards

Thank you to everyone who returned their 'Darling Stationery' Christmas cards order to the school. These make a lovely keepsake and we would like to thank you for continued support.

PTA Meeting

The PTA Meeting on Tuesday evening was attended by only 6 parents. This is a disappointing turn out for a school of over 300 children! Plans for the Christmas Fair continue to develop but we need more parental support. If you would be able to help during the Christmas Fair on Friday 1st December from 3pm - 5pm, please contact the school office on 028 2588 0368.

Furthermore, the PTA would like to request toys and bric-a-brac for stalls. Please send donations to the P3/4 area from Monday 20th November. It is essential that toys/games/jigsaws are all in good condition with all parts complete.

During our Christmas Fair we will also be holding a raffle. If you own a business and would like to donate a prize for this event, please contact Mrs Hunter in the school office. Thank you to many local businesses who have already donated. Tickets for this raffle will go on sale in school from Monday 27th November in the lead up to the event.

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 20th November

- Monday - Miniversity *Netball will operate during lunch time with Mrs Hunter
Orchestra (3pm - 3:45pm)
- Tuesday - Buick Ju-Jitsu
Choir (3pm - 3:45pm)
- Thursday - Football (18 boys)

Wear your Christmas Jumper to School Day - Friday 24th November

Each year our choir performs on Radio Cracker and we make a donation to this charity. This year, we will be having a non-uniform day on Friday 24th November. Children are encouraged to wear their Christmas jumpers to school on this day. We would suggest a £1 donation from each pupil. Thank you in advance. On this day our Dining Centre will also be offering a Snowman themed lunch.

Music Tuition

A saxophone has become available. If you would like your child to begin weekly music lessons, please contact Mrs McCleery at the school.

Steven Davis - Former Buick Pupil

On Monday morning our Primary 7 pupils celebrated the success of our former pupil, Steven Davis, who has now received 100 caps playing for Northern Ireland. We are very proud of Steven and all of his achievements. Pupils and staff (current and past) have designed and created a card to mark this wonderful occasion. We would like to wish Steven every continuing success in his footballing career.



Photography

La Fayette will be in school on 20th November to take photographs. Please ensure your child is wearing full school uniform on Monday. This also includes yellow and brown hair clips only. We will only be taking individual and family pictures. Additionally, if you would like any particular family group taken (cousins) please contact the school for this to be arranged before 10am on Monday morning.

We have now filled all of the spaces for our photography Evening with Ewan Harkness. He will be in school to take family pictures on 22nd November from 3pm - 8pm. Miss Harkin has distributed times. Please arrive promptly at the library, via the back playground which will be opened up for parking.

Buick Christmas Shows

On Friday 8th December we will be holding two shows. The first show starts at 9:15am and will include the Nursery pupils and then Primary 1 children's nativity called 'In A Little Stable'. Following these performances, the children will return to their classes to get changed. Parents will then be able to take them home. 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 commence at 10:30am. The door at the side entrance of the Assembly Hall will open from 10:10am.

Entry for each show will cost £3 per seat. As there will be many parents wishing to see their children 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.

In The Community

**YOUNG LIVES
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**Coffee
morning**.....

Cullybackey Methodist Church
youth club
Coffee morning
Saturday 25th November 10AM
in church hall
Proceeds in aid of Cullybackey
Methodist Church Youth Club &
CLIC SARGENT

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REGULATORY

Dates for your Diary - November & December

Apologies, the dates for the transfer events were the wrong way around last week! We have amended it below! Please keep an eye on these events over the next 5 weeks for finer details and times.

Saturday 18th November - GL Transfer at Slemish College

Monday 20th November - Individual and Family School Photographs to be taken by La Fayette

Monday 20th November - Orchestra Practice after school 3pm - 3:45pm (Every Monday until Christmas)

Wednesday 22nd November - Ewan Harkness Family Photographs from 3pm - 8pm

Thursday 23rd November - Eco Flag Assessment Day

Thursday 23rd November - Eco Club after school 3pm - 4pm

Friday 24th November - Wear Christmas Jumpers to School Day - Fundraiser for Radio Cracker

Saturday 25th November - AQE Transfer Paper 2

Saturday 25th November - Choir Performing in Montgomery's - 'Ballymena's Jingle All The Way' event

Wednesday 29th November - P7 to Dunclug College to watch Joseph and His Technicolour Dreamcoat

Friday 1st December - PTA Christmas Fair (3pm - 5pm)

Friday 1st December - Cullybackey Lights Switch On at 6pm - Buick Choir performing

Saturday 2nd December - AQE Transfer 3

Friday 8th December - Buick Christmas Shows - 9:15am - Nursery & P1 Performances

10:30am - P2, P3/2, P4/3 and P4 Class Performances

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

Monday 11th December - Peter Pan Pantomime at Belfast's Grand Opera House

Wednesday 13th December - Christmas Dinner (no Dining Centre for break)

Thursday 14th December - Choir & Orchestra to Cuninghame Church - Young at Heart Event

Tuesday 19th December - 10am - Carol Service in Cuninghame Church

Tuesday 19th December - Open Afternoon for January 2018 enrolment for Nursery and Primary 1

Thursday 21st December - Choir to Radio Cracker

Thursday 21st December and Friday 22nd December - No bus service am or pm

Friday 22nd December - Pupils finish at 12:15pm (no Dining Centre for break)

Monday 8th January - Pupils Return for Term 2

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

Additional Information

*Joseph at Dunclug College (P7 pupils)

* Choir note (choir members only)

As we approach the busiest time of the school year, I would encourage all parents to read over the newsletter carefully each week as the office is particularly busy. Your understanding on this matter is greatly appreciated.

Kind regards,

R. Peters (Acting Principal)