



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been an extremely busy week here at Buick! Our Christmas Fair was well attended and the PTA raised a wonderful £1137. This money will be used to purchase new tables and chairs for our classrooms. At the Cullybackey Light switch on, our youngest Primary 1 pupil, William Shannon, turned on the village's Christmas lights and our choir sang. Thank you to everybody who supported this community event.



Buick Christmas Shows

Tomorrow brings our hugely anticipated Christmas Shows! The first show will begin at 9:15am and this is for the parents of Nursery and Primary 1 children only. Doors at the Assembly Hall 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 the Nursery / P1 children 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 between the two shows.

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 P2-P4 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 limited and we respectfully ask that buggies are not brought along. Your co-operation on this matter is essential.

Following the Christmas Shows, all pupils will finish tomorrow at 12:15pm.

Buick After School Programme w/c 11th December

- Monday - No Clubs as Buick pupils at the Pantomime in Belfast
- Tuesday - Buick Ju-Jitsu (3pm - 4pm) & Choir (3pm - 3:45pm)
- Thursday - No Football (due to weather warnings)

La Fayette Photographs

All orders must be returned to school by Wednesday 13th December at 9:30am for courier uplift.

Cash For Clobber

You may be aware that as part of Eco-Schools we will be taking part in Cash for Clobber's 2017-2018 Competition. Simply by collecting all types of clothing and shoes that are no longer being worn we can earn 40p per kilo and be in with a chance to win up to £1,500 for school funds. The competition runs until the 30th June 2018 and we will be organising half termly collections. The next of these will run on the week commencing the 11th December. Please bring clothing and shoes (pairs only in a separate bag) to a member of staff in the P3/4 area. Thank you to those who have already donated!

Enrolment

Application forms for September 2018 in our Nursery Unit and Primary 1 are now available from the school office. Alternatively, they can be downloaded from www.eani.org.uk/admissions. Our Open Afternoon is from 1:30pm on Tuesday 19th December and we would be delighted to see many familiar and new faces!

Music Fees

Could all parents please ensure that music tuition fees are paid either in full or in instalments? It is essential that we maintain our payments to the Education Authority and retain our peripatetic staff at Buick.

Peter Pan Pantomime

As you are already aware, Buick pupils are off to see Peter Pan on Monday 11th December. The show starts in Belfast at 1:30pm so school operations have been slightly amended for one day only!

Break will now be at 10am and lunch served from 11:30am. Pupils will leave Buick at 12:15pm on 6 coaches.

During the performance, children **will not** be able to eat their own sweets or consume their own drinks. This is a strict policy of Belfast's Grand Opera House. **Please do not send any money or sweets with your child on Monday.** Children will have had their lunch in school and will be home in time for their dinner. We wouldn't want any children to be sick on the bus journey to or from Belfast!

Buses should arrive back in Cullybackey at approximately 5pm. We recognise that parking at the back of the school may be difficult and we request that **bus lanes are kept free** for our buses to reverse into and for children to disembark safely. All pupils will be brought into their classroom and released by their teachers from there. This is to ensure that all pupils are collected safely. Your understanding and co-operation is greatly appreciated.

Children who are not going to the Pantomime will be catered for in school throughout the afternoon by Mrs Kyle and Mrs McCleery. Parents should collect these pupils as normal at 2pm in the back playground and 3pm at the front of the school. Thank you.

December Dates for your Diary

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

Return to Cullybackey at approximately 5pm

Wednesday 13th December - Christmas Dinner

Thursday 14th December - Choir & Orchestra to Cuninghame Church - Young at Heart Event at 2pm

Thursday 14th December - Eco Club from 3pm - 4pm

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

Tuesday 19th 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

Thursday 21st December - Choir to Radio Cracker

Thursday 21st December - No buses am or pm

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

Monday 8th January - Pupils Return for Term 2 ***Dates are subject to review/change if needed.**

Additional Information

* Milk Note (P1-P4)

* Swimming (P7 pupils)

*North Star Santa Trail (1 per family)

*Coaching For Christ - Girls' Football P4-P6

As the Primary 7 pupils have now completed all three AQE Transfer papers, I would like to thank all Buick staff for their commitment to the Primary 7 children throughout their learning journey here at Buick. Particular thanks must be given to Mrs McQuiston, Mrs McCleery, Mrs Kyle and Mr Beattie who have been instrumental in Transfer preparations. We look forward to the results being confirmed on Saturday 27th January 2018.

Many post primary schools have now confirmed their **Open Nights**. These are designed for P6 and P7 pupils to attend. We would encourage all parents to go along to allow informed choices to be made.

*Ballymena Academy - Wed 10th January & Thursday 11th January 7pm - 9pm

*Cambridge House - Sat 20th January 9:30 - 1pm (Principal's Address 9:30 & 11am)

*Cullybackey College - Mon 22nd & Tues 23rd January at 7:30pm

*Dunclug College - Wed 3rd & Thur 4th Jan at 7pm

*Slemish Integrated College - Wed 24th & Thurs 25th Jan at 7pm

Kind regards,

R. Peters (Acting Principal)