

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2019



Happy New Year

May the staff take this opportunity to wish you a happy, peaceful and prosperous 2019. Many thanks for all the kind gifts which we received. We are all very grateful for your generosity.



Carol Singing

Our pupils sang at Montgomery's for Radio Cracker and the Junction in the lead up to Christmas. Many thanks to all the parents who helped with transport and organised our Costa Coffee Break. It was a successful morning raising £50 for school funds.



Christmas Carol Service

Once again parents, grandparents and staff were treated to a spectacular performance in the Christmas Service. This year our children enjoyed taking on a range of roles in a fabulous performance of 'The Very Hopeless Camel.' Well done to all of them! The play told the story of the nativity through the eyes of an old, hopeless camel! The children were brilliant. The whole school sang beautifully accompanied by the instrumentalists who were led by Mrs Cuthbertson. Recognition must be given to the children who sang and played beautifully demonstrating commitment and effort. Thank you and well done to Mrs Anderson (Producer) and Mrs Dornan (Assistant Producer) as well as Mrs Devlin for her great efforts in organising the costumes and choreography.



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A FEW DATES FOR THE DIARY

8 January– Swimming starts

14 January- Shared Lessons commence focusing on spelling & poetry

Week beginning 14 January– After School Clubs commence

16 January– Little Adventurers' Club 2pm

16 January– KS2 STEM trip organised by Farrans

18 January– P6 & P7 visit to Cullybackey College School

21 January– Heart Start Week

25 January– PSNI Safety Talk

5 February– Safer Internet Day

6 February– Pupils finish at 1pm for staff training (no after school clubs)

8 February– Tuck Shop

14 February– Swimming Gala

14 & 15 February–Pupil Progress Meetings (12 noon finish)

18 February– 22 February Mid Term Break for pupils

25 February– Pupils return to school after Mid Term

25 February– School photographer



PHILIP BATES TRUST

Shared Classes

Shared classes will continue this term. Mrs Wilson will be the shared teacher on a Monday and Mrs Anderson on a Tuesday. The focus will be spelling and poetry.

Following an application to the Philip Bates Trust we have secured additional funding for the partnership. This will allow us to work with a local poet, Shelley Tracey. Shelley will be completing workshops with all the children and we plan to publish a book of the children's work later in the term.

Snow/Exceptional Weather

I really hope that our weather will remain stable for some time to come! However, in the event that we have unexpected weather, please keep an eye on the school website and Facebook page to inform you if we have to close or close early. We will also contact you by our text messaging service. To minimise risk if there is heavy snow or ground frost the top gate will be locked and school will be accessed through the main entrance.

Charity Update

Thank you to our wonderful Pupil Council who have put their charity plan in place for the year. This has included our coffee morning, the stall at Randalstown Market, our monthly tuck shop, a PJ day and a Christmas Jumper Day.

The current amount raised is £1,090.90

REMINDER

To facilitate Hip Hop After School Club the P3 children will finish school at 2pm on Thursday and 2:40pm on Friday during the second term of this year.

Reception and P1 Applications for September

We would encourage any parents wishing to apply for Reception and Primary 1 to make their applications now. The process is now online and accessed via <https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions> Parents complete their choices using the online form and bring the child's birth certificate to their first choice of school. A flow chart of the process is included in the mail drop.

If you have any queries please contact us.

Piano Lessons

Piano lessons will continue with Ms Nichol after the holidays. If you wish to enrol your child please contact Marbeth on 07761904762



Breakfast with Santa

Thank you to the PTA for organising the annual Breakfast with Santa. This was truly a success, with a packed hall and visitors who joined us from far and wide. The puppet show, face painting and glitter tattoos were all well received. We raised an amazing £955.50 and we really couldn't have done it without help from the whole school community.

Rights Respecting School

This month we will be focusing on Article 32 'Children should not be allowed to do work that is dangerous to them, makes them ill, or stops them going to school.'

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