

## Ballysillan P.S Newsletter

### December 2021

#### OPEN DAYS

We are delighted to have a return to an Open Day for our Nursery and P1. These will follow Covid19 restrictions.

Outdoor Nursery Open Day -  
2/12/21 from 2-3pm

P1 Open Day - 9/12/21 - 1:30-  
3:30pm. This is appointment only.  
Please email [cmcwhirter617@c2ken.net](mailto:cmcwhirter617@c2ken.net)  
to book!

#### P7 SHARED EDUCATION TRIP TO THE ULSTER MUSEUM

P7 will be attending a workshop in the Ulster Museum on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Please ensure you have given permission via email to Mrs Chambers.

#### SEPTEMBER 2022 - NURSERY AND P1 APPLICATIONS

Applications for Nursery and P1 open on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 12 noon. These applications will close on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 12noon. **Please note, the EA online portal will**

**not be accessible after this time.** Please ensure you read our criteria correctly and ensure you complete all sections of the online form. REMINDER-All birth certificates for P1 and Nursery are left into the office.

#### MILK AND SCHOOL FUNDS

Many thanks for the prompt payment of money to date. December payments are due by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021. January orders will be due before Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021. Milk must be ordered before Christmas so we are asking for a prompt payment for January milk. REMINDER-Several months or the year can be paid at once.



#### A CHRISTMAS SURPRISE

Ballysillan Elves have been secretly organising a wee surprise for our pupils...all will be revealed on our Facebook page on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December!

#### DISNEYLAND IN P1!

On 15<sup>th</sup> December P1 are very lucky to have TAMHI come dressed up as Disney characters as part of their 'Spreading Joy' project. Each child will receive a selection box; 1 box = 1 smile. Keep an eye on our Facebook page

to see what happens when they come in!

### **BUBBLED CHRISTMAS PLAY**

This year we will be performing "The Innspectors" together as a whole school (P1-P7). Each class has been given a scene and song to perform. The children are busy practising in their classrooms and will be performing separately on the stage. Most children will by now have details of what they need to bring/wear for their performance. If you are unsure, please contact the class teacher. Staff will be filming each individual scene and it will be edited together to create a full performance. This will be uploaded onto social media on the **21/12/2021** for everyone to enjoy.



### **P7 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE**

Our P7s have been learning lots of Christmas songs and have been practising hard with Mrs Chambers and Miss Shiels. We are very excited to perform and record our P7 Christmas Songs and

this will also be uploaded onto social media on the 21/12/2021.

### **ACT OF KINDNESS**

We want to thank the CO-OP on the Ballyillan Road for donating all of the lovely goodies for our Bubbled Christmas events. As a thank you we are going to support the CO-OP's charity of choice this year, Inspire. We will be collecting for this charity by selling ballots to win a class hamper with lots of Christmas goodies! Each ballot strip is priced at **£1**. Please pay the class teacher.

### **P1 AND P2 TRIP TO POST SANTA LETTERS!**

Primary 1 and 2 have been working hard to write letters to Santa. On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December they will walk to the post box and send off their letters.

### **LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD**

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December Nursery - P3 will be watching the virtual pantomime of Little Red Riding Hood performed by the Southern Regional College.

## Food & Fitness

On Tuesday 7th December, P5 and P6 will be taking part in the Dairy Council's interactive Food and Fitness programme. The programme has been developed to help pupils learn about the benefits of a healthy diet and active lifestyle.

## CHRISTMAS DINNER & JUMPER DAY

We are going to be celebrating Christmas Jumper Day on the 9<sup>th</sup> December. This is also Christmas Dinner day! What a lovely way to get into the festive spirit.

## BUBBLED CHRISTMAS EVENT



We are trying our best to follow all PHA advice and guidelines. As we did last year, we feel it is best practice to extend our school day for 1.5 hours rather than to send all of the children home and ask them to all come back later in the evening. This will reduce crowds and people gathering unnecessarily on school grounds. We will be holding our Christmas Bubbled event on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December**.

On this day we will be extending your class time by 1.5 hours. Please see the times below:

Nursery - Normal time

P1-P2/3 - 3:30pm

P3/4-P7 - 4:30pm

Children will be dismissed at their normal exit doors.

During these 1.5 hours, children will have a wonderful Christmas class experience. They will get to watch Christmas movies, sing Christmas songs, eat fun snacks and talk to the class about the excitement of Christmas. This is a cosy and fun afternoon. Some of the children have requested to wear their pyjamas to school on this day. We have agreed that this is by choice and if your child would like to be cosy in their pyjamas they may wear them to school for the day. Alternatively, school uniform is to be worn. The cost for this event is **£2** per child. Please pay this to the class teacher.



## LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Our last day of school is **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**. Children can come in their own clothes and we will be having individual Christmas parties in their rooms. One treat to be brought. All pupils will be dismissed from their class exits at **12pm sharp**.

## BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club will finish on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021** and will commence on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022**.

## CAR PARKING

To ensure the safety of everyone (including pupils) parking at the front and back gates of school please remember/abide by the following rules -

1. Drive very slowly and carefully when entering and exiting Clare Glen and **do not** park in the cul-de-sac or across

residents' driveways in case of emergencies.

2. If parking at the front of school, please **do not** block the view of the lollypop lady or across the gates.
3. Do not block any entrance/exit routes at any time.
4. If you live close by walking is a healthy option instead of driving - **please join the Walking Bus!**

**DO NOT** park on the footpath as it obstructs the Patrol Lady.

**\*\*THE PSNI CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE PARKING ISSUE IN THE RESIDENTIAL AREA OF CLARE GLEN DUE TO THE DANGERS OF A BUILD UP OF CARS WHICH IMPEACH ON THE SAFETY OF PEDESTRIANS. THIS ISSUE HAS NOW GONE TO THE EDUCATION AUTHORITY AND THE SCHOOL WILL FOLLOW PSNI AND EDUCATION AUTHORITY GUIDANCE. WE WILL KEEP YOU UPDATED. \*\***

## IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>: Nursery Outdoor Open Day

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec: Bubbled Christmas Events (extended school day)

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec: Food & Fitness in P5 and P6

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec: P1 & P2 trip to post their Santa Letters

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christmas Dinner Day and Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec: P1 Open Day

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec: P7 trip to Ulster Museum

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec: Little Red Riding Hood Virtual Pantomime

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec: Disneyland in P1

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec: The Innspectors and P7 Christmas performances will be uploaded onto social media.

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec: Last Day of school - 12pm finish for all

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Jan: First day back to school

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> Jan: Applications for Nursery and P1 Open