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*“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your king is coming to you” Zech 9*

30th November 2016

Dear Parents,

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas.

Radio Cracker

Our school choir have once again been invited to perform on Radio Cracker. They will be performing live on air on **Thursday 8th December at 10.25 am.**

Cinema Trip

This year, our whole school cinema trip will take place on **Thursday 15th December** to Ballymena IMC cinema for a showing of the new Disney children's movie 'Moana'. The children will travel to the cinema by bus and will return for the usual lunch arrangements. The cost of the trip is £7 per child. This includes transport, the movie, popcorn, drink and small packet of sweets. Please send payment to your child's teacher no later than Wednesday 7th December.



Handbags of Hope and Rotary Club Hampers

Thanks for all your help and support with these charity collections to date; please send any handbag donations by this **Friday 2nd December** and any more grocery donations by **Friday 9th December**.

Presents for Staff



Each year, we as staff are overwhelmed by your generosity at Christmas time as you have sent cards and gifts into school. We really appreciate this and all the encouragement you provide. This year, if you were thinking about sending a gift to your child's teacher, why not do it in a slightly different way... as we really don't require gifts! We would like to be able to purchase an automatic defibrillator for our school, so that emergency treatment is available on the premises in the event of a medical crisis. Why not send a card with a small donation (and I really mean 'small'!) instead of a gift this year, and we'll put that all towards the purchase of one of these brilliant emergency devices.

Christmas Fair

As always, we appreciate as much help as we can get in order to run our Christmas fair smoothly. If you would be available to help for part of the evening on **9th December**, whether by manning a stall or activity or by helping to

clear up at the end of the evening, please do let me know by completing the very short form at <http://thediamondps.weebly.com/christmas-fair-volunteering.html> - or give me a call at school to let me know.

Thanks to those who have already sent in bottles and gifts!

Milk January 2017

The price of milk for next term will be £12.80. Payment is not necessary until week beginning 4th January 2017. Anyone wishing to **stop/start** milk please send a note to the office on or before Friday 9th December.

Tuesday 20th December (last day of term)

This will be a non-uniform day and school will close at 12 noon for all pupils. The school bus will pick pupils up at 12.15 pm.

Cullybackey Lights Switching-on

The Christmas lights are being switched on at 6.30pm this Friday evening at the old Church Hall at Cuningham Memorial Presbyterian. Our choir will be singing and there will be food and gifts for all the children and families who attend the event.

Carol Service Rehearsal Day – Monday 12th December

I want to let you know of arrangements for Monday 12th December, when we will be spending the whole day at 1st Ahoghill Presbyterian church in preparation for the carol service the following day.

Please do not bring children to The Diamond on 12th December.

- All children to be dropped off at 1st Ahoghill Presbyterian Church at usual school time (8.30am at the earliest, 9.00am at latest)
- **ALL** children should be collected at 3.00pm at 1st Ahoghill Church (including P1 and P2)
- Buses will operate as usual and will drop off at the church in the morning and collect again at about 3.10pm.
- All children should bring a break and packed lunch. A packed lunch will be provided for any child who receives free school meals.

Thank you for your co-operation. These arrangements allow us to avoid complicated bus schedules and the high costs associated.

Yours sincerely,



M Beattie