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Dear Parents,

Thank you for your support at our recent Harvest services. We had a great day together and the children did us all proud! On that day, parents donated a wonderful total of £414 which has been sent on to Ballymena Foodbank. Also, thank you for your generous response to our Smarties Tube fundraiser. So far, this has raised over £1000 for school funds and will be used to buy new resources for our children. Thank you so much!

Photographer



The School Photographer will visit the school next Thursday 24th November. All children will have an individual photograph taken and you will have the option to purchase. You may wish to have a family photograph taken on this day; if so, please ensure to send the form into school by this Friday 18th November. Your child will have received a paper letter and form about this.

Foodbank and Rotary Club Hampers

This Christmas time, we are supporting two fantastic charities as we aim to help the elderly and those in poverty in our area. There are two ways of supporting us – feel free to help in any way you wish.

- Foodbank 'Handbags of Hope' – If you have a handbag that isn't being used, why not donate it to Ballymena Foodbank with some toiletry products inside? This makes a lovely gift for a woman, but likewise if you have a washbag for a man, fill it with some men's toiletries as a great Christmas gift. It would be lovely if the bag included a Christmas card or similar message of hope for the recipient.
- Rotary Club Hampers – each year the Rotary Club organise food hampers for those in need. Although we often collect groceries for Foodbank, this is a nice opportunity to support another great cause, so any food donations will be gratefully received and passed on to the Rotary Club for Christmas distribution.



Contributions for either of the above can now be sent into school – there will be a collection point outside Mrs Scott/Mrs Houston's room.

Non-uniform day



We will have a non-uniform day in school **this Friday 18th November** in support of Radio Cracker. Please just send a small donation to school on Friday for this great cause. Children should just wear their normal, casual clothes; it's not a fancy dress day!

Christmas Fair – We need help!!

The Christmas Fair will take place on **Friday 9th December 7pm – 9pm**. There are a number of ways that you can help us in preparation for this;

- Silent Auction – perhaps you would be able to donate an item for a silent auction on the night? Or perhaps you know of a friend or business who might be willing to help?
- Home Baking – There will be a home baking stand in the hall, so we'd really appreciate if you'd be able to donate some items of home baking for us to sell at this stand.
- Bottle Stall – We'd really appreciate if children could bring a bottle of something to school (or a few!) – it can be anything; ketchup, shampoo, juice, motor oil, anything at all (just no alcohol please!)
- Unwanted gifts – if you have any unopened and unwanted gifts that are just taking up space in your house, please send them to school and we can raise a few pounds for school funds!



We really appreciate your help in preparing for the Christmas Fair each year, and we thank you in anticipation of your support. Please spread the word about the event!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M Beattie". The signature is fluid and cursive.

M Beattie (Principal)