

Weekly News

Thursday 23rd November, 2023

Dear Parents,

SEAG Test 2

The final test for our P7s takes place this **Saturday 25th November**. This group of children have shown such determination throughout the preparation process and we are so proud of them for all their hard work and effort. We wish them every blessing for Saturday.



School Clean Up Day

If you are free this **Saturday 25th November between 1pm and 4pm**, please come along to help clean up our school. Please bring along any yard brushes, shovels, dustpans and brushes, inside brushes, microfibre/window cleaning cloths. We would ask that children do not come along as all staff will be busy and there won't be supervision. Thank you for the offers of equipment so far. When you arrive, come to the school entrance and I will have a master list of jobs that need done.



Scripture Union Fundraiser

Scripture Union are an invaluable source of support for us in school. Scripture Union are hosting a *Coffee Morning* fundraising event this **Saturday 25th November** at First Ballymena Presbyterian Church from 10am to 12noon. This is to raise funds for the E3 Schools' Project Ballymena.

Christmas Card Competition

Thank you for all the entries for the Cranswick Christmas Card competition. All entries will be collected from school on **Monday 27th November** so please bring any further entries by Monday morning at the latest.



School Entrance

Now that the building work has finished, from this incoming Monday, we hope to revert back to all the children coming into the school building using the top door/ old 'Girls' Entrance'. Andy and I will be on hand to guide the children on Monday morning. Where possible, we would encourage the children to come into the main school building independently.

Strike Action

School will be open as normal on **Wednesday 29th November**. These decisions are not made lightly and whilst we fully support the need for investment in the education budget, our wonderful P4-7 choir will be travelling to Radio Cracker, Fairhill on this day for their big 'on air' performance and we don't want our children to miss out on this opportunity. The choir will also call at Creative Gardens to perform some festive pieces on their way back. The children have been practising so hard and they sound brilliant. Tune in at 10.10am!

School Photographer

Please remember to place all orders, either online or being returned to school, by **Thursday 30th November**. This will ensure photographs arrive in time for Christmas.



Open Day

Just a reminder of this important day for our school! We look forward to welcoming prospective P1 children and parents to our school next **Friday 1st December** at 1.30pm.

Email: lboyd533@c2kni.net Telephone: 02825880709

OPEN DAY
FRI | 1ST | DEC
1.30PM



All prospective P1 children and parents are warmly invited to visit our wonderful school.
You will have the opportunity to explore the classrooms, play with the children and meet our dedicated staff.

Address: 107 Dreen Road Website: www.thediamondps.weebly.com

Christmas Hamper Appeal 2023

We are hoping to support the Ballymena Rotary Club Hamper Appeal again this Christmas. Please bring any grocery items that you would like to donate to school by **Friday 1st December**. Some examples are listed below. Ensure the 'use by date' is beyond Christmas.

Teabags	Tinned Meats	Porridge	Tissues / Kitchen roll
Coffee	Tinned fruit	Cereal	Shampoo
Sugar	Tinned soup	Jelly	Toothbrushes
Pasta	Custard	Jam	Toothpaste
Pasta	Biscuits/sweets	Chocolates	Combs
Pot noodles	Luxuries eg. Mince pies	Deodorant	Brushes

Please find below our ever growing list of important dates for your diary

Sat 25 th Nov	P7 SEAG Test 2 School Clean Up Day
Tues 28 th Nov	Netball Tournament @ Seven Towers Leisure Centre
Wed 29 th Nov	Choir on Radio Cracker @10.10am and in Creative Gardens after
Thurs 30 th Nov	Fourtowns 7 a-side Football Tournament Final Day for Photograph orders
Fri 1 st Dec	Open Day @ 1.30pm Final day for bringing items for the Hamper Appeal
Sat 2 nd Dec	Choir perform at 'Jingle All The Way' in Ballymena
Mon 11 th Dec	Christmas Practice Day @ 1 st Ahoghill Church
Tues 12 th Dec	Christmas Celebration @ 1 st Ahoghill Church 7pm
Fri 15 th Dec	Pupil Christmas Dinner
Wed 20 th Dec	Final Day of Term - early finish

Please see the fliers below for key information about the Open Events for Ladybirds Pre-School and Gracehill and Galgorm Pre-School.



Traffic and Congestion



Just a reminder that double parking at school is not permitted at drop off and pick up times unless there are circumstances agreed by school. Keeping our children safe is of utmost importance and double parking means the children are getting in and out of cars too close to the traffic travelling on the other side of the road.

We also have classroom assistants who finish at 2pm and 3pm and so if they can pull away, this will in fact create spaces closer to the school gate as opposed to being blocked in.

I appreciate your patience and understanding in this matter and please pass this information onto any family members or friends who are involved in drop off and pick up arrangements for your child.

Thank you!

Yours sincerely,

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(Principal)

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