

February (1) 2025

Dear parent,

I'm sure most of us are glad to see the end of January. As we enter February, the weather remains cold. Please send a warm coat with your child daily.

PLEASE HELP

Whilst we were very fortunate not to have any major damage done during the storm, the metal outdoor play container was destroyed. Anyone willing to take apart the play container is more than welcome to take it for scrap. We have a skip coming to school next week, as there is a lot of 'rubbish' to dispose of. We intend to clear out the shipping container to make way for storage of our outdoor play equipment. To that end we would really appreciate your help to fill the skip on Monday 10th February. That is a School Development Day and permanent staff will be in school training. If you could give the caretaker a hand to move the unwanted items into the skip, it would be much appreciated. As they say – many hands make light work! There is a cuppa and a bun in it for you, as well as our thanks! If you are able to help, please ring the school to put down your name.

On another note, our school postbox is out of action. A key has broken in the lock. If you think you might be able to get it out for us, please call at the office.

PARENT CONSULTATION DATES

Your child will have information home with them today regarding your parent consultation day and time slot?

PTA NEWS

You should have received the minutes of the last PTA meeting with this newsletter. School is hugely grateful that current funds are buying us a new interactive panel for the P3/4 classroom and a PA system which we can use at all school events.

The PTA is organising a bag pack in ASDA, Antrim on Saturday 1st March from 10.00am to 3.00pm. A couple of children in uniform, will be with an adult at the entrance of the store with collecting buckets. The other adults will be at the tills packing. We need all the help we can get, with slots available for 1.5 or 2 hours, depending on how many parents are interested. This venture can raise a lot of much needed money for school funds. If you can spare some time to help, please contact Amy Hanna on 07445546564 or email hannaamy92@gmail.com

SCHOOL BOOK FAIR

Thank you once again for your support at the Book Fair. We had a total of £375.81 of sales which gave school commission of £93.95 to buy new reading material for the classes.

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P6 SEAG TRANSFER TEST INFORMATION SESSION

Mrs Winters will be holding a SEAG information session for P6 parents on Thursday 27th February at 3.00pm. This session will be in the assembly hall and all P6 parents are welcome to attend. If you are unable to attend, please ring the office and the information distributed at that meeting will be sent home.

Any P7 parent who wishes to discuss their child's SEAG result, before they submit their application on the Post Primary Admissions Portal, should ring school to arrange to speak to Mrs Winters. The portal will be open until 20th February.

FOOTBALL OPPORTUNITY

Johnny McClurg, Boy's Academy Director of Ballyclare Comrades FC is looking for players born in 2019 for the 2019 team. Call Andrew on 07706600724 if you are interested.

WORRY WORKSHOP

Parentline NI are holding an online workshop on Tuesday 18th February from 1.00am to 11.30am, addressing why our children worry and how we can support them. Book now on 0808 8020 400.

SEND PARENT LETTER

You will find attached a letter from EA explaining developments in provision for our pupils with Special Educational Needs. It contains links to a short video explaining developments.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Playsport will commence on 19 February. There are 6 sessions from 19 February to 26 March.

Please note, on Wednesday 26 February, as school closes at 1pm for Parent Consultations, P1 – P7 Playsport will take place at 1.00pm – 2.00pm.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

07.02.25	School closes at 2pm for all pupils – mid-term break <i>School closed 10.02.24 – 14.02.24.</i>
10.02.25	Big Skip Tidy Up / School Development Day
19.02.25	Playsport Session 1
20.02.25	Post Primary Admission Portal closes.
26.02.25	Parent Consultations – school closes at 1.00pm (Playsport 1.00pm - 2.00pm)
26.02.25	Playsport Session 2 (1.00pm – 2.00pm)
27.02.25	Parent Consultations – school closes at 1.00pm for ALL pupils
27.02.25	P6 Parents SEAG Information Session at 3.00pm

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01.03.25 PTA ASDA Bag Pack
05.03.25 Playsport Session 3
06.03.25 World Book Day
11.03.03 School closes at 2.00pm for all pupils for Staff Development
17.03.25 School closed to pupils for St. Patrick's Day (School Development Day)

Mrs D Winters
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