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 January 2022

Dear Parents

A very warm welcome back after the Christmas holidays. We wish you a very happy, healthy and prosperous 2022. We hope you all enjoyed your break, seeing family and friends. We look forward to a very busy and productive Spring term, hopefully there will be no COVID disruptions.

**Christmas Ballot Tickets**

A wonderful amount of £1,230 was raised from our Christmas ballot tickets/Nativity Play/100 Square. A massive thank you to everyone who bought and sold tickets and who brought in items for the ballot. A special mention to Caroline, Bernice and Dorothy Jayne who collected prizes from the local shops and businesses, and to anyone who helped in any way to making this fundraiser such a success. ***Your support is greatly appreciated.***

**Christmas Jumper Day**

Our Christmas Jumper Day was also a great success having raised £185. This will be shared between Save the Children and Ards Peninsula First Responders. Thank you again for all your generosity and support.



**Swimming P6/P7**

We are delighted to inform you that swimming for our above classes will commence this Friday 7th January at a cost of £6 which should be paid to the class teacher on or before Thursday of each week. We have booked a hall for football so your child will need to come into school in their PE kit and trainers as well as bringing their swimming kit.

 **School Closure**

### Just a reminder that school will be closed on Monday 31st January to facilitate staff development.



**Parent/Teacher Interviews**

### If you require an optional parent/teacher meeting for your child in this term, please contact the individual teacher or office by Monday 24th January. These will take place after the half term.

**School Counsellor**

Please use the link below if anyone would like their child to avail of the School Counselling service. You simply complete the referral and, once submitted, the Counsellor will be able to process it and get back to you. <https://imagineif.org.uk/primary-schools>

### Period Dignity

### We are part of the Period Dignity Scheme and have products available in school. Please contact me at nallen400@c2kni.net or by telephone about any concerns or questions you may have.

### After School Clubs

### After School Clubs commence the week beginning 10th January. Irish Dancing Tuesday -11th January (P1-P3) and Football - Wednesday 12th January (P4-P7).

### Winter Wellbeing Hub

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### Mondays P1-P3 (2 pm – 4 pm)

### Fridays P4-P7 (2 pm - 4pm)

### Cost will be £2 per half term. The children will have a snack/toast, pancakes etc, have a chat with their friends/do their homework/play board games/use computer.

### P1 Portal https://encrypted-tbn0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcTvkEegxGqf2qCKcVmEXcBVyM28R3nrFgdJWE7AspYJ-ESt4eQ7Iy62f9Wwqzs&s

Just a reminder that on Monday 10th January 12 pm, the P1 Admissions Portal opens at <https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions>.

### Accelerated Reading (P2-P7) https://encrypted-tbn0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcRLYsxbBlGnsq3cfFRs4aYm8sM4BPUcMRTgecev3PMPao1n5-bIQItp9iADDEk&s

### Please make sure your child is reading their AR book every night as this is part of their daily homework. We have lots of great prizes for the children who achieve their individual targets this term.

###  https://encrypted-tbn0.gstatic.com/images?q=tbn:ANd9GcS5ZsIhhKQqHRxTicWDBkPkd0MDAhW53ngOfzBr75v1cn0kTOidF9G_Fptjbg&s Mathletics

### Each child from P1-P7 has a log-in for Mathletics. Please us this valuable resource at home to connect mathematics with ICT.

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### Rights Respecting Schools

### We will be continuing our work on becoming a Unicef Rights Respecting School this term.

### Yours faithfully

Nicola Allen

MRS NICOLA ALLEN

PRINCIPAL

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Monday 10th January – P1 Admissions Portal opens at <https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions>

Monday 17th January – Library Visit P4/P5 – 12 noon, P6/P7 - 2 pm

Sunday 23rd January 2022 – First Confession Enrolment Mass 11 am – St Patrick’s Church, Ballyphilip

Wednesday 26th January – Bee Safe 2 – 3 pm

Friday 28th January – P1 Admissions Portal closes at <https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions>

Monday 31st January – School Development Day – School Closed

Tuesday 1st February – Peace Proms Rehearsals via zoom

Tuesday 8th February – Internet Safety Day

Monday 14th February – Friday 18th February 2022 – Half Term Holidays

Sunday 27th February – P7 Confirmation Service of Light Mass 11 am – St Patrick’s Church, Ballyphilip

Thursday 3rd March – World Book Day

Sunday 6th March – Peace Proms in SSE Arena

Monday 7th March – Coastguard Visit

Tuesday 8th March – Beyond Skin - P6/P7 9.30 am – 12.30 pm

Wednesday 9th March – Dogs Trust 9.30 – 12 pm (P1 – P7)

Thursday 10th March – Debutots 11 am – 1 pm (P1 – P3)

Thursday 17th March – St Patrick’s Day – School Closed

Friday 25th March – First Confession – Oratory 10.45 am

Friday 1st April – Confirmation 1 pm – St Patrick’s Church, Ballyphilip

Monday 4th April 2022 – School Photographer

Thursday 7th April – Love for Life – What’s Inside 9.30 am – 12.30 pm (P6/P7)

Friday 8th April – Close at 12 noon for Easter Holidays

Monday 11th April – Friday 22nd April 2022 – Easter Holidays

Monday 2nd May – Bank Holiday – School Closed

Wednesday 11th May – Portavogie Tournament

Thursday 2nd June & Friday 3rd June – Queen’s Platinum Jubilee – School Closed

Thursday 30th June – School closes for summer holidays