

### End of Term Arrangements

There will be **no school uniform** for pupils on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. A reminder that school finishes at 12 noon on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2012 and that there will be no school dinners.

### Start of New Term

Ballyoran Primary School will re-open for pupils on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2013**.

### Diary Dates for January 2013

7 <sup>th</sup>	Term 2 begins
9 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 2 Young Enterprise
11 <sup>th</sup>	Yrs 6 and 7 Swimming begins
	Closing date for Nursery and Yr 1 Applications – 12 noon
14 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 1 Trip to Asda
16 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 2 Young Enterprise
17 <sup>th</sup>	LSC Dental Screening
21 <sup>st</sup>	New Milk Scheme for Yrs 3 – 7 begins
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Yr 2 Young Enterprise
30 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 2 Young Enterprise Pupil Council Meeting

### Congratulations

We wish Miss Daly well for her wedding during the Christmas holidays. She will return to school in January as Mrs McGuire.

### Christmas Card Competition Winners

Class	Winner	Runner Up
Yr 1M	Jessica Todd	Steven Millar
Yr 1B	Mollie Cullen	Oliwia Rybak
Yr 2	Niamh Larkin	Julia Pawelczyk
Yr 3	Aodhan O'Connor	Kaya Kaplan
Yr 4	Abhiram Reji	Grace O'Connor
Yr 5	Courtney Sharpe	Danica Hall
Yr 6	Mia McKee	Helena Santos
Yr 7	Marina Duraes	Wiktoria Kania
LSC	Magda Lazicka	William Shortland

Overall Winner: Mia McKee

Card chosen for SELB Competition: Marina Duraes

### Advance Notice – School Closure

School will now be closed for pupils for an extra day at Half-Term in February due to Staff Training. The Half-Term holiday will now be Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2013 inclusive.

### Pupils Enjoy Christmas Show

West Midland Theatre paid their annual visit to the school on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2012. Pupils very much enjoyed this year's performance of 'The King of Copenhagen'.

### Christmas Panto – Sleeping Beauty

Forty five pupils from Year 4 – 7 and LSC thoroughly enjoyed the lively and sparkling pantomime 'Sleeping Beauty' at the Market Place Theatre in Armagh. The colourful costumes, memorable characters, music, dance and, of course, our participation made this pantomime a wonderful experience.

### **Ambulance Visit to Year 2**

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December Year 2 had a visit from a Paramedic who came to talk to us about his job. We got to see what a Paramedic does in an emergency and how to help someone when they have hurt themselves. We also got to see inside the Ambulance which was great fun!

### **PTA Christmas Fair - A Great Success**

Our PTA Christmas Fair on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2012 was a great success. This event was very well supported by pupils, parents and friends of the school and I would like to thank everyone for helping to make this a success. So many people commented on the atmosphere at the Fair. A total of £960 was raised. A big thank you to PTA Members, in particular Mrs Catherine Dunbar, Chairperson, for her tireless efforts in preparing for the Fair.

### **Santa's Little Helpers Workshop**

Ten of our Nursery pupils and their parents enjoyed a Christmas Workshop at the Hart Memorial Primary School on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2012. This was a jointed Extended Schools' activity between Hart Nursery and ourselves.

### **Window Art**

Mrs Barkley and eight pupils went to St John's Pastoral Centre on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2012. They painted Christmas pictures on four of the windows. The Year 4 to Year 7 pupils were selected because they had won prizes in the School Christmas Card competition. They did excellent Art work and enjoyed refreshments supplied by the Church.

### **Years 1 – 3 Trip to Lisburn Linen Centre**

Year 1, 2 and 3 children enjoyed a trip to Lisburn Linen Centre on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December. They had an opportunity to make Christmas crafts and the highlight of the day was a visit to see Santa in his grotto and receive a present.

### **Busy Christmas for Choir and Instrumental Ensemble**

Christmas has once again been a very busy time for our Choir and Recorder Group who have had four engagements outside school at Lisnisky Care Home, Asda, Tesco Craigavon and Tesco at the Meadows Shopping Centre: this on top of performing at our own '*Christmas Celebration*'. The comments from all of these events have been very favourable. Well done to all our Choir members and Instrumentalists who have, once again, been great ambassadors for the school and a big thank you to Mrs McCreesh-West for all her hard work in preparing our musicians for this busy Christmas programme.

### **Netball Tournament**

On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December the Netball team took part in a Netball Tournament held in Craigavon Leisure Centre. Six schools from the area attended and the girls played matches against the other schools throughout the day. Our team won 3 out of 5 matches and came 3<sup>rd</sup> overall which is an excellent achievement. They all played really well and enjoyed the tournament.

### **Christmas Dinner**

Our pupils enjoyed a really tasty Christmas dinner in school on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2012 and the Staff had theirs the following day. A big thank you to Mrs Donna Campbell and her team in the kitchen for providing this.

### **Christmas Treat**

On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2012 all of the pupils had a musical treat with a visit from members of the South Ulster Community Band, including Mr Hendron playing the Tuba. The band played a number of popular Christmas songs and the pupils joined in enthusiastically by either singing or playing a percussion instrument. Some pupils were even allowed to conduct the band!

### **Christmas Celebration**

Thank you to all parents and friends who attended our Christmas Celebration on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2012. The Assembly Hall was well filled and everyone was treated to a celebration of

Christmas through music, readings and drama. Every pupil from Nursery to Yr 7 was included and they are to be commended for their efforts. Afterwards parents and friends were invited to stay and join staff for refreshments.

### **Nursery and Year 1 Admissions**

A reminder that application forms are available from the office. The closing date for all applications is 12 noon on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2013.

Please remember a Birth Certificate is required for all applications.

### **Year 7 Transfer to Post Primary School**

The month of January is very important for our Yr 7 pupils as they and their parents make decisions on which Secondary School to transfer to in September 2013. As part of this process, secondary schools visit our Yr 7 pupils and give presentations on their schools. This begins on the second day back – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2013 with a talk by Lismore Comprehensive. Secondary schools will also be having Open Days/Nights in January/February.

### **Coats**

Thank you to all parents for ensuring that your children are in school every day with a coat. Please ensure this continues throughout the winter. It is also important that your child's name is on all clothing.

### **Menu for January 2012**

See separate page

### **Thanks and Happy Christmas**

A big thank you to all my Staff for all their hard work during this very busy term.

Thank you also to parents for your continued support and co-operation and to the pupils for making this such an enjoyable term.

A Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year to the entire School Community.

R Woolsey  
Principal

## Menu for January

	<b>Week commencing: 07.01.13</b>	<b>Week commencing: 14.01.13</b>	<b>Week commencing: 21.01.13</b>	<b>Week commencing:28.01.13</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Spaghetti Bolognese or Homemade Ham and Cheese Pizza, Chips or Mashed Potato, Side Salad, Coleslaw  Fruit and Ice Cream	Homemade Vegetable or Chicken Soup. Hot Dogs or Tuna Baguette, Salad, Coleslaw  Frozen Mousse and Piece of Fruit	Chicken Crumble or Fish Fingers. Chips or Mashed Potato, Salad, Coleslaw, Peas  Milkshake and Flakemeal Biscuit	Chicken Nuggets or Chicken Wraps, Sweetcorn, Salad, Coleslaw, Chips Or Mashed Potato  Ice Cream Wafer and Fruit
<b>Tuesday</b>	Homemade Vegetable Or Chicken Soup Hot Dog or Chicken Baguette  Flakemeal Biscuit and Fruit	Homemade Pizza or Chicken/Tuna Wraps, Sweetcorn, Salad, Chips or Mashed Potato  Ice Cream, Pears and Chocolate Sauce	Savoury Mince or Bacon and Cheese Pasta Bake, Sweetcorn, Mashed Potato and Gravy  Date Fudge Square and Custard	Savoury Mince or Bacon, Stuffing, Peas, Turnip, Mashed Potato, Gravy  Rice Krispie Square and Custard
<b>Wednesday</b>	Chicken Curry and Rice or Chicken Crumble, Broccoli, Peas, Mashed Potato, Naan Bread  Rice Krispie Square and Fruit	Lasagne or Fish Fingers, Peas, Herb Dice Potato, Mashed Potato, Salad  Flakemeal Biscuit and Custard	Sausages or Chicken Curry and Rice, Beans, Mixed Vegetables, Mashed Potato  Flakemeal Biscuit and Custard	Spaghetti Bolognese or Steak Burger with Onion Gravy, Mashed Potato, Mixed Vegetables  Shortbread and Custard
<b>Thursday</b>	Roast Beef or Shepherd's Pie, Turnip, Carrots, Mashed Potato, and Gravy  Chocolate Sponge and Custard	Roast Pork, Apple Sauce, Stuffing, Broccoli, Carrots, Mashed Potato, Gravy  Marble Sponge and Custard	Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Carrots, Mashed Potato, Gravy  Pineapple Sponge and Custard	Boiled Gammon, Pineapple, Stuffing, Cabbage, Gravy, Mashed Potato, Gravy  Muffin Cake and Custard
<b>Friday</b>	Fish Fingers or Chicken Casserole, Peas, Sweetcorn, Chips or Mashed Potato, Gravy  Rice Pudding and Fruit	Steak Burger or Chicken Curry and Rice, Naan Bread, Mixed Vegetables, Mashed Potato, Gravy  Cornflake Crunch and Custard	Bacon Slice or Homemade Pizza, Chips, Mashed Potato, Salad, Coleslaw  Chocolate and Pear Muffin Cake and Custard	Fish Fingers or Chicken Pasta Bake, Beans, Peas, Salad, Mashed Potato  Flakemeal Biscuit and Fruit

**Milk, Water, Bread, Fruit and Yoghurt available daily**

**Menu subject to deliveries**