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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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January Pupil of the Week Stars

Years 1 & 2: Conan Hall, Sophie Ferguson, Hannah Hill

Years 3 & 4: Alex Steele, Hollie Patton, Hope Robinson

Years 5 & 6: Nathan Webb, Mackenzie Graham, Poppy Swan

Years 6 & 7: Jasmine Shields, Teddy Law, Jorja Dempster

Well done, everyone!



Monthly Award

During January our monthly value was to **Be Honest**. Well done to everyone who received monthly awards.

☺ Ryan Mitchell (P1)

☺ Darcy Johnston (P2)

☺ Lucy Webb (P3)

☺ Olivia Fulton (P4)

☺ Nathan Webb (P5)

☺ Oliver Whittleby (P6)

☺ Katie Lloyd (P7)



Our honey pot winners were: Naomi Charles, Naomi Barnes and Olivia Fulton

Monthly Award for February: Be Helpful!

Congratulations to the Red House!



The Red House earned the most points over our first term. Children earn points for displaying good manners, showing fantastic behaviour and working very hard. They chose to have a Bouncy Castle in school as their treat and we had such a lot of fun last Friday afternoon.

Who will win next term????

PTA events & more.....

The PTA are raising money to buy new PE mats and PE equipment and a new reading scheme for school.

To help towards these goals we are having a Valentine's Disco on Thursday 8th February from 6:30 – 7:30pm. Admission is £2. A tuck shop will be available.

Each child is also going to receive a Smartie tube very soon to fill with 20p's. Once returned they will get another tube of Smarties to eat. Please have all tubes returned before the Easter Holidays.

PTA are also planning some special coffee mornings – more details will follow.

We plan to have Sports Day and Family Fun day on Friday 1st June, 2018. This will be instead of our summer fair. More details will follow.

If you are shopping online, please remember to use easyfundraising.org. This means that we would earn a percentage of your purchase to put to school funds. Happy shopping!

Thank you in advance for your support and thank you to the PTA for the hard work they put in to raising money for the school.

Parental Interviews

Parental interviews for P1 – P6 will take place on Monday 5, Tuesday 6, Wednesday 7 and Thursday 8 February. School will finish for all pupils at 1:55pm to allow time for interviews to take place. These interviews will provide you with information regarding your child's progress and give you the opportunity to share any concerns you may have.

Cash for Clobber

Please remember that we are collecting unwanted clothes, shoes (pairs only), handbags, hats, scarves, bed linen and curtains for recycling. Pillows and duvets cannot be recycled for hygiene reasons, but duvet covers and pillow cases can be re-used. Our school will then be paid guaranteed premium rates and a cheque will be issued to us after every collection.

Last term we received a cheque for £49.50 😊

Parking

Thank you for your support in being mindful of the residents who live close to school when you are dropping off or collecting your child. This ensures that everyone is safe.

For your information

Ballyclare High School are having an information evening for parents of P7 pupils on Monday 29th January 2018 from 6:30 – 7:00pm.

Belfast Royal Academy are having an open afternoon for P7 pupils on Friday 2nd February at 2:00pm.

I have attached a copy of our updated **Positive Behaviour Policy** for your information. This is also available on the school website.

Ballyclare Colts Football Club Development Centre invite everyone for the following age groups every Saturday morning:

- Born 2012 – 2010 9am - 10am
- Born 2009 – 2008 10am – 11am
- Venue – The Soccershed, Ballyclare

Music Lessons

Our ukulele and guitar teacher has a few spaces – If anyone is interested please contact the school office.

Dinners

The current dinner menu (up until 9th February) is on the school website. This is updated for each new term. Please click on the Parent's Place to download the menu. Copies can also be obtained from the school office. Dinners cost £2.60.

Nut Free Zone

As we have some children in school who are allergic to nuts, please ensure that no nuts/nut spreads are sent into school for break/lunch. Thank you!

Dogs

Please remember that for Health and Safety reasons there should be **no dogs in the playground.**

Text messaging Service

We are starting a text alert service in order that we can inform you quickly if/when necessary. We therefore need one contact number per family to receive texts from school.

Please return the slip attached as possible so that we can register you on our texting system.

Thank you!

*Please remember that our **Parent Suggestion Box** is located outside the Secretary's office. If you have any ideas you would like us to consider please pop a note into this or have a chat with a member of staff. If you require any information or clarification on any issue, please feel free to contact me. L Brown*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January 2018	
Sat 27	AQE results
Mon 29	P7 transfer interviews this week
February	
Fri 2	NSPCC in school with Speak Out, Be safe campaign
Mon 5	School finishes at 1:55pm all week due to Parental Interviews. No after school clubs
Thur 8	PTA Valentine's Disco – 6:30 to 7:30pm
Fri 9	School closes at 1:55pm for Mid Term Non Uniform £1 (for NSPCC)
Mon 12 – Fri 16	Mid Term Break
Mon 19	School resumes. After School Clubs commence again
Thur 22	Celebration Assembly – Be Helpful
March	
Tue 13	PTA Coffee Morning
Tue 13	PTA Meeting 7pm
Thur 15	After School Clubs end until after Easter
Wed 21 - 23	P6 and P7 trip to East Coast Adventure
Thur 22	Celebration Assembly – Be well-mannered
Wed 28	School finishes at 12:05pm for Easter £1 non – uniform School resumes Tuesday 10 th April
April	
Tue 10	PTA Charity Coffee Morning and Children's Bun Sale: Get baking!! Money raised will go to Youth For Christ who support our school in many different ways ☺
Fri 13	PTA Pub Quiz in McConnell's bar



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School Development Plan

January 2018

As you are aware, this year we are focusing on the following areas of the curriculum. Recently the co-ordinators met with the Board of Governors to discuss progress to date and future plans.

Literacy

Spelling: We have introduced Jolly Phonics and Grammar into all year groups with pleasing results to date. We will continue to monitor this new scheme to ensure it best meets the needs of our children.

Writing: All children have completed their first writing record which you will have the opportunity to see at upcoming parental interviews. The children reviewed their showcase piece of writing alongside their teacher and set new targets in order to continue to improve. Staff are now working on redeveloping our whole school writing framework.

Reading: We hope to explore a range of reading schemes and materials in depth this term, with a view to creating a 'wish list' of new resources to ensure that we are catering for everyone in school.

Numeracy

UICT: Each classroom now has 2 iPads and the children are using these actively on a regular basis. We hope to continue to extend their use this incoming term once Apple TV is installed.

Maths Buddies: We have started a maths booster group to help with the trickier aspects of Maths. We still hope to develop our 'buddy system' which will include older children working with younger children.

Mental Maths Activities: We are planning for appropriate 'Maths starters' to develop important 'quick recall' skills on a weekly basis.

UICT

Online Safety: During Anti-Bullying week in November the children all completed lessons and activities related to online safety. We are planning to extend this learning in February linking to Safer Internet Day. Mrs Hill recently attended a course in this area and intends to deepen our thinking in this important area even further.

Use of iPads: We are currently waiting for the installation of Apple TV which will help us to use iPads as an effective learning tool.

SeeSaw: This has been a great success as a communication tool. Feedback from parents and staff has been very positive.

Assessment: The UICT levelled portfolio will be submitted during this term.

As you can see, we have been very busy!! Thank you to all our co-ordinators for all their hard work to date.