



# Doagh Primary School

## December 2024 News



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*It has been a very busy month and the children have all been enjoying some Christmas celebrations (along with a lot of Christmas cheer!) We just want to say thank **you** to all our families and friends for all your support during this amazing first term!*

*Dressed in Christmas headgear, we supported the Daily Mile Santa Run by taking a walk through Doagh Village. Children and staff enjoyed walking, talking and singing along the way. Local residents certainly enjoyed our Christmas cheer! What an excellent way to exercise and stay healthy!*

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Christmas Dinner Day! Delicious!



December Pupil of the Week Stars

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**Congratulations**  
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P1/2: Aaron

P2/3: Ivy

P4/5: Ru

P6: Ruby

P7: Holly

**Congratulations to you all! The rest will be announced at our next Assembly!**

**Be Attentive** was our focus for the month of December. Winners will be announced at our Assembly this week

We await to find out who is the winning house team this term. Their chosen prize is a Bouncy Castle which will be organised early in the new term. I wonder who will win.....

**January's focus is to Be Honest!**

Staying Safe....



**Our Safeguarding Team are always here to help. Designated teacher for Child Protection: Mrs Brown Deputy Designated teacher: Miss Bell Chair of Governors: Mrs J Henderson Designated Governor: Mrs J Hewitt**

Remember you can contact Social Services Gateway Team on 0300 1234 333 if you are concerned about anyone in our school. Our Complaints Policy is available on the school website and a copy is available from the school office upon request.

The Safeguarding Board for Northern Ireland have created an excellent new hub which contains lots of information for children and adults alike. Please check it out!

Online Safety Hub<sup>3</sup>



Have you signed up yet? By using this app you can access useful advice, tips and hints to help keep everyone safe online. You can also access our school website to help keep track of dates and school events! Contact your child's teacher if you are unsure how to access this.

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<sup>3</sup><https://onlinesafetyhub.safeguardingni.org/>



The PTA have had such a busy term and I really must thank them all for their hard work. With chairperson Ruth Whittlely at the forefront, they are an amazing bunch of people who support our school in so many ways.

Our fabulous Christmas fair took place last week. What an amazing community atmosphere! Thank you to everyone who supported our fair in so many ways.

As you are aware, all money raised is going towards our Reading target (extra teaching and resources) and our general school running costs. The PTA is also paying the bus for our trip to the pantomime, in order to keep costs to a minimum for our families!

The PTA is always looking for new members. If you are interested in joining, please let us know.



Our Christmas Carol Services will take place in St Bride's Parish Church on Tuesday 17th December 2024. P1 - 3 performance is at 9:30am. Children need to be at the church hall for 9am and may go home immediately after the service. P4 - 7 Carol Service is at 7:00pm. Children need to be at the church hall for 6:30pm.

There will be a charity collection for Autism NI at both services.

**P4 - 7 children will finish at 1:55pm on Tuesday 17th December. There is NO Jolly Bees on this day.**

Children may bring in Christmas cards for their friends as usual this year. Please note:

- Each class will have their own Post Box located outside their classroom door. Children will not be able to hand deliver any cards, they must go into the relevant post box. These will be open from Monday 2nd December.
- Please ensure that all cards are in by Wednesday 18th December. Any cards brought in after this date will not be given out. Please ensure that all envelopes have a **full name and class** - We want to make sure everyone gets their Christmas post!

**Our whole school trip to the Pantomime is on Thursday 12th December. Your child may bring a treat snack to enjoy at the interval.**



For your information



- I am not hoping for snow but in the event that we have a very heavy snowfall, please keep an eye on the school website/text messages to inform you if we have to close early.
- Ballyclare Secondary School's Open Night is on Monday 6th January 2025.
- Ballyclare High School's Open Night is on Thursday 9th January 2025 6:15pm - 9:00pm.
- Our latest 3 year school development plan is now available. Please contact the school office if you would like to see a copy.

- You should have received a printed copy of Term 2s dates by now. Please contact the school office if you need a copy. These are also all posted on our school website's calendar.



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*We are all looking forward to a well-deserved break over Christmas. Please do not contact the teachers via SeeSaw during the holidays. You can contact me via email in case of an emergency.*

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*Thank you for your understanding.*

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Dates for your diary!



### January 2025

- Fri 3- First day back. No Jolly Bees/Breakfast club
- Mon 6 - Breakfast Club and Jolly Bees re-commence
- Tue 7- P2/3 Movement Matters (last one)

**P1 admissions application open on 10/1/25 and close on 24/1/25 (12noon).** Please contact the school office for assistance.

- Mon 13- After School Clubs start for Term 2. See website and sign-up sheets for further details. These clubs will run until Thursday 27th March
- Mon 13 - Class test week (feedback given at parental interviews)
- Sat 25 - SEAG results
- Mon 27 -Fri 31 School closes at 1:55pm for P1 - P6 parental interviews. (Further details will follow) No after schools clubs. Jolly Bees is available
- Tue 28 - Yr 8 admissions portal opens at 12 noon

- Thur 30- Celebration Assembly: Be Honest. We'd love to see any awards/trophies your child would like to share with us
- Fri 31 - Book buddies 1pm

### **February 2025**

- Mon 3: NO after schools clubs this week. Jolly Bees is available
- Wed 5 - Fri 7 - P6/7 trip to Woodhall
- Fri 7 - School closes at 1:55pm for half term. No Jolly Bees. Non-Uniform £1 for school funds
- Mon 10 - Fri 16 - School closed
- Mon 17 - School re-opens. Jolly Bees and Early Risers' Breakfast club re-commence. After schools clubs re-commence
- Tue 18 - Safer Internet day - lessons/workshops in school
- Thur 20 - Yr 8 admission portal closes
- Thur 27 - Celebration Assembly: Be Helpful. We'd love to see any awards/trophies your child would like to share with us
- Fri 28- Book Buddies



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*The children, staff and Governors wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!  
Please enjoy time with your families and look after each other.*

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Please don't hesitate to contact the school office at any time. We are here to help and welcome any suggestions/ideas you may have!