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Monday 27th November 2023

**December Fun in Ballylifford PS**

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Local Playgroup Visits**

We are looking forward to welcoming our local Ballinderry Playgroup children and staff to Ballylifford Primary School on Friday 1st December at 9:30am. The boys and girls will get the opportunity to enjoy various Christmas activities, meet Santa and listen to our P.3/4 Advent assembly. Ballyronan Playgroup children and staff will then visit on Tuesday 19th December to enjoy fun Christmas activities.

**Daily Mile Santa Run**

On Friday 1st December, Santa will visit school to complete the Daily Mile Santa Run with all classes and deliver a Christmas treat. All children can wear their Christmas jumpers and Santa hats/boppers.

**Christmas Panto Trip**

On **Wednesday 6th December**, all staff and children will travel to the Market Place Theatre in Armagh for our Christmas Panto ‘Aladdin’. We will be leaving school at 11:30/11:45am and will return at approximately 4pm. All children must wear full school uniform for the trip and bring a small snack. Brunch will be served at 10:30am in school before travelling to the Panto.

**Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day**

School Christmas dinner is on **Friday 8th December**. The children can wear their Christmas jumpers, t-shirts, Santa hats. All children will also be attending mass at 10am for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Please note that there is an **early school closure for all pupils at 1:00pm.** (No bus will be provided)

**Open Night and P.7 Christmas Assembly ‘When Christmas comes to town’**

We will be having our Open Night in school for all prospective Primary 1 Admissions in September 2024 on Monday 11th December from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Our P.7 pupils will be performing a short Christmas Assembly at our Open Night and **P.7 Parents/Carers/Family** are welcome to attend. The Christmas Assembly will start at 6:30pm and P.7 parents/carers can then enjoy a cup of tea in the hall along with our new P.1 parents. New P.1 Parents will then have the opportunity to visit the P.1/2 classroom.

**Carol Service**

Our annual **Carol Service** will take place on **Wednesday 13th December at 7:00pm** in St. Patrick’s Church. There will be refreshments provided in school afterwards and everyone is welcome.

**Christmas Raffle**

Our Christmas Raffle will take place on **Wednesday 20th December**. More information in separate letter.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Fiona Conway

Principal