**Ballymoney National School,**

**Ballineen,**

**Co. Cork.**

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**15th December 2021**

**Dear Parents,**

**Debating Competition**

Our debating team delivered their speeches extremely well in their quarter final against Ardfield National School but they were defeated. Reaching the quarter finals was a great achievement for the speakers and it has been wonderful to watch them grow in confidence with each round. 5th class were all involved with researching the topics and they have learnt a lot about presenting and supporting their opinions.

**Nativity Play**

The pupils have been given parts and we will act out the nativity play in the playground on Thursday. Unfortunately we are not allowed to invite parents to come and watch it. They are acting it out for fun and to familiarize themselves with the story.

**Advent Videos**

Thank you for recording the pupils' Advent videos. They are really enjoying watching them. Each video has been unique and enjoyable to watch.

**Fairy Doors**

The pupils have now finished their fairy doors and they are ready to be mounted on the roadway. We are looking for a volunteer to help us to hang them up, let us know if you can help us. Ideally we would like the fairy trail to be in place before Christmas.

**Reindeer run**

The whole school will have a reindeer run on Friday 17th December. This is a fun 1km run. The pupils are asked to wear Christmas hats or some tinsel if they have them.

**Buttimer Bake Off**

The Buttimer Bake Off is one of the highlights of the year for the pupils. Our former chairperson, Jean Buttimer, used to give the pupils a treat after the nativity play every year. She funded the ingredients. The O'Halloran family have generously offered to sponsor the bake off this year. It will take place on Tuesday 21st December. The children will be given a list of utensils to bring into school so that we can reduce the amount of sharing required.

**Raffle Tickets**

Please let us know if you would like another sheet of raffle tickets to sell. It is really important that all raffle sheets are returned to the school by Monday 20th December. Even if you have not sold all the tickets, it is really important that all the cards are returned.

**Half Days**

There will be two half days next week on Monday and Wednesday.

**Dates for your Diary**

Monday 20th December: The school will close at 12pm for staff training.

Tuesday 21st December: The Buttimer Bake Off

Tuesday 21st December: The PTA Raffle Draw in St. Paul's Parish Centre at 2:30pm

Wednesday 22nd December: Christmas holidays begin at 12pm.

Thursday 6th January: School re-opens

**Ballineen and Enniskeane Community Online Carol Service**

You are all invited to share in this year's online Carol Service. It will be held on Friday 17th December at 7:30p.m. See attached program.

It will be live streamed on [www.facebook.com/enniskeane](http://www.facebook.com/enniskeane)  
  
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