**Ballymoney National School,**

**Ballineen,**

**Co. Cork.**

**Phone: 023-8847583**

 **6th December 2021**

**Dear Parents,**

**Weather Warning**

The school will be shut tomorrow as there is a red weather warning in place for County Cork.

**Welcome**

We are delighted to welcome a new pupil to the junior classroom; Malachy Ross joined our school today. We hope that he and his parents, Alexandra and Keith, will be very happy during their time in Ballymoney National School.

**Twitter**

Ms. Sullivan has set up a school twitter account to keep parents and the wider community updated on school events, you can follow the school at @ballymoneyns

**Staff Training**

The school will close at 12pm on Monday 20th December for staff training in the Primary Language Curriculum.

**Ukulele Concert**

The pupils are looking forward to an outdoor ukulele concert on Thursday 9th December by Christine Deady and Deirdre Archibald. This is weather permitting. Please send your children to school with warm coats, hats and scarves so that they can enjoy the concert.

**Raffle Tickets**

Raffle Tickets for the PTA fundraiser were sent home in your child's school bag on Friday. If you would like more sheets, please let us know and we will send them to you. The draw will take place on Tuesday 21st December. This is our only fundraiser this term so hopefully we can all support it well.

**Fairy Doors**

A lot of families with young children walk past our school as it is a safe cul de sac. We decided that it would be a fun project to make a fairy trail to encourage more young children to walk on the roadway. Ms. Hawkins made thirty wooden houses and each child has individually decorated a fairy door. They are bright, colourful and beautiful! We hope that they will encourage more families to walk on the roadway. We are looking for assistance to put them up along the roadway. Each fairy door will need to be drilled into a tree / post. Please let us know if you can assist us to put them up.

**Christmas Tree**

The hallway of our school has been decorated with lots of fairy lights. Thank you to the Bailey Family from Kilcascan Castle who donated a Christmas tree to the school.

**Debate**

Our debating team have reached the quarter finals of the competition. They will compete against Ardfield National School on Friday 10th December at 11:30a.m. The motion is 'Sports Stars are bad role models for children'.

**Board of Management Agreed Report**

A meeting of the Board of Management took place on Thursday 2nd December. The agreed report is shown below.

* The enrolment of Malachy Ross was approved.
* The appointment of a substitute teacher for Ms. Flanagan's maternity leave was approved.
* The Covid Logistics Plan was reviewed.