



## NEWSLETTER 6. 1<sup>st</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

Dear Parent/Guardian

Welcome to our sixth newsletter of the school year. Please note the following important information and dates as well as the dinner menu and order slips for the month ahead:

### NEW RESOURCES

With contributions from the Friends of Ballycarry Primary School, we have been able to purchase 4 new visualizers, one for each classroom to work in conjunction with our interactive whiteboards. We were made aware of this resource at a recent teacher training course and are delighted that we have been able to obtain these with the Friends of Ballycarry Primary School funds. This will allow the teachers to present children's work to the class and discuss how to improve their work. Once again we thank the Friends of Ballycarry Primary School and everyone who has supported them in all of their fundraising. We are looking at purchasing more ICT equipment to include tablets for the pupils.

### SMARTIE TUBES



The Friends of Ballycarry Primary School have provided all of the children with a tube of smarties to take home, eat and fill the empty tube with 20 pence coins. Children who return their filled smartie tubes to school will enter a draw which will be drawn on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018, to win the lovely "Smarties Puppy" from the photograph below.



### COMING SOON

We are in the process of creating a new website for the school. At present it has been designed and we are uploading information to the site. The administrators will be receiving training and the website will go live shortly after this. We will keep you updated as this progresses. We have been very pleased with the design and we are sure that you will be impressed with the results. Can I take this opportunity to thank Mr McIntyre for all of his help with the existing website to date. He has been very helpful and has given generously of his time.

### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER



The school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February. All pupils will get individual photographs taken as well as family portraits of siblings attending school, unless you have opted out of this. Families with siblings not attending the school can come to school at 8.30am for family portraits. Permission slips for this need to be sent to school prior to this to allow the photographer to allot enough time for this session.

### AQE

Congratulations to the P7's who sat the AQE. Well done, we are so proud of all your hard work.



### PANCAKE DAY

The Friends of Ballycarry are holding Pancake Day on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018. The cost is £2 per child or £5 for a family of 3 or more children. Each child will receive 3 pancakes.



### RSPB

The RSPB are coming to school on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February to talk to P3,4 & 5 pupils and to register our school for the nationwide Birdwatch.



### KIDS ACTIV FUNDAMENTALS

Our new Fundamentals After school Club has started on a Thursday afternoon for pupils in P1-P3. This is run by the same team who provide our hockey, football and multisports programmes for the upper school pupils. Unfortunately, there are limited spaces for these activities which fill up fast and we can only provide these on a first come first served basis. If you were not successful this term, the new term begins after Easter and again if this programme is over-subscribed names will be drawn from a hat.



### CARRICKFERGUS SPEECH & LANGUAGE FESTIVAL

Carrickfergus Festival will run this year from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Those children who are taking part will have been sent their poem to learn at home. It is the parents responsibility to take their child/children to the festival on the day. Children taking part in the Festival are expected to attend school in the morning if their designated slot is an afternoon session. Those children performing in the morning are expected to return to school after their session. Those children who are not in school on the day of the Festival will not get an attendance mark.



### P3/4 TRIP TO ARMAGH PLANETARIUM

Primary 3 & 4 pupils are going to the planetarium in Armagh on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018. Permission slips and payment plans have been sent home. Please ensure these are returned to school to allow your child to take part in the trip.

### JANUARY BRIGHTSPARKS

Our Brightsparks board winners for January .

Well done to these pupils for producing some very good work which is now on display in the office foyer. Here are the children with their prizes:



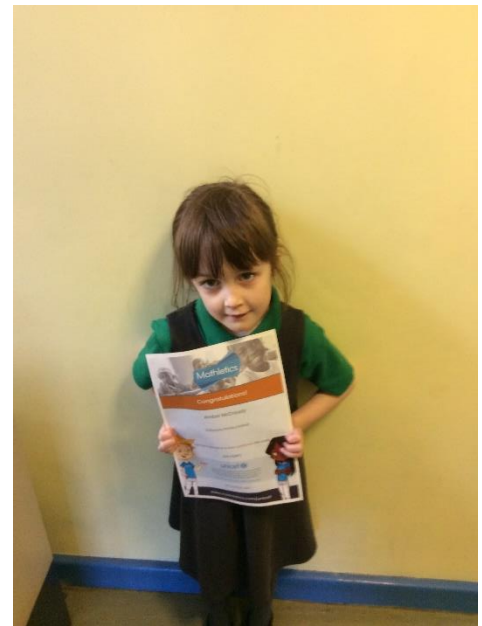
MATHLETICS WINNERS

Have a look at our silver and bronze Mathletics winners. Well done everyone. We will continue to celebrate our Mathletics winners each newsletter.

SILVER WINNERS:



BRONZE WINNERS:



# FEBRUARY

Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb-Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Parent Interviews are running in the afternoons. <u>School will close at 2.00pm for ALL pupils and NO afterschools clubs will run.</u>
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	The school photographer will be in school.
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Friends of Ballycarry Pancake Day. Cost is £2.00 per child or £5.00 for families of 3 or more.
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	RSPB Workshop for P3,4 & 5 pupils.
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School will close at 2.00pm for ALL pupils for the half term break.
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Cash for Clobber bags returned as these will be collected over the half term break.
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	New Term begins. Breakfast Club available from 8.00am.
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Afterschool Hockey resumes for P5-7 pupils paid up until Easter.
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Afterschool Multisports resumes for P4-7 pupils paid up until Easter.
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Afterschool Guitar lessons with Raymond resumes.
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Afterschool Football resumes for P4-7 pupils paid up until Easter.
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Afterschool Fundamentals resumes for P1-3 pupils paid up until Easter.
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Swimming resumes for P4,5 & 7 pupils.

# MARCH

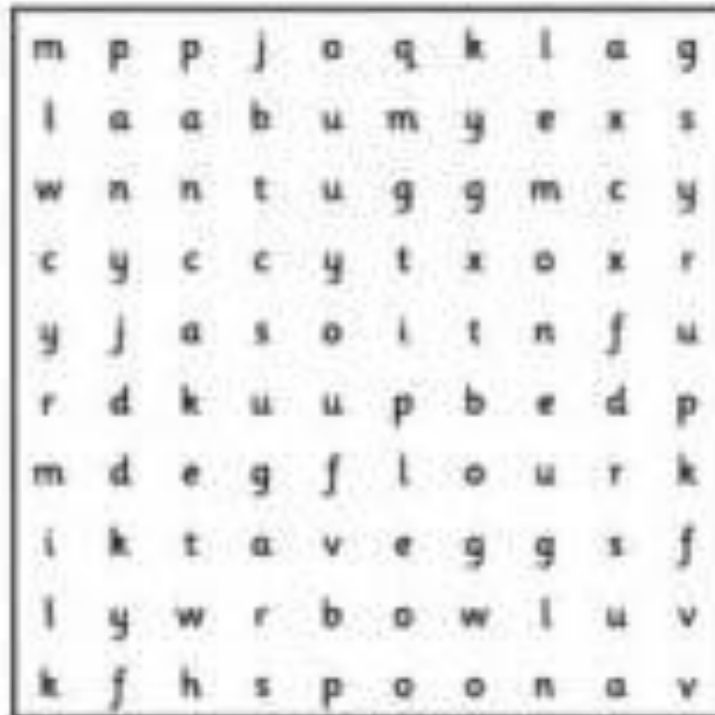
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	World Book Day.
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	P3/4 Armagh Planetarium Trip. Bus leaving at 9.15am and returning at 3.00pm. Packed lunch required for ALL P3/4 pupils. Children on Free School Meal register can get a lunch provided if they phone the school office on Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> February.
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Friends of Ballycarry Easter Egg Hunt. School finishes at 12.15pm for ALL pupils for the Easter break. Dinners are NOT available.

**SCHOOL WILL RETURN AFTER EASTER ON THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2018 AT 9.00AM. BREAKFAST CLUB WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM 8.00AM.**

# Just for Fun- puzzles, riddles and jokes



## Making a Pancake Word Search



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lemon

sugar

syrup

milk

eggs

flour

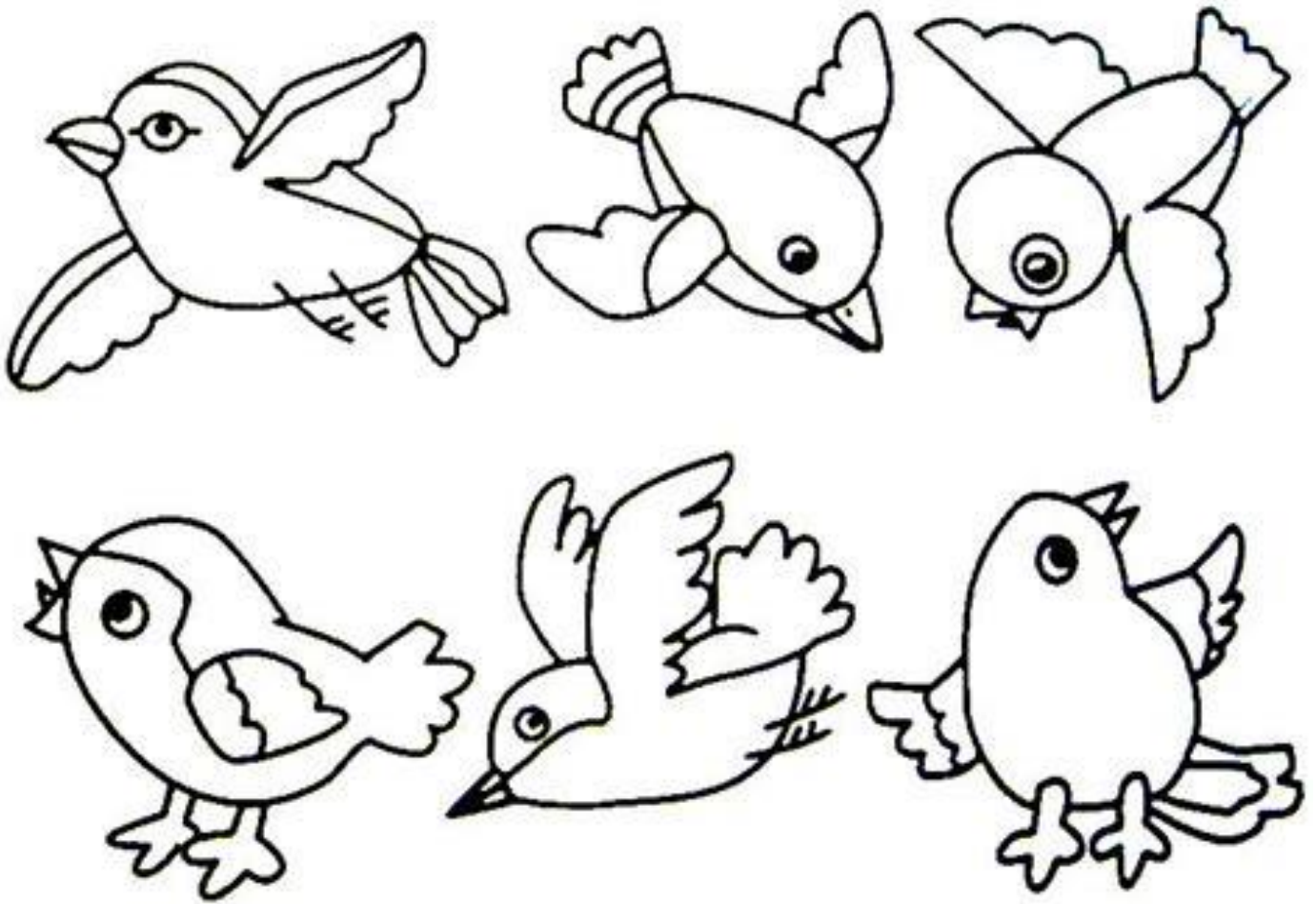
butter

bowl

jug

spoon

pan



Joke Corner LOL 😄😄😄

**Q: What do you call a bear with no teeth?**

**A: A gummy bear.**

## BALLYCARRY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Winter menu week commencing Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February until week ending Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018.

**PLEASE NOTE SCHOOL MEALS PRICE INCREASED TO £2.60 FROM 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week Commencing 05.02.18	Cheese & tomato pizza, chips/baked potato & peas.  Frozen yoghurt & fruit.	Salmon fish shapes, mixed vegetables & mashed potatoes.  Fruit sponge & custard.	Pasta bolognaise, carrot sticks & crusty bread.  Jelly, fruit & yoghurt.	Roast chicken, fresh carrot/turnip, dry roast & mashed potatoes., stuffing & gravy.  Chocolate flavoured mandarin muffin & milkshake.	Bacon, mashed potatoes & beans.  Fresh fruit salad & yoghurt.
Week Commencing 12.02.18	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED FOR HALF TERM</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED FOR HALF TERM</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED FOR HALF TERM</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED FOR HALF TERM</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED FOR HALF TERM</b>
Week Commencing 19.02.18	Fish fingers, peas, chips/baked potatoes.  Frozen yoghurt & fruit.	Savoury mince, cabbage & mashed potatoes.  Milk pudding & fruit.	Chicken curry, rice, naan bread & carrot sticks.  Mandarin sponge & custard.	Roast gammon, fresh carrots, dry roast & mashed potatoes & gravy.  Chocolate brownie & milkshake.	Chicken drumsticks, mash potato, beans & crusty bread.  Jelly, fruit & yoghurt.
Week Commencing 26.02.18	Chicken nuggets, peas, chips/baked potatoes.  Frozen yoghurt & fruit.	Breaded fish, broccoli & mashed potatoes.  Chocolate & pear sponge & custard.	Pasta bolognaise, carrot sticks & crusty bread.  Milk pudding & fruit.	Roast chicken, fresh carrots, mashed & dry roast potatoes, stuffing & gravy.  Flakemeal biscuit, fruit & milkshake.	Vegetable soup, steak burger in a bap & beans.  Jelly, fruit & yoghurt.

**MENU CAN BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND OUR CONTROL WINTER 2017-2018**

**N.B. BREAD, MILK, WATER & FRESH FRUIT SERVED ALONG EACH SET MEAL. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON ALLERGENIC INGREDIENTS, PLEASE CONTACT THE UNIT CATERING SUPERVISOR IN WHITEHEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL.**





PLEASE FILL IN AND RETURN WITH CORRECT MONEY (£2.60 PER DAY) ON MONDAY MORNING TO YOUR CHILD'S INDIVIDUAL CLASS TEACHER. USE ONE SLIP PER CHILD- PLEASE DO NOT SEND ORDERS WITH SIBLINGS. ORDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER MONDAY.

BALLYCARRY PRIMARY SCHOOL DINNERS ORDER				
Name of child:			Week Commencing: 05.02.18	
Please circle day/days dinners are required below				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
PAYMENT (Circle which one applies)      Free School Meals      OR      Paying (£2.60 per day)				
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