



December 2019

Dear parents and children,

The staff at Balrothery NS wishes you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. We wish Ms Byrne all the best as she begins her maternity leave.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Murphy



Please read the following information:

Children can wear their own clothes on Friday and bring one or two treats. Infant parents please remember there are allergies, nuts are not allowed. Children cannot share treats, teachers will monitor. School closes on Friday for the Christmas holidays at 12.30 and reopens on Monday the 6th of January 2019@9.20

Infants and siblings to be collected from the classrooms doors at 12.

An adult must collect siblings at the classroom door. Older siblings are not allowed to collect younger siblings from the classroom door. This is for safety reasons.

Bus children will leave at 12 also.

All other children will leave in the usual way at 12.30.

Balrothery's Christmas Tree Light Night was extra special for Balrothery NS. Thank you to Knight Sounds who donated €1000 to the school.



Tractor Run for Fionn:

This takes place on Sunday 29th Dec, money raised goes to Aoife's Clown Doctors, Blood Bikes and Laura Lynn. Arriving in Balrothery at 6.20 pm. It will pass the school which will be open as it would be nice to have a representation of people outside the school. I will send a reminder. Thank you.



Our recycled Christmas Tree by Tommy Gallagher.

December has been very busy with lots of drama, singing and dancing. Congratulations to all those involved in Christmas Plays, they were brilliant. Thank you to each staff member who did Christmas activities from baking to art work to drama. Well done to Mr Callaghan's class playing the ukulele for the parents.



The choir visited Hamilton Park and sang for the residents. They will also sing for our carol service. Thank you to Mrs Callaghan and Ms Farrell.



Thank you one again for your generosity with food stuff for St Vincent de Paul. Two car boot loads were delivered.

The Christmas Fair 2019

What a lovely afternoon. Well done to the Parents' Association for organising this festive occasion. Thank you for supporting them. The amount raised was €1750. Other money raised was €700 for the pub quiz and an estimate of €800 for the Christmas Cards. Special mention to McFaddens for their support with the Christmas Card fundraiser. Thank you to all our sponsors:

Balrothery Pharmacy, Claire Allen Hair Design, Meraki Skerrries, Ginger Treats, Look Mam no Hands, Clinton Crisps, Gleeson's Butchers, Dorian Black, McNamara Pharmacy, Balbriggan Car Servicing, Echo Balbriggan and Emerald Freight Express.

Santa visited the school Thursday 19th and gave chocolate to all the children.



Christmas Assembly

Great work being done by all.



The Garda Band entertained us all today. What a wonderful musical experience for us all. Both children and staff really enjoyed it.



Christmas Eve: Our children are acting out the Nativity Play at the 5 o' Clock mass. Thank you to the parents who are bringing children to that mass as I'm sure you have loads to do that evening. It is much appreciated.

Curriculum: Themes for January: An Aimsir (The weather) and Éadaí (clothes). NPLC : focus on three learning outcomes.

Writing genre: persuasive writing(e.g. debates, advertisements)

Maths : Problem solving looking at the mathematical language.

Music: Ukulele lessons to continue for another 6 weeks.