



Carniny Primary School

Parents' Newsletter



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House Points

Having taken October's House Points into account the totals are:



Braid - 729 Bann - 630
Maine - 641 Kells - 624

Congratulations to the following children who were Boy/Girl of the month in each House during October.

Braid

Girl: Grace Warnock
Boy: Dylan McClelland

Bann

Girl: Lucy Burns
Boy: Harry Crawford

Maine

Girl: Anna McCorriston
Boy: Oliver Gormley

Kells

Girl: Penny Dawson
Boy: Jack McKendry

High Flyers



The most recent winners of our High Flyer award are:

P1: Luke McKendry, Jesse Mark
P1/2: Mason Wisener, Hannah Porter
P2: Mollie McBride, Isla Shields
P3: Jack Hosseini, Farran Mitchell
P3/4: Mia McCarthy, Ben McCrickard

Blythswood Shoebox Christmas Appeal



This year we collected 70 shoe boxes for the Blythswood Shoe Box Appeal.

Thank you to all parents who supported this very worthwhile Christmas charity.

Rotary Club of Ballymena



The Rotary Club is organising its annual Christmas Hamper Scheme for elderly and needy people in the Ballymena district. Parents and pupils who wish to support this scheme are asked to bring their items to school and place them in a special box at the main entrance. Smaller grocery items may be more

appropriate as the hampers will be distributed to elderly people living alone.

The collection box will be in school from **Monday 20 November - Friday 1 December.**

FOCPS Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair will be held on Friday 8 December (6.30pm). The choir will be singing and there will be the usual Christmas Stalls (as detailed in the recent flyers issued to parents).

We would be very grateful for your support.

Open Night



Parents of prospective pupils are invited to our Open Night on Monday 11 December (6.30-8.00pm).

Please ensure Mrs Shevlin or Mrs Anderson have been informed if you have a child due to start school in September 2018.

School will finish at 1pm for P1-P3 children and 1.15pm for all



other children to facilitate preparations for our Open Night. Please complete the attached pro forma indicating you are aware of this arrangement.

Christmas Dinner



The School Meals Kitchen is providing a Christmas Dinner on Friday 15 December.

Menu

Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Gravy,
Cocktail Sausage, Peas, Carrots,
Roast Potato
Tub of Ice Cream
Milk Shake

The cost of the meal is £2.60. If paying by cash send to school on or by 4 December. You may also pay online via +Pay. Please complete the attached pro forma and return to school.

P1-7 Carol Service



All parents and friends are invited to attend the P1-7 Carol Service in Wellington Presbyterian Church at 6.30pm on Monday 18 December.

Tickets (£2.50) will be available from the school office on or after Monday 27 November and may be obtained by returning the attached pro forma.



Tickets will be issued on a first come first serve basis and limited initially to a maximum of 4 tickets per family. Additional tickets may be purchased from Monday 11 December (8.30am).

Proceeds from ticket contributions will go to school funds, Radio Cracker and cover bus transport to the rehearsals.

Children in Need



Thank you for your tremendous support in our recent Children in Need charity fundraising event. We raised £1010.

Sincere thanks to Mr Somerville, Mr Fisher and all pupils in Primary 7 for organising the event.

Dates for Diary



7 December (1.30pm)	Orchestra perform to residents of Kintullagh Nursing Home
Friday 8 December	FOCPS/PTA Christmas Fair
Monday 11 December (6.30pm)	Open Day
13 December	P6 Grand-parents' Day
Friday 15 December	Christmas Dinner

19 December (10am)	P1-7 Christmas Film at IMC
20 December	Last Day of Term (12.20pm)
2 January 2018	Exceptional Closure
3 January 2018	Exceptional Closure
4 January 2017	Spring Term Begins for Children

Digital Schools Award



We were delighted to receive the prestigious Digital Schools Award following a very comprehensive assessment in school in October. This award exemplifies the high standards in ICT throughout our school. Congratulations to all children and staff.

Easy Fundraising



If you are planning to shop on line this Christmas please help our school raise much needed funds by using the Easyfundraising app.

A link can be found on the school website and we would love for you to join us in this venture.

There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva and Sainsbury's - **it doesn't cost you a penny extra!**



It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

1. Head to

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/carninyprimaryschool/> and join for free.

2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.

3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and Carniny Primary School will be really grateful for your donations.

Thank you for your support.

Reasonable Force Policy

The school is currently reviewing its Reasonable Force Policy. A copy of the reviewed policy can be downloaded from the school website (Parents/Policies) or obtained from the school office. It would be greatly appreciated if you could take time to read this policy and return the attached pro forma to school with any comments by Monday 27 November 2017.

Child Protection



Any concerns regarding Child Protection matters should be reported to Mr I Somerville (Designated teacher for Child Protection) or Mr D Calwell (Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection).



The Designated Governor for Child Protection is Mrs C McKay.

A recently updated (November 2017) copy of the Child Protection Policy can be viewed on the school website or obtained from the school office.

New Trial of Facebook Page



The school is going to trial a Facebook page to communicate with parents and local community. It can be found at fb.me/CarninyPS or by searching for Carniny Primary School. Please feel free to like and share our page.

Please bear in mind the following guidelines for parents detailed in our Media Policy (on school website).

- Parents should demonstrate courtesy and respect for staff, other parents and pupils when comments are placed on social networking sites.
- Parents should address any issues or concerns regarding school life through official school channels rather than posting them on social networking sites.
- Parents should not post pictures of pupils other than their own children on social networking sites.

- Parents should not post malicious or fictitious comments on social networking sites about any member of the school community.

Please refer to the Media Policy for further information.

Our policy for use of photographs has been extended to include Social Media.

Our statement regarding photographs in schools now reads as follows:

Occasionally photographs/moving images of pupils are taken by pupils, staff or appropriate external agencies eg Newspapers/Charity Organisations/Photographers.

All photographs/moving images taken may be used by pupils, school staff and external agencies for example in pupils' presentations, newspapers, school publications our school website and social media.

Please complete and return to school the attached pro forma giving permission for the photographs to be used in the above circumstances.

Raymond Ross
(Principal)



Reasonable Force Policy November 2017

Name of Pupil: _____

I have read the Reasonable Force Policy and wish to make the following comments:

Signed _____ (Parent/Guardian)

Christmas Dinner - 15 December 2017

Name of Child _____

I wish my child to have a Christmas Dinner in school on Friday 15 December.

I enclose payment (£2.60)

I will make payment on Parentmail PMX

Signed _____ (Parent/Guardian)

Open Night - Monday 11 December 2017

Name of Child _____

I am aware of the early closure arrangements on Monday 11 December at 1pm. I will arrange to have my child collected at this time.

Signed _____ (Parent/Guardian)



Using School Photographs

Name of Child: _____

I am aware of the school's policy for taking & displaying photographs/moving images.

I give the school permission to photograph and/or take moving images of my child for the purposes detailed above (to include Social Media).

Signed _____ (Parent/Guardian)

Carol Service - Monday 18 December 2017

Child's Name (eldest) _____ Class _____

I require _____ tickets for the school carol service (£2.50 each)

I enclose £ _____

Signed _____

