



St Oliver Plunkett's NS, Balrothery

## Holiday Newsletter December 2015

December 2015 (Available on website, read it in colour)

Dear parents and children,

The staff at Balrothery NS wishes you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

The staff of Balrothery NS would like to thank you for your continued support this year .

**Mrs Murphy**



Please read the following information:

- School closes on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> for the Christmas holidays at 12.30 and reopens on Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of January 2016@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.
- School reopens Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> of January 2016
- **Parent/teacher meetings**
- Parent/teacher meetings will take place on Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup> of February .
- **Thank you for supporting the Christmas Fair.**

**It was a lovely festive afternoon and a big thank you to the Parents' Committee for their hard work and dedication.**



The Christmas plays and concerts were a real treat this year. The children and teachers worked very hard rehearsing and it all paid off. The week starting the 14<sup>th</sup> of December was a very entertaining week for one and all. It was lovely to have residents from Hamilton Nursing home present for some of the shows.

Thank you to the teachers for their hard work in putting on these performances.

There are more pictures on the school website.

Green Flag Christmas Ornament competition.

The children made some wonderful creations for this competition. The overall winner was Sammy Howell in 2<sup>nd</sup> class. The Green Flag would like to remind you to recycle this Christmas and to remember to save the earth by switching lights off and walking whenever possible.

Here are some photos of some of the great ornaments.



**Yellow Flag**

The new committee has just been set up and will start its work in January. The committee is looking for a parent representative to come on board. There are only a few meetings that a parent would have to attend. If anyone is interested please let me know.

**School self- improvement:**

In January 2016 we will continue our work on:

**Oral Language and writing genres:**

**Theme : Weather**

**.Writing genre:** Persuasive Writing: Debates, arguments, advertisements

**Reading fluency:** The children are working hard on this. Please encourage them to read over the holidays.

**SPHE :** The children have been working on lessons from the Walk Tall programme designed to improve self-esteem and learn about friendships.

Between January and February the SPHE focus will be on the Stay Safe programme and the RSE programme .

**School building:** We are opening the tender for main building contractor this week. This hopefully will bring us closer to a starting date.

**Maths:** problem solving, the children will continue to do a problem a week at home ( POW) and one in school.

