



December 21, 2012

Dear parents and children,

The staff at Balrothery NS wishes you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

We hope you enjoy the holidays and that Santa is good to you all.

Well done to all the teachers and children who have worked hard over the past few weeks preparing for the Christmas plays and carol service. Great fun was had by all.

Children can wear their own clothes on Friday.  
(treats are allowed)

If your child has a Santa hat bring it on Thursday for the carol service.

Nollaig Shona duit go léir.



Check the Website for timetable of plays. Also please note the carol service is for the children only. Unfortunately the hall isn't big enough to include parents. No room at the inn!

There are some school calendars left. Thank you for supporting the school by purchasing a calendar.

The parents' committee is selling yuletide logs on Wednesday and Thursday. They will cost €5.

**School will close at 12.30 on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> of December. Infants can be collected from their classroom at 12.15. Please in the interest of safety , park away from the school and walk to collect the children. Otherwise traffic will be chaotic. You will enhance the festive spirit and save yourself time!**

School reopens on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> of January at 9.20 am.

Read on and see what has been happening this month.

Shauna Brady (6th class) invited an author to our school. Sarah Webb came and spoke to the senior classes. She brought along some of her books and children brought their own books to get them signed. It was a great experience for the children to meet an author.



### Our own authors

Congratulations to Ms. Markham's fifth class. They entered the John West fantasy writing competition. The children wrote some fabulous imaginative stories and were lucky to win a set of books for their class.

Well done.

### Green flag

The Green flag committee would like to remind everyone to recycle this Christmas. All Christmas wrapping paper, cardboard, plastic and bottles can be recycled. We have a battery recycling facility here at school so bring all those old batteries to school after Christmas.

### Fire brigade

We had a very exciting visit from the fire brigade. The children experienced how to hold a hose; they sat in the fire engine and tried on the fireman's hat. It was a wonderful experience for the children. Thank you to Mr. Lawless, Megan's and Dylan's dad for organising this for us.

It is part of the curriculum to meet people from the wider community e.g. firemen, members of the gardaí, doctors, nurses, mechanics, electricians etc. the list is endless. So if you know someone who could come and talk to the children please contact the office.



### School Stars

Our very own Sarah Hawkshaw won 1<sup>st</sup> prize in the school stars competition. There were over 3,000 entries in the primary section. She sang brilliantly and has since sung on LMFM. The world is her oyster! Congratulations.



### Dress Down Day.

Thank you for your generous support on Dress Down Day. The school raised €445 which will be divided between diabetes and dyslexia awareness groups.

### Questionnaires

Thank you for taking the time to fill out the Yellow Flag questionnaire. It was great to hear the various opinions and the suggestions were terrific.

Also thank you to the classes who completed the Oral language questionnaires.

