



Ballyclare Secondary School

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Dear Ballyclare Secondary School Families

As we reach the Christmas period and the end of another calendar year, I would like to thank all parents/carers and pupils for their continued support and hard work. I would also like to thank everyone for contributing and delivering our school ethos by fostering the core values of respect, kindness, compassion and joy. Our school is a happy and positive place.

This time of the year, is an opportunity to take a moment to reflect on the activities of the year, of which there have been many. We have certainly had some fantastic enrichment activities over the first term to complement all the learning and teaching in classrooms. Full details of these are available on the school website and social media postings.

At the end of a busy, successful first term, I want to keep you up to date on arrangements for the start of the New Year. We re-open for pupils at 8.30am on Thursday 4th January 2024, Wednesday 3rd January is our Open Day for P6 & P7 pupils and their parents from 1pm to 3pm.

I would also like to express my gratitude for the amount of funds raised via the voluntary school fund payments. By 30th November 2023 we had received £9,650. Your contribution is a tremendous gift to the school and its pupils. We will now begin to outline plans in term 2 for the investment of this money.

Finally, thank you once again for your support and partnership this term. Attendance remains at a high level, the standard of uniform is very good, and the quality of learning and teaching is rising all the time. I am proud of everything staff and pupils have achieved this year, none of this could happen without your support as parents and carers. I look forward to sharing even more successes with you in the new year.

On behalf of the teachers, staff and governors at Ballyclare Secondary School, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a safe, peaceful and enjoyable Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

Yours faithfully

Wendy Shingleton
Acting Principal

