

# Ballacottier News

## November 2023



Be safe

Be respectful

Be ready

I hope everyone had a lovely half term break. As the clocks have gone back and the nights are getting darker, please make sure your child can be seen walking to and from school, and also ensure that they have a warm coat with them everyday, as we try to get outside as much as we can.

The excitement of Christmas will be upon us before we know it. We will be holding a Christmas Cosy Night on Thursday 7th December (5.00-8.00pm) which is a great opportunity for parents to do some late night Christmas shopping. This will include: hotdog and drink, Christmas activities including a short movie, craft activity, sing-along, and games, costing £10 per child. You can pay for this on Parent Pay from this Monday.

Mrs Forrester

### Trips

Class trips can be quite an expense for the school and following on from a suggestion from some parents, we will be letting you know the cost of each trip and giving parents the option to pay between a lower cost or the full amount for their child.

So far we have had a good response to this with the majority of parents choosing to pay the full amount for their children - thank you.

The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves at our Hop Tu Naa Fun Day and over £500 was raised. The money will be used for Christmas treats.

The Halloween Disco was also a great success raising £355. Proceeds from this event will go towards much needed sports equipment. Thank you to all the staff and parents who helped out at both events. Great teamwork!

### Naming Clothes

Please ensure that any clothing items brought into school by your child are named, including bags.

We would be grateful for any book donations for our upcoming Book Bring and Buy on 17th November.

Please can these be brought into school by 10th November to give us time to sort them.

A box is outside the school office where they can be dropped off.

Thank you

If you have a child who will be starting school in September 2024, please get in touch with the school office for enrolment forms. Please pass this message on to any neighbours in our catchment area who have children starting in September too.

### Keep in Touch with School

You can call on 01624 612558 or email us at [ballacottierenquiries@sch.im](mailto:ballacottierenquiries@sch.im)  
Our website <https://ballacottier.sch.im> or Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ballacottierprimaryschool> has details of Ballacottier school life.