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## **2020 January # 1 WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

*Up-coming news and events for the week ahead*

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW SCHOOL TERM IN 2020!  
HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!**

**The Giving Tree & Christmas Gifts for Staff:** We would like to thank parents sincerely for their generosity.

**PTA Fundraiser:** The winner of the "Name the Snowman" competition was Lydia in P1 who guessed his name was Naughty. Well done Lydia!

**School Council:** The school council raised £5.30 with their Christmas Colouring Competition. The overall winner was Penny in P3. Well done Penny!

**Our School Trip:** All staff & pupils had a great morning out on 19<sup>th</sup> December to see "The Frozen Princess". The PTA provided snack packs that the children enjoyed and they will also be contributing to the cost of our transport to & from the Waterfront. Many thanks to our PTA members.

**P1 Admissions:** The online application is now "live" for all admissions to primary school in September 2020. To access the application form visit [www.eani.org.uk/admissions](http://www.eani.org.uk/admissions). All applications must be submitted by 12 noon on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020 however we would encourage anyone with a child due to start Cairncastle Primary in September to apply ASAP and not leave it until the deadline.

**Parent Teacher interviews:** These will take place the week, beginning 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020. School finishes at 1p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday AND FRIDAY for all pupils. The school buses have been rescheduled to take children home at 1p.m. on these days.

**Severe weather conditions:** Under EA guidance, schools will only close due to

- 1) adverse weather conditions
- 2) power failure
- 3) unsafe conditions/safety risk to pupils or staff

The Principal will make a final decision after carrying out a risk assessment. Parents/staff will be informed as soon as possible of a closure by the school text service or by 1<sup>st</sup> contact phone call. Parents are reminded to inform the school of any changes to contact numbers or circumstances.

**AQE:** The AQE results will be issued on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January and the AQE office will be open from 2.00pm on the day for those who have not, for any reason received their results. FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY 02890224002.

**Clubs:** All the clubs have started this week and the children taking part are enjoying themselves. There are some spaces in SU club and it is now open to P3's as well on a Monday from 3.00 - 4.00. All Stars is full for the P3's - P7's from 3.00 - 4.00 but there is space for P1's & P2's from 2.00 - 3.00 on a Wednesday if your child would like to join. Please fill in attached form and return tomorrow to register your interest.

**Post Primary Open nights:**

- Ballymena Academy Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 7.00pm - 9.00pm
- Ballyclare Secondary School Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 6.30pm - 9.00pm
- Larne High School Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 7.00pm - 9.00pm
- Larne Grammar School Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> & Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 6.30pm - 9.00
- Slemish College Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> & Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January -contact school to confirm times
- St. Killian's College Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January 10.00am - 1.30pm

For any further information contact the school directly.

Pupils in P7 will be having members of staff in local schools out to visit them in school over the coming weeks.

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I would like my child ----- to take part in

----- after school's club.

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