

# Newsletter Rathmore



December 2018

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## P1 Nativity

6&7/12 @ 9.30am

(tickets only)

## Christmas Carol Service

12/12 @ 7.00pm

## Nursery Nativities

PM Class 17/12 @ 2.10pm

AM Class 18/12 @ 9.20am

## Congratulations...

...to the budding actors and actresses of P4 for their two fabulous nights of 'Archibald's War'. Plenty of stars shone across both evenings as they entertained the audiences with songs and dancing from WWII.

A big thank you to all of our parents, grandparents and friends who supported the P4s not just on the nights, but in all of the preparation as well.

*Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year  
from everyone at Rathmore*



## Staffing

We will be saying Thank You and Goodbye to Kim Emerson-Wynn at the end of the month as she commences 'very early' retirement! Kim has been a committed member of the Rathmore Team for 23 years and has played a significant role in the life of the school; from her welcome at the office, first contact for all parent queries, PTA face painting, P7 show set & costume designer. She will be greatly missed. Kim retires to spend more time with her family and we know she will remain creative, busy and connected to Rathmore PS. We wish her every success for the future.



## Double British Champion

Congratulations to Jack Coates who represented Northern Ireland in the GSBA British Championships in Martial Arts on 11 November in Northampton and won an amazing 2 gold medals. We are very proud of you.



Raffy's Thought for the Month:  
'Be empathetic, think of others'

Realise that the feelings of  
others are important.

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'Caring, learning, excelling together.'

## Rathmore Reindeer

Some of you may have noticed a reindeer looking out of Mrs Hardy's office window! He has arrived from Lapland to be decorated by the Rathmore pupils and will be on display in Bloomfield's Shopping Centre until Christmas. Please go along and donate generously to RVH Children's and Helping Hands charities. The winning school receives £1000.



## Enrolment

Last week we welcomed prospective parents for next year's enrolment. On Tuesday night we invited parents to visit our Nursery and on Wednesday we opened our doors to the whole school for our prospective P1 parents. We want to say a huge thank you to all of our pupils and staff who helped take tours, our Senior Choir, our String Ensemble and all our pupils in classrooms and playgrounds - you were fantastic!

### ENROLMENT INFORMATION

- 14.12.18 School Criteria in full is available at [www.eani.org.uk](http://www.eani.org.uk) (click 'Admissions').
- 02.01.19 Application Procedure opens 10.00am on EA Digital Online Resource Hub.
- 02.01.19 – 08.02.19 Supporting documentation provided to first preference in support of application. (birth certificate and proof of address)
- 31.01.19 Online Application facility closes at midnight.
- 09.05.19 Issue of placement letters to parents.

EA Hub: [www.eani.org.uk](http://www.eani.org.uk)  
EA Help Desk: 0300 200 7824

## Our Christmas Baby!



The latest addition to the Rathmore family has arrived! Congratulations to Paul Lindsay and wife Laura on the birth of their daughter Eva. We can't wait to meet her.

## Charities

We greatly appreciate your support of the charity events at Rathmore.

Our most recent venture being 'Children in Need' when we raised a fantastic £408.00 Thank you! With your support we donated £275.91 to The Poppy Appeal this year.

## NSPCC-Christmas Appeal

We have benefitted from NSPCC education sessions across our school and wanted to give something back to the charity who support many vulnerable children and families at this time of year. Donations can be made at the Nativities and Senior Carol Service in December through the retiring collections. If you wish to donate to the appeal and are not attending these events, please pass your donation to the school office or send to class in a sealed envelope.

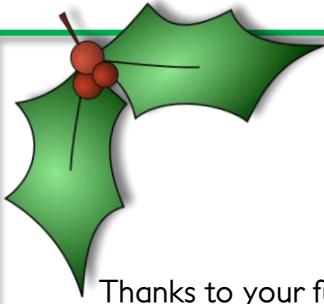
## Diary Dates:

PTA Christmas Craft Fair  
7 December (3-5pm)

Carol Service at St Galls  
12 December (7pm)

School will finish on 21 Dec at 12.15pm with PTA parties £1.50 per pupil. (non-uniform)

School and clubs will commence on  
Mon 7 Jan 2019



# PTA News

## ACTIV PANELS

Thanks to your fundraising last year 6 new Activ Panels are being fitted this week.

## CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 3-5pm.** Full PTA committee will be required for this event and if there are any Christmas loving parents out there that would like to volunteer their help as a one off event please get in touch! Tickets are available from the school office. £2 per adult and £1 per child. *(includes refreshments)*

## SAINSBURYS BAG PACK

The PTA will be packing bags in the Bangor branch on **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December** so if you see us give us a wave! Or better still get in contact to help out - the more tills will fill the more cash we stash!

## CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY

### **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

Please wear your favourite Christmas jumper/t-shirt with a donation of **£1.50**

P1-P3 will enjoy a class party with a special visitor and P4-P7 will take it in turns to show us their moves at the disco in the assembly hall.

As we look forward to the new year we hope to rely more on our social media so please spread the word and get connected. Rathmore PTA is a registered charity to raise funds for our children's future, only we can make it awesome.

It's pretty tough times for education funds NI so we need to be the safety net to keep Rathmore going and give our kids all they deserve.

**Help support us for your children's future!**



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