



# EBRINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

## November 2019 Newsletter

A warm welcome back to school after our half term break. The next seven weeks will certainly be a busy time in school with all the classroom work being joined by the build up to the Christmas season.

### The Pantry Project/ Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to all those who donated so generously to our Pantry Project/ Harvest food collection. Over the three weeks, we managed to amass a large amount of dried food stuffs that will make a huge difference to families within our community. Also, thank you to those who have contributed so far to the Operation Christmas Child project. There has been a great response in gathering items together in each area in school. If anyone still wants to send any of the items in, there is still time, as we have a couple of days left.

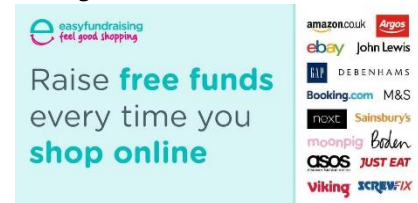
### EASYFundraising Toolbar/App

With 50 days until Christmas, you may be starting to shop. 🎁👶🎄

? Did you know that when you shop online you could be raising money for Ebrington PS ?

#### **IT PAYS TO SHOP ONLINE!**

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) is a great way to raise money for Ebrington PS. It is an online search engine offering over 2,500 retailers for you to shop with. For each and every purchase you make through easyfundraising, they will donate money to our school.



**STEP 1:** Go to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk), register your name and select 'Ebrington Primary School-Londonderry' as your chosen school to support.

**STEP 2:** When you shop online use the easyfundraising website first. Click on the retailer that you want to shop with and choose whatever you would like to buy. The price of the item(s) is exactly the same as if you'd visited the retailer directly.

**STEP 3:** After you have been shopping and made your purchases, the retailer will donate a percentage of the sale to Ebrington PS as a thank you for shopping with them.

**STEP 4:** It doesn't cost you anything extra. It is the retailer that pays the donation to our school.

**STEP 5:** Happy Shopping!

The great news so far is that since we have announced it on Facebook, we have already had 16 people sign up to support the school. Funds from this will be used to support our prizes for our 'House' system, as well as our Ebrington Achievement awards and other key areas of development within school

### TEAM EBRINGTON

School has had a number of teams taking part in events during October:



The football squad has enjoyed lots of success during October, most recently hosting Oakgrove and Chapel Road PS. We have fielded two teams regularly so far, with lots of skill on display.



The hockey squad took part in the local Ulster Hockey blitz at Foyle College. We entered 3 teams in total, winning 9 out of 12 matches, and scoring LOTS of goals. The girls will compete in another blitz this month.





The Ebrington senior choir were 'on song' again, singing at the NI Community celebration day in Omagh

They sang brilliantly to a large audience (well used to it by now!) and are now just about to enter into a busy time, as they have been asked to perform at more events than they can attend, starting with BBC Children in Need!



### School Enrolment

Information on the procedures for school admissions in September 2020 will be available on the EA website [eani.org.uk/parents/admissions](http://eani.org.uk/parents/admissions) on Thursday 19 December 2019 for Pre-school/Primary 1 places; and Friday 20 December 2019 for post primary places (Year 8 entry). This means parents making the application directly to EA, without involvement of school, for Nursery and Year 1. Digital admissions has also been discussed at EA level for post-primary places this year, but schools have received no confirmation on this yet. School are currently updating criteria to send back to EA for Nursery and Year 1 admissions.

### School Flu Vaccine

**REMINDER:** The school health team will be visiting school on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November** this week to give the nasal flu vaccine to all pupils who have returned the brown envelope to school with the required information.

### PTA Events

We have had a couple of very well supported PTA events so far this year.

Our Family Quiz on Tuesday 22 October proved a fun night for all in attendance and we raised £330 in the process. A big THANK YOU for all who supported and also to those who donated prizes for the night: Vivo Caw/ Nelson Drive, Louise Loudon, Spar Drumahoe and Foyleside Shopping Centre.

Some members of the PTA completed a bag pack event at B & M Stores recently and raised the super amount of just over £600. They have another collection planned for the first Saturday in December, 7<sup>th</sup>, at Longs Woodburn. It would be great if we could have a few helping hands on the day to help lighten the load, even an hour of your time would be a great support-remember funds raised are for **ALL pupils** in Ebrington. It would be great to get support from ALL parents.

If you can help out, please contact the school office, or speak to a member of our PTA.

Next up, the PTA will be sending home Christmas Raffle tickets to each family, with a good range of prizes on offer. The draw will be held at the P3/ P4 Christmas concert on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

Remember, The Ebrington PTA are a vital team in helping raise much needed funding for school in this current climate-any activities planned or money raised through events goes back in to assist school in giving the pupils a positive experience while at Ebrington.

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR NOVEMBER/ DECEMBER

Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	BBC Children in Need filming (P6 & P7 choir pupils)	
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	N2 Big Bedtime Read	6.30 pm
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	P6/P7 choir to BBC Children in Need	9:00am-2:30pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	N1 Big Bedtime Read	6.30 pm
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Vaccine	all day
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Ulster Hockey Blitz (Foyle College)	10:00am-12:00 noon
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	P6/P7 choir to BBC Children in Need	1:00pm-10:30pm
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Senior Choir @ Stormont	9:30am-2:30pm
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Foundation Stage Concert (P1 & P2)	9.30 am - 11.00 am
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Senior Choir-BBC Radio @ Guildhall	7:00pm
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Concert (P3+P4)	9.30 am – 11.00 am
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	N2 Concert	9.30 am (Assembly Hall)
	N1 Concert	10:45 am (Assembly Hall)
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Senior Choir-Life After-Guildhall	7:00pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Day with Santa	All day
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	School Carol Service	Morning service
	School Closes	12 noon
	(Re-opens Mon 6/1/19)	