



We aim to create a warm, welcoming school where each child feels happy, safe, self-confident and valued; and strives, with the help of caring, committed staff, to fulfil his or her potential.

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SEAG

As you may be aware, the results day for this year's SEAG examinations is this Saturday ("7th January). Moving into the weekend, everyone related to Ballynure PS would like to wish our Primary 7 pupils all the very best of luck in opening their results.

However, it is also extremely important to remember that whatever score appears on Saturday, it does not define you! You have worked incredibly hard throughout the transfer process and everyone in our school is incredibly proud of you for that.

So, to every single P7 pupil – A HUGE well done!

P7 Parent interviews will take place on Monday 29th January to assist with the post-primary application process. All parents should have received their interview time. If there are any issues, please contact us ASAP.

There is also a general SEAG information meeting this afternoon at 2pm (Thurs 25th January) for all P6 & P7 parents.



Upcoming Dates

We have such a busy term ahead so thought it might be useful to provide some key dates in advance:

Saturday 27th January — SEAG Results

Monday 29th January — P7 Parent Interviews

Tuesday 6th — Thursday 8th February — P1-P5 Parent Interviews (P6 later in the year).

Wednesday 7th February — Half Term Disco
(P1-3 @ 6pm, P4-7 @ 7.15pm)

Mon 12th — Fri 16th Feb — Half Term Holidays

Tues 19th, Wed 20th & Thurs 21st March — KS2 Production of Matilda JR (Times TBC)

Tuesday 26th March — Last day of term!

Safeguarding

The safety and wellbeing of our children is our top priority. If you ever have any concerns about your child, or other children, please inform Mr Trussell (Designated Teacher for Child Protection), Mrs Galashan (Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection), or your class teacher.

Car Parking

Once again, we would encourage our families to be mindful of where they are parking at drop off and collection times. Please be considerate of our neighbours and their properties. To assist with this, we are continuing to work on a solution to the difficulties that car parking brings.

Sports Kit

We are delighted to provide so many opportunities for our sports teams this year. However, as a result of giving out kit so regularly, we are missing a number of items from these kits, especially socks. If you have been involved in any of our sports teams, please could you search your house for any rogue socks and return to school asap. Many Thanks!

Water Bottles

We are finding an increasing number of our pupils coming to school without a water bottle. Even in the colder months, it is essential that children remain hydrated in order to best equip them for learning. Therefore, could you please ensure your child comes to school each day with a filled water bottle. Thanks!

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Over the next couple of days you will receive information regarding your child's parent/teacher interview. Our teachers try their best to accommodate times for parents with multiple children at our school, therefore we would urge you to stick to your allocated times as far as possible. If however, you cannot make the time given, please contact the school office or your child's teacher ASAP and we will attempt to rearrange.

This year, interviews will be held on separate dates for our P7 and P6 parents. This is to best accommodate discussions surrounding SEAG examinations and transferring to post-primary education. Mrs Livings and Mrs McIlroy will communicate with parents separately regarding this.

To accommodate interviews, school will close at 12:30pm (after lunch) on Tuesday 6th Feb, Wednesday 7th Feb, Thursday 8th Feb and Friday 9th Feb. We will be closed for half term the week after interviews.

Afternoon Club: Tues 6th – Thurs 8th February

In an attempt to help our parents during interview week, our Afternoon Club will operate between 12.30pm and 4pm. This will be charged at a flat rate of £5 per pupil, regardless of time spent at the club.

To avail of this facility, parents MUST book by emailing Mrs Millar (cmillar126@c2kni.net) the dates they wish to use, no later than 11am on Friday 2nd February. Mrs Millar will then charge the money to your ParentPay account.

Please note: There will be no Afternoon Club on Friday 9th February and there will be no Extra-Curricular clubs for the whole week of interviews.