

# Ballynure Primary School Newsletter

17 June 2021

Website [Ballynureps.org](http://Ballynureps.org)

Dear parent

## **END OF TERM**

We bid farewell and give our good wishes to all our P7 Leavers as they prepare for the next stage of their educational careers. The video of 'Leavers' will be available on the school website from Monday.

Primary 7 will finish school on **Monday 21 June** at 1.30pm.

School will finish for all other pupils on **Wednesday 23 June**, staggered finishing times from 12noon

<b>Mrs Woods</b>	<b>12 noon</b>
<b>Mrs Allen</b>	<b>12.05pm</b>
<b>Mrs Patrick</b>	<b>12.10pm</b>
<b>Mrs Galashan</b>	<b>12.20pm</b>
<b>Mrs McIlroy</b>	<b>12.25pm</b>
<b>Mrs McClean</b>	<b>12.30pm</b>

- No lunch required.
- School Bus will be available.

School will recommence on **Tuesday 31 August**. (P1 pupils start according to their dates confirmed by Mrs Woods).

**School Dinners WILL NOT be available on Tuesday 31 August (all children should bring a packed lunch).**

**Also, there will be NO school bus on Tuesday 31 August.**

**Normal bus service, school dinners and breakfast club will operate from Wednesday 1 September.**

## **SCHOOL REPORTS**

All school reports, along with a confirmation of your child's class teacher for September, will be given out **tomorrow**, please check your child's school bag.

## **P7 FUNDRAISING WEEK**

Please remember **tomorrow** is the last day of the P7 Fundraising.

## **PRIMARY 6 PUPILS**

The EA have requested that schools are updated with the following information for **ALL** P6 pupils transferring to post-primary school in September 2022. If there are any changes to the following information, please advise Mrs Nugent (email [rnugent346@c2kni.net](mailto:rnugent346@c2kni.net)) as soon as possible:

- Names: Legal Surname and Forename
- DOB
- Home Address

## **FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND UNIFORM GRANTS**

Please see attached parent checklist for online applications.

## **THE MIGHTY MILE**

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has brought in sponsor money for our Mighty Mile event. We raised an **AMAZING** £3951.73 which covers the cost of our new Maths Scheme. Thank you everyone ☺ this is a fabulous amount.



## **NEW SCHOOL YEAR**

As we approach both the end of term and the end of a totally unprecedented year, I would like to thank you for all your support for me, my teachers and non-teaching staff. Your part in home learning was essential in ensuring that your children continued to be educated during the lockdown periods. Well done everyone!

The mitigations which I put in place from 20 March 2019 have ensured that we have remained Covid19-free throughout the pandemic to date. Staff and pupils have continued to work in difficult conditions without complaint. I am extremely proud of them all. Your part in ensuring good Covid19 hygiene habits with your children have also enabled school to remain open every day – thank you.

While remaining in our bubbles, we have managed to ensure that the children's education has continued and progressed and that they are happy. They are happy to be learning and happy to be with their friends which is just wonderful and we must be grateful for that.

Planning for September 2021 remains uncertain following EA communication to Principals this week stating that schools should plan for the new term using the following assumptions:

- That the Covid19 Virus will still be present and circulating in Northern Ireland and we will continue to implement current mitigations to reduce its transmission.
- That we are able to transition to remote learning for some or all classes if necessary.

The EA have informed Principals that they will issue further guidance to schools in mid-August which will be based on the most up to date medical information and advice available at that time. When I receive this information from EA I shall convey it to teachers, non-teaching staff, parents and children.

## **PLANS FOR TERM 1 2021 BASED ON CURRENT GUIDELINES**

All hygiene mitigations which have been in place will continue to be in place at the commencement of the new school year. It is hoped that P7 will be able to be in a classroom which will enable the assembly hall to be used for Breakfast Club, dinners and P.E. It is my hope that Breakfast Club will resume from 1 September – 8.05 am – 9.00 at £2.50 daily, providing that we do not have to operate in strict protective bubbles. Please email Mrs Nugent before the end of term if you would be interested in availing of this service. Please note that payment for Breakfast Club and completed slip must be returned on a Friday. First week of term payment and slips should be with the school office on Tuesday 31 August. A newsletter will be issued on Thursday 26 August with details. The Breakfast Club supervisory staff will not collect money.

Symptomatic children should not be sent to school. School will follow all the Covid19 health advice and measures. Please make sure we have up to date contact numbers should we have to contact you urgently if your child displays Covid19 symptoms.

Initially there will be no gathering in the playground before school starts. Pupils should come to school with washed hands and wearing proper school uniform. They should bring their school bag, lunch box and a full water bottle.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Start time</b>		<b>Finish Times</b>		
	<b>Week 1</b>	<b>Week 2</b>	<b>Week 1</b>	<b>Week 2</b>	<b>Week 3</b>
P1 Mrs Woods	According to times given by Mrs Woods	<b>9.15</b>	<b>12.00</b>	<b>12.30</b>	<b>1.50</b>
	<b>Week 1</b>		<b>Week 1</b>		
P2/3 Mrs Patrick	<b>9.12</b>		<b>1.55</b>		
P3/4 Mrs McClean	<b>9.09</b>				
All P4			<b>2.45</b>		
P4/5 Mrs Galashan	<b>9.06</b>				
All P5			<b>2.50</b>		
P6 Mrs Allen	<b>9.03</b>		<b>2.55</b>		
P7 Mrs McIlroy	<b>9.00</b>		<b>3.00</b>		

### **STATIONERY ITEMS AND SUPPLIES:**

All pupils should bring a pocket sized packet of tissues daily and 2 packets of anti-bacterial wipes initially and a small hand sanitiser daily if you wish.

P1	see induction information.
P2	3 HB Pencils, 2 rubbers, and enclosed sharpener, colouring pencils, 5 named glue sticks (white glue only please) 2 whiteboard pens and a box of tissues.
P3, P4 & P5	3 HB pencils, 2 white rubbers, an enclosed sharpener, 30cm transparent ruler, a highlighter, colouring pencils, (felt tip pens optional) 2 glue sticks, 2 whiteboard pens, scissors, foolscap, durable folder (A4+) to store homework, a red biro, a 'rough-work' jotter, an A5 folder and a set of post-its (for reading diary) (items all clearly labelled with child's name).
P6 & P7	3 HB pencils, 2 rubbers, a sharpener, <b>30cm</b> ruler, a highlighter, colouring pencils, scissors, a red biro pen, 2 glue sticks, 2 whiteboard pens (in different colours), a durable folder (A4+) to store homework materials. (items all clearly labelled with child's name). Felt tip pens are optional in addition to colouring pencils, not in place of.

As I make my own plans for the start of the new school year I remain optimistic that some of the current restrictions will be eased. It is my hope that school will be back to normal or at least as near normal as possible while implementing any necessary mitigations.

During the summer it is therefore incumbent on us all to do everything we can to reduce levels of transmission of Covid19 so that our children will be able to experience normal school next year.

Finally, thank you for your continued support and may I wish you a happy and safe summer break.

*Elaine Doherty*  
*Principal*

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### **Larne Rugby Club**

Youth rugby – Give it a try

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July for 8 weeks 6.30pm-7.30pm

£10 for 8 sessions – girls aged 8-14 years

Contact: Judith 07786707803

*The school has no means of endorsing the activities or events in Community News.  
Parents are advised to ensure any activity is appropriate for their child.*

### **FREE SCHOOL MEALS (ONLY) HOT LUNCH MENU**

Monday 21 & Tuesday 22 June

For further information on allergenic ingredients, please contact the school.

<b><i>Monday</i></b>	<b><i>Tuesday</i></b>
Hot Dog, Side Salad and Chips ~ Fresh Pineapple Ring and Yoghurt & Bottle of Water	Oven Baked Breaded Whiting, Baked Beans, Mashed Potatoes and Crusty Bread ~ Forest Fruit and Yoghurt & Carton of Apple Juice