

Ballynure Primary School

Newsletter

Website Ballynureps.org

31st March 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

CONTACTING THE PRINCIPAL

Mrs Doherty and Mrs Woods commence their co-principal role next week. Mrs Doherty's days are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Woods days are Thursday and Friday.

ADVANCE HOLIDAY NOTICE 2022

Easter Holiday Monday 11 – Friday 22 April inclusive. Friday 8th April 12.00 noon finish.

There will be no school meals or school bus available.

May Day Monday 2 May 2022

FOCUS ON PRESENTATION OF WRITTEN WORK

Throughout the Covid19 pandemic and on return to a more normal year from September 2021, we have been focusing on teaching the content and knowledge of Maths, English, personal and social development, wellbeing as well as topic work and other subjects.

As we move into Term 3, our whole school focus will include presentation of work in all subject areas. Our programme will begin the first week back after Easter and run until the first week in June (6 weeks). We will focus on letter and number formation in class and for homework. Each child will be given a letter and number formation mat after Easter. Please use this to reinforce the correct formation of letters and numbers and always encourage very neat and legible work.

FIT FRIDAY CLOTHES

Please send your child to school in their Fit Friday clothes on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday next week. Weather permitting, we plan to take part in some active outdoor activities towards the end of the week.

P6 SWIMMING TERM 3

Due to Covid19 this is the first opportunity our P6 class have had to participate in school swimming lessons. Our lessons take place at The Valley Leisure Centre each Monday. The school bus pick-up time is 1.00 pm at school and the lesson at The Valley lasts for 30 minutes. The bus leaves the Valley at 2.20 pm and pupils arrive back in school around 2.40 pm. Over the Easter break it may be a good idea for the children to practise getting dried and dressed quickly after a shower or at the swimming pool to help with speed when they go swimming with the school. The cost is £1.50 per week; please send the correct money with your child each Monday.

TRANSFER SUMMER PACKS LAST OPPORTUNITY TO ORDER

In February P6 parents were given the opportunity to order Transfer Practice Papers through the school and many ordered the full sets at that time. For those parents who were undecided and now that the children have completed a number of papers, you may now have a better idea whether or not you would like to order the Summer tests. We will process the order next Tuesday, so if you now wish to order these tests, please send £12.00 in an envelope marked Commercial Summer Pack Transfer Tests - £12.00 enclosed with your child's name.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS TERM 3 - 25 April – 27 MAY (5 Weeks)

We intend to resume our after school activity programme as follows:

Tuesday – Football & Hockey (P4-P7)

Thursday – ICT - P6 (Mrs Patrick), ECO - P7 (Mrs Galashan), Bible – P4 & P5 (Mrs Moore)

Permission slips will be given out next week to the Thursday groups. Please return slips to the teacher who is in charge of the club.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Antrim Wildlife Explorers meet on the second Saturday morning of each month at 10.30am – 12.30pm. The club is for families and would ask that parents/guardians stay with their children.

9th April – WALK FOR WARBLERS! – Toome Canal Walk – Meet at car park Toome Canal Walk, Toome

14th May – A WALK ON THE WOODSIDE – Portglenone Forest – Meet at Portglenone Forest, BT44 8BN

11th June – TERN UP FOR POND DIPPING! – RSPB Portmore Lough Reserve – Meet at RSPB Portmore Lough Reserve, George's Island Road, Aghalee, BT67 0DW. For further information, please contact Des Smyth 028 2827 8891 or Kate McAllister 028 9446 3382.

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.

SCHOOL MEALS MENU

Monday 4th April – Friday 8th April

For further information on allergenic ingredients, please contact the school

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Bites & Salad, Chips or Baked Potatoes & Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt	Chicken Curry & Boiled Rice Naan Bread & Carrot Sticks & Chocolate Brownie with Fresh Fruit	Salmon Cakes, Beans Mashed Potatoes with Crusty Bread & Apple Sponge & Custard	Roast Gammon, Cabbage & Carrots, Mashed & Oven Dry Roast Potatoes & Gravy & Jelly & Ice Cream	NO SCHOOL MEALS AVAILABLE SCHOOL STOPS AT 12 NOON

E Doherty
Principal