



BALLYCLARE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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WELCOME BACK

Welcome back everyone after a very enjoyable Half Term break. The weather is a little warmer, the early mornings are brighter and the evenings are stretching.

All pupils should continue to wear coats, gloves, hats each day for outdoor play. If any are missing - please check the lost property bins in the main school building throughout the term. Please ensure all items have names on them. This helps us greatly.

DATES FOR DIARY - REMINDERS

24th February	Cheer Leading Competition - School Team attending.
26th February	Peace Proms Choir - SSE Arena.
27th February	P7 Stormont Trip.
28th Feb - 3rd March	Book Fair.
2nd March	Election - School Closed.
3rd March	Book Day Event. Bedtime Story Theme. All pupils in PJs.
	Girls' Hockey Competition Mossley Hockey Club.
6th March	Boys' Hockey Competition Mossley Hockey Club.
6th - 10th March	Festival Week - various Music Groups involved.
13th - 16th March	P7 Woodhall Trip.
17th - 19th March	S.U. Castlewella Trip (P6/7).
21st March	P5 Ulster Museum Trip.
24th March	Gathering Drum Event P1-3.
28th - 31st March	P7 London Trip.
	P1 Nurse visits.
3rd - 7th April	Digital Detox Week
6th April	P6 Zoo Talk
7th April	Term 2 ends at 12:00. Breakfast Club on. Breaktime Toast available.
10th - 21st April	Easter Holidays - school closed.
24th April	Term 3 starts.

A Holiday List for 2017/18 is attached for your use for holiday bookings.

Please note this is for next year and not 2016/17.

WORLD BOOK WEEK ACTIVITIES

Alongside this Bulletin, we have information about our Book Week Activities. Your child will already be involved with our 'Readathon' competition and getting a Bedtime Costume for our Dressing Up Day on Friday 3rd March. We hope to do a mini parade on Friday morning at 9:15ish - weather permitting. We will text you if it is too wet.

FESTIVAL CHOIR AND MUSICIANS

Our school choir and various musicians will be taking part, on the second week of March, in the Ballyclare Music Festival. We are delighted with the amount of effort these pupils and you as parents have put in to practising their pieces. Thanks is also due to our fantastic Music Team, Mrs Hyde, Miss Kernohan, Mrs Kennedy and Miss Campbell, who work with such enthusiasm. We wish them all the very best for the festival events.

PEACE PROMS – Sunday 26th February

Our P4 choir is taking part in the Peace Proms in the SSE Arena this Sunday. We are always keen to participate in events which promote peace and harmony in our country and throughout the province. Your attendance is welcome. Contact Miss Campbell (P1) if you need any assistance. Miss Campbell and the P4 choir have worked hard to be a part of this amazing event. Come along if you can.

SAINSBURY'S VOUCHERS

'Active Kids' is back for 2017, so now's the time to get everyone involved and start collecting vouchers for our school. Vouchers are given when shopping at Sainsbury's supermarkets or shopping online at sainsburys.co.uk. Last year, thanks to the good number of vouchers donated, we were able to receive a range of sports equipment and resources for outdoor play.



CONTACT NAMES

All pupils have a list of names of adults able to collect them from school each day. Please notify the class teacher if these are to be changed in any way.

P5-7 have various arrangements due to a more independent routine. Please ensure this is discussed at home before entry to school each day.

As always: If there is anything that concerns you in any way in school, please contact me via the school office or by e-mail if that is easier. I will always follow up any issues raised if I have your contact details.

Mrs Mulligan

ST. JOHN'S PARISH CHURCH

On Shrove Tuesday, 29th February, Reverend Johnny and his team will be giving out pancakes at our school gate area on the Doagh Road at 8:30am as children and parents enter school or are on the way to work. *Join the crowd and enjoy!*

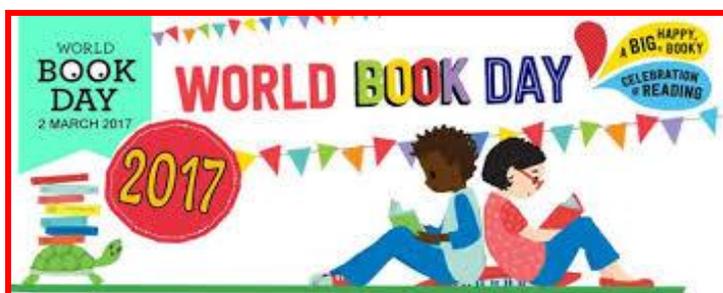


BALLYNURE & DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION are holding BallyNATURE Day this Saturday 25th February, 11:00am - 4:00pm, in the Presbyterian and Methodist Church Halls in Ballynure. Get up close to birds, butterflies, bats, ponies, chickens, dogs and reptiles.

Lots of activities including games, crafts, face painting, countryside skills, mini-beast safaris and refreshments. There will also be Ulster Scots' talks at 12 noon and 1:30pm. Entrance - **FREE!**

** Parents please note that our Community News items are advertisements only. The school has no means of endorsing these activities. All parents are advised to seek details and suitability for themselves.*





WORLD BOOK DAY is taking place this year on Thursday 2nd March. WBD is a celebration of books and reading and in Ballyclare Primary School we love to read! As school will be closed Thursday 2nd March we are hoping to promote reading for enjoyment by running a number of events throughout the week.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR will be in school from Tuesday 28th February to Friday 3rd March. All children will get a chance to visit, browse and buy with their class. Everyone is welcome to visit after school at the following times:

TUESDAY 28th February 2:00 – 3:45pm	WEDNESDAY 1st March 2:00 – 3:45pm	FRIDAY 3rd March 2:00 – 3:30pm
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We would greatly appreciate the help of parent volunteers during these times. If you are interested in helping out at the fair, please contact your child's class teacher.

BOOK TOKEN Along with this note, your child will receive a £1 book token. This token can be redeemed in a number of bookstores and some large supermarkets such as Tesco and Sainsbury's for a special edition World Book Day book. You can get a list of participating bookstores here

<http://www.worldbookday.com/books/use-of-tokens/>

These tokens can also be used at our school fair when buying books worth £2.99 or more.

'READATHON' – We ask you to continue to encourage your children to participate in our sponsored Readathon. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to help provide books for children in hospitals and to get more books for our school libraries.

'THE 'BIG BEDTIME READ' – Sharing bedtime stories is an important way to help develop your child's literacy skills. Settling down with a nice book is also a time which you and your children can spend enjoying each other's company. We have attached some information about the benefits of bedtime reading which you might find interesting.

We would love to see some photos of you all enjoying a bedtime story which we will use for our 'Big Bedtime Read' display in the library. Please have your photos with your class teacher by Friday 24th February.

Children will have the opportunity to participate in many reading related activities throughout the week with their class.

PYJAMA PARTY - To finish off an exciting week, children are asked to come to school on Friday 3rd March, in their pyjamas with their favourite bedtime story and a teddy. Trainers or gym shoes will be best for footwear on this day. We hope to have lots of fun with our classroom pyjama parties!

We hope that the children will enjoy all school and class activities and we thank you, as always, for your continued support.