



# BALLYCLARE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!

We extend a warm welcome to all our pupils, especially our new P1 classes and other children who have joined us throughout the school. Again, we have a large number of new pupils from P2 – P7 who have joined us this year and we are delighted to have them in our Ballyclare Primary family. To all families we wish you a happy and blessed 2018/19 Academic Year ahead.

Please note that this Parents' News Bulletin will come to you each Thursday and can also be found on our school website ([ballyclareps.co.uk](http://ballyclareps.co.uk)). Keep up to date with all that is happening and enjoy this year's journey with us. A few important notices follow for your information.

## SCHOOL MEALS

The cost of a school meal has remained at £2.60. A copy of the Menu for September and October has been sent home with this bulletin. If you are entitled to receive free meals for your child – please ensure you have a letter to confirm this from EA. Otherwise, send a lunch or money until this is received.

## RISE & SHINE BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club starts each morning at 8:00am. Children can have a breakfast for £2.05 or just come to have morning activities with our early drop off facility for £1. No need to pre-book – just arrive! All are welcome. Any child dropped to school before 8:40am must go to the Breakfast Club waiting facility. No children are to be left in our playground before 8:45am unsupervised please.

## BREAK TIME

Toast is available for break at the cost of 30p. Our Fruit Shop will be opening soon also – we will keep you informed. Please remember to pack Healthy Breaks every day, Monday to Thursday. Friday is 'treat' day for us all! Only water/milk is permitted in school for drinking. Please keep sugary/fizzy drinks at home if these are your passion.

## NUT ALLERGY

We have a number of pupils in school who suffer from an allergy to nuts. This is a serious condition and can, in fact, be life threatening. As such, the school is a nut free zone and we therefore ask that no nuts or nut products be sent into school with your child. Even giving your child nut products before coming to school could present a danger to pupils who suffer from an allergy through physical contact or even on the breath of others. We thank you greatly for your support in helping us keep our pupils safe and well. Should your child have an EpiPen for an allergy – please keep a note of the expiry date so a replacement can be obtained from your G.P. and sent into school.

## MORNING ROUTINE

Our school opens for pupils at 8:45am and all children should be in their classrooms by 8:55am bell. Parents are requested to continue to ensure sufficient time for travel in a busy town is in place so pupils are not arriving late. We will also endeavour to ensure pupils are exiting on time so you are not inconvenienced collecting. Please check doors to be used for your child's entry and exit each day. No adults are permitted in the building please for safeguarding reasons.

(P1 have separate arrangements for the first few days of term to settle in).

Our Library door is only to be used for exiting for P3, P4 and P7.

Pupils should enter through the main playground doors each morning. (P1, P2, P3, P4, & P7)

## EXIT DOORS REMINDER

LIBRARY DOOR	1:55PM	P3RMLM	P3RH	P3JD
	2:55PM	P7CM	P4 SK	P4 MCDA
BOYS' TOILET DOOR (Playground)	1:55PM	P1SF *	P2IF	
GIRLS' TOILET DOOR (Playground)	1:55PM	P1HC *	P1FH *	
	2:55PM	P7 RK		
ASSEMBLY DOOR	1:55PM	P2SH	P2LMNS	
TO/FROM OWN CLASSROOM		P4SS P5SJM P6TS P7NG	P5JSC P6DA	P5KM <sub>c</sub> P6RW

★ P1 CLASSES LEAVE AT 12:00 UNTIL 28<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER.  
FROM 1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER, P1 CLASSES LEAVE AT 1:55PM

### TEACHING STAFF – 2018/19

P1HC	Miss Campbell	P4MCD	Mrs McDowell & Mrs Anderson
P1FH	Mrs Hyde (Miss Moorhead)	P4SK	Miss Kernohan
P1SF	Mrs Sturgess & Mrs Farquhar	P4SS	Mrs Scott (Mrs Annett/Mrs Stewart)
P2IF	Mrs Irwin & Mrs Farquhar	P5KMG	Miss McGoran
P2LM	Mrs Martin & Mrs Stewart	P5JSC	Mr Scott
P2SH	MrsHall	P5SJM	Mrs McKeown
P3RH	Mr Heyburn	P6TS	Mrs Shannon
P3RMLM	Mrs McNeilly & Mrs McIntosh	P6DA	Mrs Arbuckle
P3JD	Miss Drury	P6RW	Mrs Watson
Principal	Mrs Mulligan	P7CM	Mr McAuley (VP)
SENCO	Mrs McCollum	P7RK	Mrs Kennedy
		P7NG	Mr Gordon

## CONGRATULATIONS

We are delighted to inform you that Mrs Scott had a baby girl in August and both Mum and Baby are doing well. We also wish Mrs McPherson every blessing as she leaves our staff to take up a position in Belmont Primary this September.

## UNIFORM

September is to be a good month weather-wise so summer uniform is still permitted until the end of September, if it is warm. Any girl wearing a new school cardigan should note these are very acceptable for the winter uniform with grey skirts etc - but must be buttoned. They look very well.  
Reminder: No earrings please to be worn in school.

## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS RE: AUTISM

Details of upcoming parent workshops organised by PEAT (Parents' Education as Autism Therapists) are available on our school website.

*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*