



BALLYCLARE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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TOTAL RAISED SO FAR IS: £552.01

REMINDER

- School is closed this Monday 15th May for pupils – School Improvement Day for teachers.
- Walk to School Week all next week, Tuesday – Friday.



MAY FAIR, 22nd– 26th MAY

Many exciting events will be happening around the town for families to participate in (see May Fair Festival Programme sent home with this bulletin).

As already informed, the Council has allocated some free spaces in Harrier Way and the Town Hall car parks for parent drop offs and pickups to school.

MAY FAIR CAR PARKING

There will also be free spaces in Asda and at Ballyclare Presbyterian Church (The larger car park on the Doagh side of the Church will be open to 9:00pm).

We are very grateful to Rev. Bell, a member of our Governors, and to the Church committee for permitting this parking arrangement. Please note the following agreements:

- Parking would be at the car owners risk – the church will accept absolutely no responsibility.
- Because of heavy church use, the car park will not be available after May Fair Week.
- Entry to the car parking is via Foundry Lane, with exit only at the Doagh Road. One way system.
- The car park will be closed at 9:00pm, after which it will not be possible for cars to exit.

As always, we are thankful to St. Johns Church for the use of the car park every day for this purpose also.

FRIDAY 19th Hockey Tournament Football Tournament	9:30am - 12:30pm 1:00 - 3:30pm	Astroturf, Foundry Lane Soccer Shed, Green Road, Ballyclare
TUESDAY 23RD May Fair Day	<u>School will start as usual at 8:55am and close at 12:00 noon on this day.</u> ★ NO TOAST will be available at breaktime but Breakfast Club will function as normal.	
SATURDAY 27th May Fair Fun Day Fireworks Display and Parade	Check times – Council Website.	Ballyclare Primary Playing Field at Harrier Way Ballyclare Main Street

BUDGET PROBLEMS

All parents, please be aware that schools in NI are in a dire position for planning next year. At present we have no allocated budget to make any plans or set any changes in motion as DE has not released any figures. As you will appreciate, this leaves schools in a very precarious position and much media coverage has already highlighted cuts to services that will affect our system and especially our pupils.

At this Election time – please lobby any party, you are involved in, to get a serious resolution to this problem. We have the desire to provide a top class Educational experience for our pupils in Ballyclare Primary and we need the appropriate financial resources to do this. Please help in whatever way you can.

MEDICATION

We appreciate that parents are very vigilant about illness and do not send children to school with illnesses that can be contagious. Thank you for this.

We would also ask that parents do not send boiled sweets/lozenges into school for sore throats. These are a choking hazard. Should your child's throat be sore throughout the day, they can identify this to their class teacher who will contact you re: some medicine.

CONTACT PARENTS

Our 'Contact Parents' text messaging service is still in use. Please note that if the text cannot be sent to the first mobile number given in our Pupil Contact database, the computer system will send it to an alternative number on the list. Please ensure we have up to date working mobile numbers for parents at all times.

STARTING TIME

All parents, please note that school doors open from 8:45am for pupils to enter their classes, thus avoiding waiting in the hall or playground each morning. All pupils should be in their classrooms by 8:55am to enjoy the start of their school day. Thank you. Leave home in good time to ensure our Ballyclare traffic does not hold you up.



BROKEN BONES/SURGERY

Should your child have an accident outside school and need medical care for broken bones, or require surgery, please contact Mr McAuley or Mrs Mulligan, for a return to school date. Any child who has to stay at home for a time due to injury will be provided with activities from school to keep them up to date.

LEGO COMPETITION

Our P5 team headed to W5 last Friday to take part in a Lego Competition assisted by Mr Heyburn and Mr Mercer (parent) who had worked on a model over a number of weeks. You will see photos of this on our website.

The team were highly praised for their entry and each received a Gold Medal. Well Done to: Sam Mulholland, Charis Mercer, Gareth Brown, Rachel McIlhagger, Joshua Winter & Rhys Baird.

SAVE THE DATES!

Friday 2nd June - School Summer Fair - all welcome.
Friday 16th June - Family Night at Ballyclare Primary School
(More details to follow. Get dates into your diary and plan to join us.)

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

The BBC programme 'Eat Well For Less', which is currently casting for the fifth series, is looking for fun filled lively families who would like to save some money on their weekly shop while eating more healthily.

The show follows Masterchef's Gregg Wallace and award winning greengrocer Chris Bavin on a mission to prove that it is possible for families to save money on their food budget without scrimping on taste and nutrition.

If you would be interested in appearing on the programme, please get in touch - 01179707661.

** 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.*

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We have been signed up to raise money for our school every time you shop online. This is a really easy way to help us raise vital funds and won't cost you a thing!

The fundraising is run by a website called www.easyfundraising.org.uk. You can access it directly by clicking the link on our school website homepage.

To start, you have to register. It's free and will allow the money fundraised to go directly to our school page. The website won't ask for any additional money, other than to pay for the item you are shopping online for.

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