



BALLYCLARE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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WELCOME BACK

Thank you to all parents who ensure their children are in school and seated for 8:55am. As another half term begins, we look forward to another busy time in school when so much is happening for the pupils in our school.

Keep reading your weekly bulletin sent home to keep up to date. This is also available online using the www.ballyclareps.co.uk address. We have lots of exciting things on this term.

A.Q.E.

Best wishes to our P7 pupils who will sit the first of their AQE tests this Saturday morning. We will be thinking of you all.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES

Our school representatives will be laying a wreath at the War Memorial in Ballyclare town on Sunday, 12th November, at 11:00am. All parents and pupils are welcome to this service. A parade will also take place from Harrier Way car park from 10:30am.

Poppies are currently on sale each day to our pupils and staff, as we like to support this very worthy cause each year. Our own Remembrance Assembly will take place in school tomorrow, 10th November, for our P4-7 pupils.

MANY THANKS

Thank you to all parents who donated their 'round pounds' to school. To date we have gathered approximately £120! Please keep sending them until further notice.

P7 TRIPS

All P7 parents be aware that the closing date for deposits for both residentials was Wednesday 8th November. Thank you to all confirmed participants. Any pupils who have not confirmed their place by a deposit will be placed on our waiting list, should a deposit be received in the next week.

ROAD SAFETY WEEK

The school will be holding a Walk to School and Road Safety Week on 13th - 17th November. The pupils will be looking at a number of road safety issues including 'Being Safe and Seen' on these darker mornings and evenings. As such, we are encouraging the children to wear something bright or reflective each morning during this week. Coats/hats/scarves/gloves etc in colours such as red, white, yellow, bright blue/green or of a reflective material are most suitable.

* Please note - our bike racks are installed at the front gate of our own school and side gate from the Secondary School. Please ensure all cyclists have helmets.



FORGOTTEN ITEMS

Our forgotten items trolley is placed at the entrance to school in the foyer. Please note these items are delivered at 10:30am and 12:00 only. There is no need to alert the office when you are leaving something. Thank you

PARKING

Parents are kindly requested not to park on the Secondary School driveway or in any of the parking bays. These are for staff in school. Drop off can be done safely on the Doagh Road as there is a pedestrian walkway to our side gate. Parents should not drive in our School Street Gateway as staff need to enter and park safely early in the mornings.



Should you need a Car Parking permit, which enables you to park for free in both the Square and Harrier Way Car Parks (for a limited period of time), please contact our school office in the usual way.

Road Service has notified school to state that parking permits are not being displayed as requested or are allegedly being used by road users who are not parents or collecting adults. Please ensure this does not happen or we will lose this privilege for all users.

ATTENDANCE

If your child is absent for any reason a note must be sent in to the class teacher, giving a reason for the absence, on their return. This is for the Education Welfare Service. Thank you to all those who do so already. Lateness is also monitored by the EWO so please endeavour to get your child into class by the 8:55am bell.

PARENT MEETINGS

Many thanks to all our parents who attended our parent/teacher meetings before half-term. Your support and feedback to the teaching staff for the work they do is much appreciated. Any issues raised for follow up at these meetings will be done this half term.

Please note that our interview times allocated in February will be similar to those given in October unless teachers are contacted beforehand.

NUT FREE ZONE!

As you know, we have children in school who have a severe allergy to nuts and their health and well-being is compromised if they are exposed to any nut contained products. Thank you for your understanding in this important issue - please ensure no nuts or foods containing nuts are sent to school with your child for break or lunch.

*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 GREAT BRITISH BAKE OFF - Who's the best baker you know?

We are looking for Britain's best bakers to enter the tent. www.applyforbakeoff.co.uk
07384748225. Applications close on 7th January 2018.



** 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.*