



BALLYCLARE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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TERM 2



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PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS 5th – 9th February - School ends for all pupils at 1.55pm

You will have received your Parent/Teacher interview letter re: the date and time of your meeting. Please ensure you endeavour to keep this appointment to discuss your child's progress. These interviews will cover the following issues:

- Progress of your child after half an academic year in his/her class.
- General attitude and conduct.
- Assessment results and targeted areas for improvement or celebration.
- Parent support needed at home.

You will receive a note home tomorrow with your child's results from our January Assessments. Please bring these results with you to your meeting as teachers will discuss these with you. If your child needs extra help at home in any area, the class teacher will guide you.

You will have an opportunity to discuss other issues which you may feel important with the class teacher. If you feel this may take a longer time than is available, please make another appointment before you leave. All staff are happy to assist you with this.

I would ask you to be mindful that other parents are waiting. It would be very helpful if you could alert the teacher to any further changes to contact details/medical issues relating to your child at this meeting also.

P7 parents have their own arrangements due to Transfer Interviews.

COLLECTING CHILDREN

All parents are reminded to have set arrangements for pupils at 1:55pm, 2:55pm and 4:00pm for collection. Some pupils in P4-7 have meeting points arranged and this works well. Please do a Term 2 reminder with your child to return to the school building if their lift home is not at the arranged meeting point. Pupils should never stand about the town area on their own. If your child has to meet a parent/carer at the front of school, please ensure they know to do this and not to walk on home alone or with a friend. This will prevent lots of anxiety for everyone involved.

P1-3 parents should have identified names of adults collecting children each day.

TRANSFER RESULTS

Well done to our P7 pupils who have received their transfer results for this year. We are pleased to note again that the results of Ballyclare Primary compare very favourably against the percentage averages AQE hold for the children who sat the test this year. We are proud of all the pupils in our P7 year group who worked so hard to gain these results. Well done again to our dedicated staff and parents who worked throughout their primary years to support them.

BALLYCLARE PRIMARY AQE SCORES 2017/18

100+	-	60%
90-100	-	17%
< 90	-	23%



Over 75% will have the opportunity of a Grammar School place.

Excellent results P7 overall, with many pupils scoring in the highest category in Northern Ireland.

READING INITIATIVE P3-7

Each year we do a reading challenge with our pupils to encourage the love of reading. More information will be sent to you next week as we start over Half Term Holidays. Get to the Library and stock up!



SPONSORED EVENTS

Each year we try to raise some much needed funds for school by doing a fun activity for our children. This year we hope to do our 'Sponsored Skip' in school so get some practice in over the Half Term.

We have skipping in school every day at break and lunch and the girls and boys are fantastic! Please support this event when it starts, if you can.



BLUE DAY/ANTIBULLYING WEEK

Thank you to all our parents who supported this special week in school. This work continues to help counteract any behaviour in school which pupils, staff and parents find difficult. Thank you for keeping teachers informed of any concerns or worries as the need arises.

RECORDER LESSONS

Learning the Recorder in Ballyclare Primary School starts at P4 and continues right through to P7. It is a great opportunity for every child to experience the joy of playing music. We have ordered some recorders for purchase in school. These should be with us in the next week, should you need one.

MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOL

We discourage children from carrying mobile phones to school but we recognise that some parents wish them to do so for child care arrangements. Please note, if a pupil brings a phone to school it must be switched off and handed to the class teacher at the start of the school day for safe keeping. The phone will be returned to the pupil at home time. School cannot be held responsible for any loss if a phone goes missing from a schoolbag or pocket and we know they are very expensive.

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

BALLYCLARE COLTS FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE Sessions are held at the Soccer Shed each Saturday morning. Sessions: 9:00 - 10:00am (Born 2012-2010), 10:00 - 11:00am (Born 2009-2008). For further information, please contact: Stephen Hughes (Youth Development Officer) 07889398722 or Chris Millar (Team Coach) 07780575737.



MOSSLEY HOCKEY CLUB are holding a Half Term Hockey Camp for 7 to 15 year olds on 14th, 15th and 16th February from 10:00am - 3:00pm. Cost is £35. Application forms available at school office. For more details contact Harry McNeill 07738412182 or email harry@ulsterhockey.com



** 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.*



CLASS AWARDS

JANUARY 2018



CLASS & TEACHER		MONTHLY STAR	BEST HANDWRITING
P1	Miss Campbell	JAMIE McCULLOUGH	JASMINE McClAY GRACEY
	Mrs Hyde	JACOB TODD	MATTHEW McKNIGHT
	Mrs Sturgess & Mrs Farquhar	RHYS SHANNON	REBECCA McNEICE
P2	Mrs Irwin & Mrs Farquhar	JACK CAULCUTT	LOUIS HUTCHINSON
	Mrs Martin & Mrs Stewart	KACIE PAULEY	MARK AGNEW
	Miss Scott	LEXI LYNESS	ESTEBAN BLAIR
P3	Mrs Annett & Mrs Hall	GEORGE RANKIN	LUCY McKINSTRY
	Mrs McNeilly & Mrs Hall	HAYLEY CROWE	GRACE McGUIGAN
	Mrs McPherson	LUCY TURKINGTON	LOGAN DINSDALE
P4	Mrs McDowell & Mrs Anderson	IZAACK HARSON	KYLE NIXON
	Miss Kernohan	KRISTOPHER CANDERS	KIZZIE KARAIKOS
	Mrs Scott	SHILOH BLAIR	BETHANY HOUSTON
P5	Miss McGoran	LUCY CRUMLEY	LOLA CHRISTIE
	Mr Heyburn	ALIX ARMSTRONG	RUBY BAIRD
	Miss McClung	JOHNNY WATTS	EMILY NICKELS
P6	Mrs Arbuckle	JOEL WHALEY	LUCY DICK
	Mrs Shannon	MOLLY McGUIGAN	SAM MULHOLLAND
	Mrs Watson	BOBBY QUINN	SAM TAYLOR
P7	Mr Gordon	ELLIE ANDREW	CONNOR McKENNA
	Mr McAuley	MATTHEW BLACK	DAMARIS BELL
	Mrs Kennedy	PAUL McCREA	JAMES EDWARDS
L.S.	Mrs McCollum	EMMA McADAM (P4SK)	-