



BALLYCLARE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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HALF TERM HOLIDAY

School will close tomorrow at 1:55pm and remain closed for one week (12th- 16th February) for Half Term. All classes will resume on Monday 19th February at 8:55am.

★ AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES will recommence on Monday 19th February also.



PARENT INTERVIEWS

Thank you to all parents who attended Parent Interviews this week from P1-P7. The teachers appreciated your patience and punctuality at appointment times. Please remember that October and February interviews are set appointments arranged by the school to discuss each pupil.

If you need to speak to your child's class teacher at any other time throughout the school year, please contact the school office to arrange a chat.

School Procedure to deal with concerns or any issues worrying you:

STAGE 1 - Contact your child's class teacher by phone, letter or in person

STAGE 2	-	P1 Mrs Hyde	P2 Mrs Irwin/Mrs Martin
		P3 Mrs McPherson	P4 Miss Kernohan
		P5 Mr Heyburn/Miss McClung	P6 Mrs Watson
		P7 Mrs Kennedy	

STAGE 3 Contact Mr McAuley (V.P.) or Mrs Mulligan (Principal) in person or email:

kmulligan818@c2kni.net

If you have a Learning Support concern, please contact our SENCO Mrs McCollum. If you need help or support for general parenting issues - please contact Mrs Sturgess, our Parent Liaison Support. There is always someone willing to help!

*We have senior staff outside every morning to welcome parents and pupils and deal with any queries you may have also.

WORLD CUP READING CHALLENGE

This week launched our Reading Challenge in school.

Please encourage your child to take part - especially over the Half Term Holiday.

Reading with your child is so important and the great example of reading yourself, really encourages children to see it as being important.

Forget about the house chores some days and get on the sofa and read!



WORLD BOOK WEEK & BOOK FAIR

You will have received a letter on Monday about our fun learning activities planned for Book Week, 26th February - 2nd March.

Don't forget our Non-Uniform Day on 3rd March - details to follow re Theme for Dress up.



WELL DONE BALLYCLARE

A team of P7 pupils took part in the regional Road Safety Quiz on Tuesday of last week in Mossley Mill. They returned to school having participated very well. Well done to Erin Cochrane, Jonathan Marshall, Jack Fulton and Ben McDowell. The team came third against twenty other teams for the borough - we are very proud of their efforts.

ENTRY TO SCHOOL

Entry to school is from 8:45am. Children are not to be left unsupervised in our school playground. Our Rise and Shine Breakfast Club exists to look after children safely from 8:00am (Cost £2.05 for breakfast and supervision, £1 for supervision only). All are welcome. No booking necessary.

Thursday mornings "Wake Up, Shake Up" starts at 8:30am and has staff available to supervise - so get involved.

PEACE PROMS

Some of our P4 pupils will be taking part in the Peace Proms at the SSE Arena in Belfast on the 25th February. All parents and friends are welcome to attend this event. Tickets must be ordered via SSE Arena website should you wish to purchase them. Contact Miss Campbell (P1) if you need any assistance.

STRANGER DANGER

All our classes receive information and specific teaching about never going into cars/houses of strangers. We also teach children to follow the 3 W's:

Never go anywhere unless your parents know -

1. **W**here you are going.
2. **W**ho you are going with *and*
3. **W**hen you will be back.

Parents are reminded to enforce this teaching at home and remember that no Primary School aged child should be left at home or unsupervised at any time as it places them at risk.

Please ensure your child is supervised outside of school hours and that they know safe routines for walking home.

GOODBYE VALERIE

Our lovely school cook, Valerie Jenkins, retired from school last Friday and we were delighted for her, but saddened for us. Valerie played an active role in our school being a part of our children's lives each day, feeding our pupils and staff, while also feeding the Secondary School pupils and many other Primary pupils in smaller schools within the area. She always had the best interests and the nutrition of our pupils at the heart of her job and we will miss her creativity and enthusiasm very much.

The children made her a little book of their memories of their canteen days and she was presented with a gift to thank her for all she did over the past 26 years.

We wish Valerie every blessing for the future and many happy years ahead cooking for herself and eating out lots!



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

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.*