



# BALLYCLARE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## WELCOME BACK

Welcome back everyone after a very enjoyable Half Term break. The weather is a little better, the early mornings are brighter and the evenings are stretching.

All pupils should continue to wear coats, gloves, hats each day for outdoor play. If any are missing - please check the lost property bins in the main school building throughout the term. Please ensure all items have names on them. This helps us greatly.

## DATES FOR DIARY - REMINDERS

25th February	Peace Proms Choir - SSE Arena (P4 Choir).
26th February	P7 Stormont Trip.
28th February - 2nd March	Book Fair in School - Parent Helpers needed.
2nd March	Book Day Event - Dr. Seuss Theme - <i>Oh! The places you'll go!</i> All pupils so dress up as a person in their dream job.
6th March	Girls' Hockey Competition - Lisnagarvey Hockey Club.
5th - 9th March	Festival Week - various Music Groups involved.
12th - 23rd March	The Big Pedal - information to follow at end of February.
16th - 18th March	S.U. Castlewellan Trip (P6/7).
23rd March	Term 2 ends at 12:00. Breakfast Club on. Breaktime Toast available.
26th March - 6th April	Easter Holidays - school closed.
9th April	Term 3 starts.

A Holiday List for 2018/19 will be sent out next week.

Please note this is for next year and not 2017/18.

## WORLD BOOK WEEK ACTIVITIES

Alongside this Bulletin, we have information about our Book Week Activities. Children in P3-7 will already be involved with our Reading Challenge competition and getting a Dream Job Costume for our Dressing Up Day on Friday 2nd March. We hope to do a mini parade on Friday morning at 9:15ish - weather permitting. We will text you if it is too cold or wet.

★ *Dream Job Costume - come to school dressed as someone in your dream job!*

## FESTIVAL CHOIR AND MUSICIANS

Our school choir and various musicians will be taking part, on the second week of March, in the Ballyclare Music Festival. We are delighted with the amount of effort these pupils and you as parents have put in to practising their pieces. Thanks is also due to our fantastic Music Team, Mrs Hyde, Miss Kernohan, Mrs Kennedy and Miss Campbell, who work with such enthusiasm. We wish them all the very best for the festival events.

## PEACE PROMS – Sunday 25th February

Our P4 choir is taking part in the Peace Proms in the SSE Arena this Sunday. We are always keen to participate in events which promote peace and harmony in our country and throughout the province. Your attendance is welcome. Contact Miss Campbell (P1) if you need any assistance. Miss Campbell and the P4 choir have worked hard to be a part of this amazing event. Come along if you can.



## CONTACT NAMES

All pupils have a list of names of adults able to collect them from school each day. Please notify the class teacher if these are to be changed in any way.

P5-7 have various arrangements due to a more independent routine. Please ensure this is discussed at home before entry to school each day.

## LIBRARY

Ballyclare Primary School is fortunate to be located beside Ballyclare Town Library and all classes have the opportunity to visit these facilities on a three-weekly cycle. We encourage our Key Stage One (P4) and Key Stage Two pupils to make full use of their local library by applying for their own library card. If your child would like to apply for one, please pick up an application form from the Library. However, we would ask parents to be mindful that on signing the application form they are accepting responsibility for the safe and prompt return of all books borrowed.

Occasionally a class may not visit the library as planned, and, to avoid overdue notices, parents should ensure that all books are returned on time to the library. The library staff are always greatly encouraged by the high number of Ballyclare Primary pupils who avail of their service. *Well done everyone.*

Parents note that a register of pupils attending is taken each day to encourage best behaviour. Please ensure your child continues to be a good example to others in the locality while at the Library after school.



## ILLNESS ABOUT

Many families have been hit by recent tummy upsets, colds and flu. Please be aware that all schools are suffering with these illnesses at the moment and that any child running a temperature or feeling very poorly should stay at home until this passes. We appreciate this has childcare implications but it does prevent other children getting sick unnecessarily.

Any child who has been vomiting should remain at home for 48 hours after this has ended to reduce the risk of this spreading. Thank you.

*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*

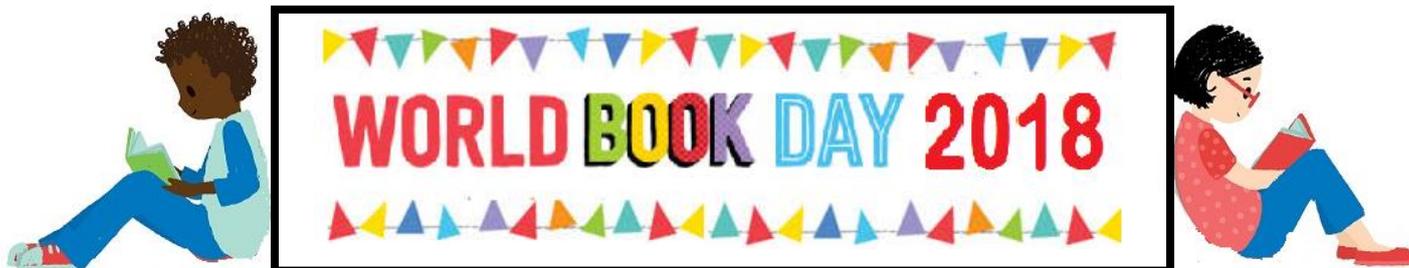
## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Ballynure & District Community Association** are holding 'BALLYNATURE DAY' this Saturday, 24th February, 12:00pm - 5:00pm, in the Presbyterian, Church of Ireland and Methodist Church Halls in Ballynure.

Get up close to birds, butterflies, bats, ponies, chickens, dogs and reptiles. Lots of activities including games, crafts, face painting, countryside skills, mini-beast safaris and refreshments. A fun-filled day for all the family! Entrance - **FREE!**

\* *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.*





**WORLD BOOK DAY** is taking place this year on Thursday 1st March. WBD is a celebration of books and reading and in Ballyclare Primary School we love to read!

There will be a number of fun events running throughout the week.

 **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR** will be in school from Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. All children will get a chance to visit, browse and buy with their class. Everyone is welcome to visit after school at the following times:

<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2:00 – 3:45pm	<b>THURSDAY</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2:00 – 3:45pm	<b>FRIDAY</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2:00 – 3:30pm
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We would greatly appreciate the help of parent volunteers during these times. If you are interested in helping out at the fair, please contact your child's class teacher.

 **BOOK TOKEN** Along with this note, your child will receive a £1 book token. This token can be redeemed in a number of bookstores and some large supermarkets such as Tesco and Sainsbury's for a special edition Work Book Day book. You can get a list of participating bookstores here <http://www.worldbookday.com/books/use-of-tokens/> These tokens can also be used at our school fair when buying books worth £2.99 or more.

 **'WORLD CUP READING CHALLENGE'** – We ask you to continue to encourage your children to participate in our Reading Challenge.

 **'POETRY DAY'** - Poetry day will take place in school on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February. Each class will perform their chosen poem to their Key Stage. This is always a great day and allows children the opportunity to appreciate and enjoy a range of poems.

 Children will have the opportunity to participate in many reading related activities throughout the week with their class.

 To finish off an exciting week, we are having a **DRESS UP DAY ON FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH.** Our theme is based on the famous Dr. Seuss quote '*Oh the places you'll go!*' Think about what exciting career path may lie ahead for you, if you read and enjoy books now, and then come to school dressed up as a person in your dream job! This would be a super opportunity to get out those decorated white coats again!



We hope that the children will enjoy all school and class activities and we thank you, as always, for your continued support.

