



BALLYCLARE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Term 3



<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ballyclareprimary/>



TOTAL RAISED SO FAR IS: £1051.01

★ REMINDER

School is closed on the following dates:
Monday, 7th May - May Day Holiday
Monday 14th May - Teacher Training



MAY FAIR

Ballyclare May Fair dates back to 1756 and is always an historical and entertainment event within our town. The website www.ballyclaremayfair.com (which will be live soon) has all the events listed, with times and venues, for you to choose from.

I would remind you that our school will be closed from 12:00 noon on May Fair Day, Tuesday 22nd, as many parents traditionally attend the Fair with their children.

★ TOAST WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT BREAK-TIME ON THIS DAY.

STRANGER DANGER

The brighter nights and mornings do enable children to get outside and play at this time of year. This is great to see. We encourage our pupils to be very aware of talking to, helping, or going with adults or even older children they know, without parents being aware of this. Please go over this important issue at home. Children, understandably, are very trusting and they can be easily led astray. The Community PSNI keep us informed of any unusual cars or happenings in the area and we ensure parents are aware of these also.

Around May Fair time there are many people around Ballyclare, who are not local, so keep vigilant and ensure your children are too.

All children in P5-7 who walk home or to meeting points should go straight to these places. This is reinforced in school. If the adult is not at the meeting point, pupils must return to school and wait safely.

EXTENDED SCHOOLS

Extended Schools Activities run from next Monday 23rd April for 5 weeks to 25th May. Many schools are charging for these activities now to aid budget constraints. As ours are still free - please encourage your child to take part in even a small way. They really develop social skills and are great fun.

SPECIAL EVENING FOR P6

The AQE/GL Assessment Transfer Procedure is set to continue in the next academic year and pupils moving to P7 in September will be able to make a choice regarding this. Some Post Primary Schools are hosting special P6 Parent Evenings to give information about this process.

Our own P6 Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 29th May at 7:00pm in our school Assembly Hall. Please plan to attend as you will be given lots of information re: Transfer arrangements in general, the P7 School Year and P7 School Trips. Soon after this meeting names and deposits will be requested before the end of term.

MUSIC EXAMS

Mrs Hyde has sent home information about Music Exam fees for both Trinity and ABSM. Please ensure Mrs Hyde is aware of your intentions and send any outstanding entries/fees in to her.

All pupils entered need to be ready for these exams with substantial practising completed at home.



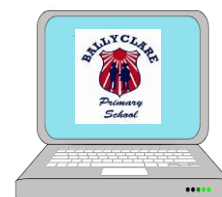
TOLLYMORE TRIP – FINAL PAYMENT

The total cost of our P6 Tollymore Trip is £150. Final payments should be made by Thursday 3rd May. If you have any difficulty with this, contact Mrs Mulligan or Mr McAuley.

WEBSITE

Our website has lots of key photographs, dates and information on it. Please keep using this and get updated with all the wonderful experiences your children are getting in and out of school.

If you think we should add any other information that would be of help to you as parents, please email me and let me know. kmulligan818@c2kni.net



FUNDRAISING - SAVE THE DATE!

Each year we endeavour to have a number of events in school to help raise valuable funds for charities and school funds. We are delighted at how supportive parents are at these times.

Please keep our School Fair date in mind to help us this term - Friday 1st June 2018, 6:00 - 8:00pm.



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

AFTERNOON TEA is being served in Ballyclare Presbyterian Church Hall on Saturday 27th April, 2:00 - 4:00pm. All funds raised are for GB and BB team heading to Romania this summer with Habitat for Humanity.



BALLYCLARE FAMILY FOCUS invite you to their 'Family Fun and Games Day' on Monday 7th May from 11:00am - 4:00pm at Foundry House, 24-32 Doagh Road, Ballyclare.

Attractions include - Glow Dress Competition/Pony Rides/Fireside Quiz/ Treasure Hunt/ Obstacles & Games and lots more!



** 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.*