



# Ballyclare Primary School

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### KINDNESS WEEK & BLUE DAY (19th – 23rd Jan)

This is Kindness Week when the pupils were focusing, in their classrooms, on issues related to being kind and concentrating on the positives of how to be a good person and friend.

Please take time to discuss these issues with your child and build on the work done throughout this week.

We are focusing on Acts of Kindness so join in if you can. It brightens everyone's day when someone does something kind for us without expectation.



### BLUE DAY

Blue Day is taking place tomorrow. All pupils and staff will wear something blue for

Be  
Loving &  
Understanding to  
Everyone

BLUE

It is a great day to enjoy focusing on others and our responsibility to look after ourselves and those around us.

### P7 PARENTS

Transfer Forms for your child's new school will all be online. Parents have to complete these for themselves. We will forward you further information about this process. It would be very useful to look at the Post Primary School websites to see their criteria for entry. This will help you when filling in the Transfer Form. Some schools also require proof of address etc. so it is good to prepare this also in advance.

P7 staff will go over the process with you when you come/call for parent interview. There is no rush to complete forms as there is a three week window to complete the process.

We provide a letter for the 'eldest/only' child criteria for every child needing this.

Transfer Form Dates:

27<sup>th</sup> January 12:00 until 19<sup>th</sup> February 12:00 noon.

Check out the Key Information Leaflet being sent home. It is really useful.

### P1 PLACES

The admission for P1 places online closed on Wednesday. Please ensure all family members are aware so we can accommodate all children who apply. Go to: [eani.org.uk/parents/admissions](http://eani.org.uk/parents/admissions) to fill in a form. Check with all your friends too!  
Thank you.

### PARENT INFORMATION

You have booked a date and time for your interview – week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

You will receive some work progress samples/results home, to keep you up to date for discussion at interviews. Your help and support with your child's progress are always necessary and welcomed.

### SEAG RESULTS

We wish all our P7 pupils who completed their SEAG entrance tests every blessing for their results on Saturday. We know you worked so hard to prepare for these.

### FACE BOOK

Log on to our Facebook page and share the great news about our school. It is a great way for us to share the wonderful things that go on in our building each day.

### NEEDED!

The "Baby Basics" group which runs in St John's Church beside our school has much need for some baby equipment to give to families who cannot provide for their little ones in the early stages of life. If you have any baby items at home that you do not need any longer – these would be really useful to a new mum/dad.

Items for example:

Baby Carrier  
Baby Basket/Cot/Moses Basket  
Baby Bath  
Baby Chair

All donations will be much appreciated so please clear out those stores and roof spaces! You can leave the items with us in school or drop in to St John's Church directly. Thank you.

### PERMANENT SECRETARY LETTER (DE)

All Principals received a letter to enforce the message given by EA last summer that school spending was to be cut to drastic measures. As you will appreciate, such a request for schools to stop spending on resources, cut sub cover for staff absence, cease maintenance unless absolutely essential etc is a very difficult thing to do without pupil education potentially being affected and the overall wellbeing of staff being lessened. It puts a huge pressure on the Governors and the Leadership of school to provide a quality service. In BPS we endeavour to provide the very best education we can for our children and with your help we have done that very successfully. Please be patient with us as we negotiate this season of frugality, should changes need to be made in all schools. The Department of Education is working on a solution.

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