



Ballyclare Primary School

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P7 PORTAL FOR POST PRIMARY

As advised, the digital admission portal for Post Primary School closed yesterday at 12:00pm. Thank you to all our P7 parents – Everyone has completed theirs.

Any parent you know who may have missed this deadline will be unable to make choices for Yr. 8 schools via this route. EA will advise of the late entry procedure.

BALLYCLARE MUSIC FESTIVAL 9 - 13TH MARCH

Many of our pupils will be taking part in the Ballyclare Music Festival in March. The participation in such an event is a great experience for pupils and we appreciate all the hard work put in at home practising each day/week. Thank you also to our music team of staff who assist in our pupil endeavours and to Mrs Hyde who has organised us this year again.

RISE & SHINE CLUB

Our early drop off club starts at 7:45am each day. Entry is via the back door of our Assembly Hall. First registration is to kmulligan818@c2kni.net. Cost £3. Should you need this facility.

BPS Club for afterschool care runs each day Mon-Fri. Book online from Monday 10am to Friday 12 noon to get a space. Sorry no late bookings can be accepted.

HOLIDAY LIST AND OTHER SCHOOL CLOSURES

We have just received the statutory list of holidays from EA this afternoon. We will forward you the plan for next year as soon as this has been agreed. All schools in our area endeavour to have similar dates for extended holidays to help families. These are agreed together.

Due to the restructure of our curriculum in Northern Ireland, we had informed you that DE has allocated schools new additional School Development Days. There will be two more this year and a total of three extra next year (one per term). We will keep you informed of these additional dates as a reminder. TransformEd is a huge body of work which will benefit many pupils in the future.

Please note: Pupils will be off school on:

Monday 16th – Wednesday 18th March for School Development Days and St Patricks Day holiday. School will be open on Monday (16th) and Wednesday (18th) for staff only.

DIARY DATES FEBRUARY - EASTER

February

- 16th Girls Hockey Blitz
- 17th Boys Hockey Blitz - New date to follow
- 19th P7 Rugby Training - New date to follow
- 26th Spelling Bee Competition in School

March

W/B 2nd Book Fair in School

6th World Book Day - Bedtime Costumes Parade 9:15 (weather permitting)

W/B 9th-13th Ballyclare Music Festival

- 12th Mini Professors Visit - P1
- 12th P5-7 Belfast Giants visit to School
- 16th School Development Day Closure (Deferred date)
- 17th St Patricks Day - School Closed for all
- 18th School Development Day (Additional)
- 19th P6 Parent Meeting (SEAG) 2pm
- 24th-26th P7 Residential - Dublin
- 24th P3 W5 Visit
- 25th P5 Museum Visit
- 27th Term 2 Ends for Easter Holidays

Term 3 starts on Monday 13th April

THANKYOU

Our pupils are great at Fundraising! Well done Callie and Chloe (P6) who raised £77.60 for Guess the Age of the Dog competition.

Also, a huge thank you to the girls in P7 - Petra and Anna-Hope who organised the Sweet Shop Trolley. £198.19 was raised. Wow!

Thank you also to the parents of these pupils who donated all the items on sale.

'Working together, towards excellence, for all.'