

Ballykeel Primary School

Sept/Oct News Sheet 2018

P2T & P2S



Topics this half term:

“If you go down to the woods today...”

Dear Parents,

The idea of this news sheet is to inform you of the work your child is doing in school. It is also a place where if we need any things for topic work etc that we can keep you easily informed. We hope that this will bridge the gap between the classroom and home.

Please enjoy the poems and songs within this news sheet with your child. We hope you find this useful.

J Thompson & A Stewart

READING

Please remember to listen to your child read on a regular basis and sign their reading cards.

They will also be sent home with a library book each week and would love you to read it to them, along with any other books, comics etc that you may have at home.

This is one of the most important ways you can help your child.



Help your child practise their alphabet, what the letter is called and the sound it makes. Reinforce the 'Jolly Phonics' actions they learnt in Primary 1. Remember 'eye spy' is always a favourite!

Thank you to all the parents who have already sent in a pritt stick with your child....we really appreciate it. Please remember to get one if you haven't already done so.

They will also be sent home with a word book as they are learning to blend the sounds together to make words. Take time to go over these as it will help their reading.

Thank you

Dates for the Diary

10th Sept – School closes at 1pm for staff training

26th Sept – European Day of Languages

16th Oct - Circle Time activity with St. Brigid's – details to follow

1st Oct – School photographer

22nd – 26th Oct – Parent interview week – children finish at 1.30pm

29th Oct – 2nd Nov – Half Term holiday. Reopens Monday 5th Nov.





Please make sure all items of uniform especially **jumpers, coats and P.E. slippers** are labelled or have names written on them as we realise they are expensive to buy and they can easily get mixed up throughout a busy day!

Maths ideas for you at home

This term we will focus on the numbers 1-10. At home count together, write numbers, put numbers in order (smallest to biggest), and think about the number before, after and between.

USEFUL WEBSITES

- www.ictgames.com
- www.bbc.co.uk/schools
- www.funbrain.com

We have been reinforcing 2D shapes – ensure your child can recognise:

- Triangle
- Square
- Rectangle
- circle

Money wallets are available from our school office for £1.50. Please try to use these when sending in money or write on a plain envelope so that we know exactly what the money is for.



We are delighted that we will be continuing to strengthen our links with St. Brigid's PS this year. We hope to meet up at least 5 times during the year for fun times together. As always the media initiative puppets will be part of our activities together. Ask your child to tell you their names and all about them. Our first activity is in October when we will be getting to know each other again through Circle Time and art activities.

HEALTHY BREAKS

Please remember that it is school policy for your child to have a healthy break every day.

Chocolate yoghurts and chocolate cereal bars are not permitted.

We are a nut free school.



Remember **MILK** is a great break time drink –
Pay termly – watch out for details in the Ballykeel Bugles.

Good value and great for those growing bones and teeth!!



**If you go down to the woods
today
You're sure of a big surprise
If you go down to the woods
today
You'd better go in disguise.**

For every bear that ever there was
Will gather there for certain,
because
Today's the day the Teddy Bears
have their picnic.

**Every Teddy Bear who's been
good
Is sure of a treat today.
There's lots of marvellous
things to eat. And wonderful
games to play.**

Reading Folders
available from
school office for £1.
Helps keep books
clean and tidy.



Autumn Leaves

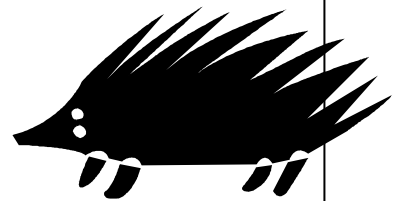
Yellow, red, green and brown
See the little leaves come down
Dancing, dancing in the breeze
Falling, falling from the trees
We'll be the wind and blow today
We'll be the leaves and dance

Leaves

Little leaves, little leaves
High up in the trees
Little leaves, little leaves
Swinging in the breeze

Autumn comes along
And they change from red to brown
Winter comes along
And they flutter to the ground.

(Why not see if your child can come up
with some actions!!)



REMEMBER...

If you are out for an Autumn walk in October with your family and find
anything interesting we would love to see it and use it for our display!!

(Not too many leaves though!!)

