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Ballykeel Bulletin - 13th Sept 2023

Welcome back to everyone

We hope you had a lovely summer despite the weather! We are delighted to see all of the children back and they are looking so well in their school uniforms. We are now sending the bulletin home by paper again as it is easier to put on the fridge! 😊



Dates For The Diary

Wed 13th Sept - Ballymena Guardian photographer for P1s.

Tues 19th Sept - Afterschool Clubs start.

Wed 27th Sept - Book Fair.

Thur 21st Sept - Accelerated Reader Information session for P4-P7 parents/carers. Everyone welcome!

Thur 28th Sept - Macmillan Cancer Coffee Morning and book fair for parents. (More information will follow).

Mon 2nd & Mon 9th Oct - P1 Pyjama Parties (more information to follow).

Fri 6th Oct - School Council Elections.

Mon 16th Oct - School Photographer.

Mon 23rd Oct - Whole school flu vaccine.

Wed 25th Oct - Harvest Assembly P5 - 9.15am.

Wed 25th Oct - School Disco. P4 6.00 - 7.00pm to P5-P7 - 7.15-8.45pm.

Fri 27th Oct - Breakfast Club Open Morning.

Mon 30th Oct - Thur 2nd Nov - Mid-term break.

Fri 3rd Nov - School Closed for staff training.

w/b 13th Nov - Anti-bullying week.

Fri 17th - Nursery Open Afternoon.

Sat 11th & 25th Nov - SEAG Tests for P7.

Wed 6th Dec - Nursery Nativity + Open Morning + School Christmas Dinner.

Tues 12th & Wed 13th Dec - P1/2 Nativity.

Thurs 14th - P3 Nativity.

Fri 15th Dec - Afternoon Tea, P3 Nativity & Choir for local senior citizens.

Mon 18th Dec - 1.15 - 3.00pm - P1 - P3 Christmas Party.

Tues 19th Dec - Carol Service P6 & P7, 7.00-9.00pm P4-P7 Disco/Movie Night.

Thurs 21st Dec - School closes at 12.00 & 12.15pm, re-opens Thurs 4th Jan 2024 with trip to Cinema for P1 to P4.

Fri 5th January - Opera House visit for P5-P7.

School Holiday Closures

30th Oct - 2nd Nov 2023 - Mid Term Break.

3rd Nov 2023 - Staff Training.

22nd Dec 2023 - 3rd Jan 2024 - Christmas Holidays.

4th Jan 2024 - Term Starts.

9th Feb 2024 - Staff Training.

12th Feb 2024 - Staff Training.

13th - 16th Feb 2024 - Mid Term Break.

18th Mar 2024 - St Patricks Day Closure.

29th Mar - 10th Apr 2024 - Easter Holidays.

6th May 2024 - Bank Holiday.

27th May 2024 - Bank Holiday.

28th and 29th May 2024 - Staff Training.



Jewellery

Please remember, for health and safety reasons, jewellery is not permitted in school except for one stud earring in each ear, one flat ring and a watch. Bracelets, necklaces and any other facial piercings including nose, eyebrow and tongue, are not permitted. We appreciate your co-operation.

Change of Circumstances

Have any details in relation to your child changed over the summer? For example phone number, address, email address, doctor, medical circumstances etc. If so, please send a message on Seesaw or call the office.

Homework Zipped Wallets

We have sturdy plastic folders available at £1.00 each. All children should have one as these help to keep reading books and homework books in good condition and should last a full school year and beyond.

Complaints Procedure

If you have any concerns or problems about any aspect of school provision, it is hoped that they can be solved by informal contact between parents/carers and the school. The school's Complaints Procedure is also available on the school website.



Breakfast Club

It is great to see such a good number of children attending our Breakfast Club. Please ensure your child arrives between 8.00 - 8.30am each morning. The cost of breakfast is 70p per day/£3.50/week

Use of Social Media by the School Community

The school's policy on Social Media and the Joint Guidance on Social Media Posting from the Ballymena Primary Principals' Association is on the school's website. We encourage the safe use of the internet and social networking with our children and educate them on potential dangers and consequences of misuse. As a staff we aim to set the example to our children and the school community.

Parents/carers also have a responsibility in role-modelling effective, appropriate and safe communication on social media. We would ask parents not to share complaints about a child, member of staff or school through social media as such action, and subsequent comments by others, may cause significant emotional distress to those persons referenced and/or the school community as a whole. Please use our Complaints Procedure (available on the school website.)

Morning Drop Offs



To help staff and ensure the smooth operation of school in the mornings, please remember to do the following:

- Ensure your child arrives at school between 8.45 - 8.55am.
- Ensure your child has everything with him/her for the day ahead e.g school bag, healthy break, packed lunch.

If your child is late (after 8.55am) please walk them down the path and there will be a sign to indicate if the classroom doors are open. If the doors are not open the child (P1-P7) must be brought to reception by an adult. Thank you for your co-operation.