

Ballynure Primary School

Newsletter

Website Ballynureps.org

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Dear Parent

Welcome to the new school year everyone.

SCHOOL POLICIES

According to ETI, Ballynure Primary School is a 'very good school' and Governors, Principal, teaching and non-teaching staff, pupils and parents/carers enjoy and appreciate the success, reputation and standards achieved and expected in all areas of school life. These are achieved by all members of the school community, Governors, Principal, teaching and non-teaching staff, pupils and parents/carers in a wide range of ways, playing their part and following school policies. School policies exist in order to ensure that Ballynure Primary School continues to be a very good school. My staff and I work very hard and rely on the support of parents/carers to achieve and maintain the standards that our entire school community has come to enjoy and expect. I and my teachers take no pleasure in having to correct a child regarding the ignoring our school policies, particularly, when, in effect, it is the parent/carers responsibility to ensure adherence to policies. This does not set a good example to a child and teaches them to disrespect rules and authority. If all members of the school community, Governors, Principal, teaching and non-teaching staff, pupils and parents/carers do not play their part in making Ballynure Primary School a very good school then it will no longer be a very good school. It is important that parents/carers when selecting a school, choose one which suits their lifestyle and values. When enrolled in this school it is expected that policies will be implemented and adhered to. When parents/children do not follow policy and procedure. it is very unfair to the children and parents who do adhere to school policies; consequently, sanctions will have to be imposed. Copies of policies i.e. uniform, homework, behaviour etc are included in the induction pack provided for every child, parent/carer when enrolling with Ballynure Primary School, Should you require further copies please contact the school office.

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

As stated in our School Uniform Policy:

Boys Uniform ~ 'Jewellery is not permitted with school uniform: this includes studs and sleepers'

Girls' Uniform ~ 'Girls are not permitted to wear jewellery with school uniform (this includes earrings of all types)'.

Hallowe'en
Christmas
February Half Term
Easter
May Day
Spring Bank Holiday
Last Day of Term

HOLIDAYS 2018-2019

Monday 29 October – Friday 2 November (5 days)
Friday 21 December – Thursday 3 January (10 days)
Monday 18 February – Friday 22 February (5 days)
Wednesday 17 April – Friday 26 April (8 days)
Monday 6 May
Monday 27 May
Friday 28 June
5 Staff Development Days to be added

CHILD PROTECTION

Our Designated teacher in charge of Child Protection is Mrs Doherty. The deputy designated teacher in charge is Mrs Galashan.

PRIMARY 6

Mrs McIlroy will be commencing maternity leave on the 17th September and the temporary teacher will be Miss S McNair. We convey our good wishes to Mrs McIlroy.

FRUITY FRIDAY

As the funding from Asda has now stopped, unfortunately we are unable to provide 'Fruity Friday' in school. If the situation with Asda changes in the near future, we will then be in a position to recommence.

We still operate a healthy break policy, Monday – Friday, in keeping with the Department of Education Guidance.

MENTAL MATHS BOOKS P3-P7

£4 for mental maths books was requested from all pupils P3-P7 at the end of last year. If you have not yet sent in your child's money please send it to their class teacher, clearly labelled with your child's name by **Monday 3 September**.

PRIMARY ONE PARENTS

All Primary 1 parents are invited to a coffee afternoon on **Thursday 13 September** from 1.30pm-2.00pm in the School Assembly Hall.

CHARITY EVENT



This year, our annual coffee morning, in aid of The Macmillan Cancer Charity, will be held on **Friday 28 September**. Each class will perform a short item relating their class topic which they are learning about in Term 1. All parents and friends are to join us at 9.15am in the School Assembly Hall.

SCHOOL FUND

In Ballynure Primary School we operate a school voluntary contribution of £10 per family for Term One and again for Term Two. We would ask if this money can be brought into the child's class teacher at your earliest convenience, thank you.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

After school activities will begin week commencing **Monday 17 September**, running from 3.00pm until 3.40pm, as follows:

Tuesday	Hockey & Football
Wednesday	Choir & Drama
Thursday	SU, ECO Club & ICT

Permission slips will be sent home soon by each after school co-ordinator.

NUT ALLERGY

A child in school has been diagnosed with having a **severe** nut allergy. It is extremely important that **NO NUTS or PRODUCTS CONTAINING NUTS** are brought into school at any time.

Another child in P2/P3 has an egg allergy. Please do not send eggs or egg sandwiches with your child if he/she is in P2/P3 class.

ALSO

Due to the increasing number of children with allergies, we are now not allowing birthday cakes or birthday treats to be brought into school. A number of schools are now following this policy.

SCHOOL MILK

Milk Money is paid at the beginning of each school term. Children requiring milk, starting from **Monday 10 September** and continuing until **Thursday 20 December**, should have the reply slip completed and returned to their class teacher, along with the payment of **£10.00**, on or before **Monday 3 September**.

***** Cash only and correct change please, in separate labelled envelopes for each child, as different monies go into different pots. Please send your money to your child's OWN class teacher.**

No late orders can be accepted as we must inform the dairy of numbers required 3 days prior to delivery.

School milk is kept in the fridge and taken round to each class at break time, so it arrives fresh and cold for the children in their classrooms.

SCHOOL DINNERS

School Dinner commence on Monday 3 September at a cost of **£2.60 per day**. *The following week's dinner menu will be printed on the school newsletter each Thursday.*

Dinner money MUST be brought into school on a Monday morning for that incoming week

It is very important that the correct money (CASH ONLY) is put in a separate envelope or separate money pouch for all their monies. With the child's name and the days that they require dinner, written clearly on the front of the envelope.

Each sibling **MUST** bring their own dinner money into their class teacher, so they are fully aware of who is having dinners on what day. Teachers have individual registers which the Education Authority requires to be completed daily. Your cooperation in this would greatly assist the teachers first thing in the morning, as they deal with lots of different monies and notes, from lots of different children.

Your assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated, thank you.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Anyone who is entitled to free school meals **please** make an application (even if you do not wish your children to take the meals) as the number of children registered as entitled to free school meals increases the school budget.

Please contact the Education Authority to request an application form, for either free school meal or uniform grant. Forms are also available in your local Social Security Office of Citizens Advice Bureau Office

MONDAY POUCHES

Money Pouches are available to buy from the school office at a cost of £3.00 for a pack of 40. These are **very** useful when sending dinner money, milk money etc into school and we would encourage parents to purchase these as children do not always remember exactly what different monies are for.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Our Breakfast Club, runs from 8am each day. It costs £1.50 per day and you can either pay for a full week on a Monday morning or alternatively only pay for certain days during the week, as and when required.

The children have a choice of:

Cereals, followed by toast with jam, butter, honey or marmalade and a choice of apple juice, orange juice, milk or water.

Children go out into the playground at round 8.50am.

Breakfast Club money should be given to the Breakfast Club Supervisor in an envelope, separate from any other monies being paid to school with the correct change, thank you.

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICINES

If your child requires medicine during the school day, I would ask that arrangements are made for a relative to come to school to administer the medicine. In exceptional circumstances and after completion of the appropriate Education Authority form, Mrs Doherty and staff will then consider administering medication.

Please complete the reply slip regarding the application of 'plasters' ONLY if you would not want us to apply plasters to you child.

ALSO

The school nurse has informed us this year that all children who require the use of a blue asthma inhaler **MUST** bring one into school that will remain in the child's classroom. Also, a request for the school to administer medication form must be completed, please contact the school office.

SCHOOL SWIMMING

3 September – 22 October	5 November – 10 December	7 January – 18 March	29 April – 17 June
Primary 6	Primary 6	Primary 7	Primary 5

School Swimming will commence on **Monday 3 September for all P6 children.**

The cost this year will be £2.50 per week to cover transport, admission and tuition and should be paid to the class teacher on the day of the lesson. Correct money please to class teacher as this is paid weekly over the counter to the staff at the Valley Leisure Centre.

SPORTS/SWIMMING KITS

Kits should be left in PE bag on the child's own coat peg and taken home a few times each term or end of term for washing/checking PE shoes still fit etc. It is important that PE/Sports Kits and/or Swimming Kits are brought on the days they are required.

PE KITS

Please note that Kukri request that we **must** have a minimum order of 10 to proceed with the Smock Tops. At present we have only 5 smock tops on order. If anyone would like to order a smock top please contact the school office.

If any past pupils have a PE kit they would like to donate to school please leave in school office, thank you

AQE

Applications for the AQE close on Friday 7 September. If you wish your child to take the AQE test in November/December this year please ensure you apply. AQE applications must be made by parents/carers independently on the AQE Website.

CHANGE OF DETAILS

Please ensure that the school has up-to-date contact information/telephone numbers regarding your child. We are aware of some old mobile and home contact numbers on file. Please advise Mrs Nugent in the office of any changes.

Also, if there are **any changes** regarding medical conditions, parental responsibility, photograph permissions, applying plasters or assisting in personal care of young children, please let us know in writing immediately.

EMAILING WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

We would like to encourage ALL families to receive the school newsletter via email, rather than having a paper copy sent home.

Even if you had a newsletter emailed in previous years, can you please email the office with your email address, so this can be arranged again for the start of the new term – rnugent346@c2kni.net before **Thursday 6 September** so we can start emailing the newsletter as soon as possible Please note that until we receive confirmation of current email addresses, a paper copy will continue to be sent home with each child.

VETTING OF VOLUNTEERS

The Department of Education demands that volunteers must be re-vetted annually. This means that all parents who would like to be volunteers for transport to matches, accompanying school trips, after school activities etc must complete an online 'Access NI' form, including all PTA volunteers.

All volunteers who completed forms previously, will continue to be vetted for 12 months from the date of their Disclosure Certificate, please ensure you contact the school prior to your expiry date to enable you to reapply.

Please complete the reply slip if you would be interested.

We particularly need parents who would be available to transport to and from hockey and football matches throughout the year. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

*E Doherty
Principal*

COMMUNITY NEWS

Starting Back Sunday!

*Starting back to school, work, church, whatever...
join us for a fresh start with God*



Ballynure Presbyterian Church

Sunday 2nd September 11.30 am

Morning Service for all-ages followed by refreshments

PARENTS' EDUCATION AS AUTISM THERAPISTS

Upcoming training workshops to support children and young people with Autism and/or related disorders

- 28th September ~ Anxiety: Practical Strategies for Managing Anxiety to help children and young people with Autism and or related disorders
- 19th October @ Behaviour Management in the classroom setting associated with Autism and or related disorders
- 23rd November ~ Understanding and managing Challenging Behaviour associated with Autism and/or related disorders.
- 7th December ~ Strategies to help children/young people with Autism to help increase their Social Confidence Skill

Fees@ £40 parent including refreshments and a light lunch. Contact PEAT 028 90324882 for more information.

JUNIOR ELKS ATHLETICS

Jordanstown Campus (Indoor Track), every Friday from 6-7pm from 28 September – 16 November - £28 (Discount - £24.50 for 2nd child). Strictly 8-11 years.

*The School has no means of endorsing the activities or events in Community News.
Parents are advised to ensure any activity is appropriate for their child.*

SCHOOL MEALS MENU

Monday 3 – Friday 7 September

For further information on allergenic ingredients, please contact the school.

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
Pizza, Peas, Chips Or Baked Potato & Fresh Fruit And Frozen Yoghurt	Homemade Vegetable Soup, Filled Baguette and Salad & Flakemeal Biscuit and Fresh Fruit	Pasta Bolognaise, Mixed Vegetable Or Baked Potato and Tuna, Crusty Bread & Decorated Sponge and Custard	Roast Beef and Gravy, Carrots and Turnip, Dry Roast and Mashed Potatoes & Chocolate Sponge and Custard	Sausages, Beans and Mashed Potatoes & Artic Roll and Two Fruits

Milk Reply Slip Term 1**September '18**

Reply Slip along with Correct Cash to be returned no later than Monday 3 September (please note late orders cannot be accepted).

I would like my child _____ (name) to have school milk.

I enclose £10.00 being payment for the first term.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Application of Plasters**September '18**

Name of Child _____

In the event of my child having a small cut or graze please **DO NOT** apply a plaster.

Signed _____ Parent/Guardian

'Access NI' Form**September '18**

I would like to become a volunteer. Please send details on how to apply online.

Pupil's Name _____

Class _____

Signed _____