



# BALLYCLARE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**TOTAL RAISED SO FAR IS: £1,188.82.**

## FUNDRAISING BAG PACK

As part of our fund raising for this school year P6 & P7 parents and pupils will be packing bags for shoppers at the Ballyclare Asda store from 10:00am to 6:00pm this Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> October. So when out and about on Saturday why not drop in and have your shopping packed for a small donation. Tell your friends and family to come support us! A big thanks to Dawn Wilson and the management at Asda Ballyclare for allowing us into the store on Saturday to bag pack.

## PARKING – SECONDARY SCHOOL

Parents are reminded that driving down the Secondary School driveway, and parking, is not permitted for drop off in the mornings.

Cars are blocking the entrance to school for Secondary School staff, parents and buses.

Please do not do this as it may necessitate us being asked to ensure our side gate is closed, if this continues to be a problem. We have pedestrian access only at this gate – which is very useful for many pupils and parents and it would be a pity for this privilege to be lost. Your co-operation is requested in this matter.

## HELP!

Our Lego Club is growing and we need more 'lego' to use each Monday. If you have any at home or wish to donate any to school, we would be very thankful. Please send to Mr Heyburn. (P3)



## PARADE AND MACMILLAN FUND

A huge thank you to so many parents and friends who came out on Friday morning to see our mini parade around the block in our European colours. It was great to have your support. This really encourages the children and staff. Great community spirit in such lovely weather.

We also had a school fund/Macmillan donation on this day which families and staff supported. £610 was raised for MacMillan and school funds.

Thank you to everyone who brought in their £1 to help these causes.

## PARENT INTERVIEWS

Parent Interview letters will be sent out to you on Tuesday 9th October – please keep your date and time in your diary/phone to remind you. While teachers endeavour to get a slot that can be workable, you will understand that not every time can be changed so we appreciate your willingness to try and accommodate us. These meetings will take the form of informing you how well your child has started in their class this year and also any areas for celebration, or more effort, will be highlighted. These meetings will take place throughout the week beginning 22nd October. Please ensure you stick to the allocated time to prevent other parents waiting. Should you need a follow up meeting regarding a specific issue, please ensure the teacher is aware of this prior to leaving. School closes at 1:55pm for all pupils. All children are to be collected at this time. Thank you.

During interview week you will have the opportunity to update contact details with the school. It is important the school has current mobile phone numbers etc for you. Also, if required, any medical information pertaining to your child can be updated. Please bring this information along to the interview.

## REMINDER: P4-7 PARENTS

All after school activities will continue regardless of weather throughout the winter months' timetable. Outdoor activities will be held in a local indoor venue, if available, or a classroom activity will be provided should no hall be free.

## HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Our Harvest Thanksgiving each year traditionally takes place in October and our P3/4 Service will be on Friday 12th October at 1:00pm in Ballyclare Presbyterian Church. The service should last for approximately one hour. A detailed letter concerning this has been sent to all P3/4 parents.



## PARENT LIAISON FOLDERS

These will be sent home tomorrow for your information. This is a great opportunity for you to see your child's classwork. Please return folders with your child on **MONDAY**. Failure to do this will prevent us being able to send them home in the future as the books are needed in school. Folders left in to the office will be late for class start.

## THANK YOU!

To all parents who returned our School Nurse letters re: Flu vaccinations so promptly. This is an annual event and one which has proven to safeguard many children. It was great to have so many returned on time. Flu Vacs will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> October.

Parents are not needed to attend unless requested to do so.

## P1 PLACES 2019/20

Our P1 places for next year, 2019/20, are filling up. Please ensure your child's name is down with the school office, if a place is requested. It is appreciated when a parent enrolls their child via current parent recommendation. Thank you for continuing to do this.

A copy of our pre-enrolment form has been sent home already. Please contact our school office if you need another one.

## DOGS/ANIMALS

A thank you to all parents who know that dogs, or other pets, are not permitted in our school playground at any time - even when on a lead or carried.

We have children and parents who are fearful of dogs especially and therefore, for health and safety reasons, and the comfort of others, we would like to thank you for keeping dogs and pets outside the school entrance on the Doagh Road.



## LIBRARY BEHAVIOUR

All parents please ensure any child attending the Town Library in the afternoons, unsupervised, has a clear idea of expected behaviour and conduct. Failure to comply with the Library rules may result in pupils being unable to use this facility, after school, on their own. A roll is kept each day by Library staff.



## NAME CHECK

All parents - please check your child's uniform this weekend to ensure names are on each item which is removable. We have some new sweatshirts already in Lost Property! The label has a space for names to be written on the back, in pen. These will be looked at next week to ensure all are on. Thank you.

*As always: If there is anything that concerns you in any way in school, please contact me via the school office or by e-mail if that is easier. I will always follow up any issues raised if I have your contact details.*

*Mrs Mulligan*