



BALLYCLARE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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REMINDER

Parent Interviews are on all next week. Children will leave school at 1:55 - 2:00pm each day.

Please have arrangements in place to prevent teacher being delayed for parents coming to these meetings. Thank you.

No after school activities will take place next week due to interviews.



SAFER INTERNET DAY

On Tuesday we sent home information to parents about Internet Safety to use in your families. This was reported to be very useful for a number of parents who used the information and completed the family contract.



**SAFER
INTERNET
DAY
2019**

Sadly, a number of children did not spend any time with parents doing this homework or discussing this issue. This was followed up by teachers in school to ensure all children got the important messages. If you were unable to go over this information this week, please take time to do this at the weekend. It will really help you as a family.

ASSESSMENT RESULTS

All parents will receive their child's Assessment results have today. These are for you to read and discuss with class teachers next week at your interview time. Any areas needing extra support will be discussed with you so these can be worked on in school and at home. We hope you had time to peruse the work folders sent home last weekend, for discussion also. Many were outstandingly good.

READING

Throughout the school year our pupils spend much time doing reading activities and this shows much positive progress. The encouragement of reading at home cannot be underestimated. Every year our top pupils have a love of reading - despite many having had difficulties with this in the early years. Practice really does help!

Try to find books/comics/pamphlets/manuals your child has an interest in and encourage reading of any kind. This will make such a difference by P7. Even in the P5-7 years - keep encouraging this and read with and to your child at home.

WORLD BOOK WEEK & BOOK FAIR

Mrs Arbuckle will be sending home some information next Monday concerning World Book Day and our Book Week Activities. We have lots of exciting things planned.

Our traditional dress up day is Friday 8th March. (Parading at 9:15am weather permitting). The theme is "Fairy Tales." All classes will have discussed this in school and older pupils will have ideas for their costumes thought out with their teachers.



ENTRY TO SCHOOL – COLD & FROSTY MORNINGS

Entry to school is from 8:45am. Children are not to be left unsupervised in our school playground.

Our Rise and Shine Breakfast Club exists to look after children safely from 8:00am (Cost £2.05 for breakfast and supervision, £1 for supervision only). All are welcome. No booking necessary.



Thursday mornings “WAKE UP, SHAKE UP” starts at 8:30am and has staff available to supervise – *so get involved*.



HALF TERM HOLIDAY

School will close for one week (18th– 22nd February) for Half Term. All classes will resume on Monday 25th February at 8:55am.



★ **AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES** will recommence on Monday 25th February.

Please see attached Holiday List for NEXT YEAR (2019 – 20) for advanced holiday bookings.

STRANGER DANGER

All our classes receive information and specific teaching about never going into cars/houses of strangers. We also teach children to follow the 3 W's:

Never go anywhere unless your parents know –

1. **W**here you are going.
2. **W**ho you are going with *and*
3. **W**hen you will be back.

Parents are reminded to enforce this teaching at home and remember that no Primary School aged child should be left at home or unsupervised at any time as it places them at risk.

Please ensure your child is supervised outside of school hours and that they know safe routines for walking home. P1-4 children must be accompanied by an adult walking home.

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

MOSSLEY HOCKEY CLUB are holding a Half Term Hockey Camp for 7 to 14 year olds on 19th, 20th and 21st February from 10:00am – 3:00pm. Cost is £35. Registration forms, which are available from the school office, should be completed and returned to harry@ulsterhockey.com or posted to:

Mossley Hockey Club, Half Term Camp, 1a The Glade, Mossley. BT36 5NN.
For more details, contact Harry McNeill 07738412182.



BALLYNATURE DAY - in Ballynure Village on Saturday 23rd February 2019, 1:30am – 4:00pm. Ballyclare & District Community Association invite EVERYONE to Ballynature Day.

This is one of Northern Ireland's biggest nature events with over 40 stands to visit.

For more details, please check the Ballynure Village Facebook page or contact Darren Houston - T: 07826038535 E: darren.houston21@yahoo.com



* *Parents please note that our Community News items are advertisements only. The school has no means of endorsing these activities. All parents are advised to seek details and suitability for themselves.*