



# BALLYCLARE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**TOTAL RAISED SO FAR IS: £1120.97**

## BALLYCLARE MAY FAIR

Many exciting events will be happening around the town for families to participate in (see May Fair Festival Programme sent home).

The Council has allocated some free spaces in Harrier Way and the Town Hall carparks for parent drop offs and pickups to school.

### MAY FAIR CAR PARKING

There will also be free spaces in Asda and at Ballyclare Presbyterian Church (The larger car park on the Doagh side of the Church will be open to 9:00pm).

We are very grateful to Rev. Bell, a member of our Governors, and to the Church committee for permitting this parking arrangement. Please note the following agreements:

- (i) Parking would be at the car owners risk - the church will accept absolutely no responsibility.
- (ii) Because of heavy church use, the car park will not be available after May Fair Week.
- (iii) Entry to the car parking is via Foundry Lane, with exit only at the Doagh Road. One way system.
- (iv) The car park will be closed at 9:00pm, after which it will not be possible for cars to exit.

<b>TUESDAY 22nd</b> May Fair Day	<u>School will start as usual at 8:55am and close at 12:00 noon on this day.</u> *Pupils wear own clothes - £1 donation. ★ TOAST will NOT be available at brektime but Breakfast Club will function as normal.	
<b>THURSDAY 24th</b> Football Tournament	1:00 - 3:30pm	Soccer Shed, Green Road, Ballyclare
<b>SATURDAY 26th</b> May Fair Fun Day Fireworks Display and Parade	Check times - Council Website.	Six Mile Area Ballyclare P.S. Playing Field - Harrier Way Ballyclare Main Street
<b>THURSDAY 31st</b> Hockey Tournament	9:30am - 12:30pm	Astroturf, Foundry Lane

Pupils are permitted to attend school on Tuesday in their normal clothes (tracksuits and t-shirts advised) so they can attend the Fair straight after school. School bags may be left with us as no homework will be given. A £1 donation for our school fundraising for India will be collected, so please send this, if you can.

## TRANSFER PROCEDURE 2018 – PLACEMENT LETTERS

The Education Authority, North Eastern Region will issue letters on Friday 18th May 2018 advising parents of the post primary school to which their child has been accepted.

The Department of Education has requested that contingency arrangements are in place to ensure that any child who does not receive their placement letter on Saturday 19th May 2018 will be able to contact Transfer Branch staff to confirm placement details.

Consequently, I confirm that parents can contact Transfer Branch staff on telephone number 02825661379 between the hours of 3:30 and 5:00pm on Saturday 19th May 2018. Staff will be available to confirm placement details only. Any other Transfer related queries should be withheld until the office re-opens on Monday 21st May 2018.

## SPORTS' DAY – WEDNESDAY 6th JUNE

As you know our Sports' Day is to take place on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June. We are hopeful for a good day. To help with work arrangements the following information may be useful.



**P1-4** Sports will run from 9:30 – 11:45am. Parents go straight to the Sports Field. After the end of the Sports, P1-4 children leave with their parents from the playing field.

**P5-7** Sports will run from 12:45 – 3:00pm (approx). Pupils will return to school to collect their belongings and leave school immediately after this exciting event. Pupils come to school in the morning as usual. Please meet your child in the school playground.

More details will be in next week's bulletin. Please note that any younger child returning in the afternoon to watch their older brother or sister should be seated or stand with their parent/s. No children should be running about unsupervised, for safety reasons.

As you know, children taking part in the sports will be seated with their teachers. For Child Protection reasons – no other adults should walk over to this area.

## YORK TRIP – P7

Our P7 York Trip returned on Friday evening after four wonderful days together. The group travelled by boat and coach, through Scotland and England. The weather was fabulous and the children enjoyed many fun and educational experiences. All the Staff and pupils had a great time together. Thank you to all parents for the cards and gifts of thanks sent. These are much appreciated.

## SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR

We usually ask parents to fill up some 'goodie bags' for us for our School Fair. P7 will be out in the playground next week distributing these. If you are not in the playground and can help us – please contact Mr McAuley (VP) at school, who will be delighted to have your support, or collect a bag at the office.

## CONTACT PARENTS

Our 'Contact Parents' text messaging service is still in use. Please note that if the text cannot be sent to the first mobile number given in our Pupil Contact database, the computer system will send it to an alternative number on the list. Please ensure we have up to date working mobile numbers for parents at all times.

## WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

Thanks to all who walked, cycled or scooted to school this week. It was great to see so many getting involved. Mr Heyburn and Mrs Scott will be collating the scores of each class to see who 'walked' the furthest!



## CASH FOR CLOBBER

Don't forget to send in any bags full of old clothes/curtains/fabrics of any kind to school on Friday. We are collecting these and Mrs Heron is kindly co-ordinating their weighing for cash. Keep sending these in please.

## WELL DONE!

Well done Lacy Vennard (P7) who won a Laptop at the Bee Safe Event for answering all the questions correctly following a presentation.

Also well done to one of our past pupils Megan Cochrane who will travel to Holland this week to play hockey for the Ulster Hockey Under 16 Squad. We are very proud of 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*



## BALLYCLARE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal: Mrs. K. Mulligan B.Ed (Hons), M.Ed, P.Q.S.H.



Dear Parent/Carer,

The NSPCC's Speak Out Stay Safe programme is visiting our P7 children to make sure our pupils have the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse.

I'm pleased to tell you that we will be working with the NSPCC, the UK's leading children's charity, who'll be delivering their Speak Out, Stay Safe programme on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June. This will be in the form of assemblies for P1-4 and P5-7 followed up by workshops with our P6 and P7 pupils. This is a nationwide programme for every primary-school-aged child in the UK and Channel Islands.

Through a child-friendly, interactive assembly and workshops their specially trained staff and volunteers will give our children information about how to keep themselves safe from harm and how to get help if they have any worries, sensitively discussing issues like bullying and sexual abuse, without using scary words or adult language.

We have studied the content of the materials and we are extremely confident that they are appropriate for primary-school-aged children. By the end of their visit, we're convinced children will feel empowered - knowing how they can speak out and stay safe.

If you would like any more information about the NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe programme, including frequently asked questions, you can find it on the NSPCC website [nspcc.org.uk/speakout](http://nspcc.org.uk/speakout) or please come into school to inspect and discuss the content of the visit.

The NSPCC's work in schools will help encourage conversations about staying safe - and they have a number of child-friendly materials to help you carry on the conversation afterwards. That includes 'The Talk PANTS Rule', a simple way for parents to help keep children safe from sexual abuse - without using scary words.

The guide uses the rules of PANTS to teach children that their body belongs to them and them alone. You can find out more and download the free resources at [nspcc.org.uk/pants](http://nspcc.org.uk/pants). We already use this programme in school to deliver important staying safe messages as you know.

If you'd like to know more about the NSPCC's work, or take a look at the wide range of information and advice which is available for parents and carers, please visit their website [nspcc.org.uk/pants](http://nspcc.org.uk/pants)

If you have any concerns or queries, please contact Mr McAuley or myself here at school.

Yours sincerely,

K. Mulligan  
Principal