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 CHILD PROTECTION - Designated Teacher: Mr J Fisher  
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# Ballykeel Bulletin – 11th October

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- The school photographer will be in on the 19th and 20th of October.  
(More details to follow.)
- School will be closed from 25th-29th October for staff training and the mid-term break.



## CLASSES OF THE MONTH

- Attendance Award – P4K
- Uniform Award – P5AR



## PUPILS OF THE MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER

P1CMC - Theo  
 P1KC - Charli  
 P2JT - Olivia  
 P2AM - Jace  
 P3CM - Robbie  
 P3RO - Alyssa-Rose  
 P4SM - Jacob  
 P4LK - Jaxson  
 P5AR - Yasmin  
 P5LM - Layla  
 P6JT - Jack T  
 P6JF - Ellie  
 P7SG - Zach  
 P7JH - Rebekkah



## Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/teacher interviews will be held via phone from Monday 18th-Friday 22nd October. There will be **no clubs** on this week and the children will leave school at the following times:

- Nursery - P3: 1pm
- P4-P7: 1:15pm



Please indicate by **Wednesday 13th at the latest** which days you are available to receive a phonecall by sending a message on Seesaw to your child's teacher.

## ‘NO PARENT PAY’ NON-UNIFORM DAY

Friday 22nd Oct will be a non-uniform day, children can wear their casual clothes. As you know we are using these days to help school funds instead of collecting the usual annual contribution. It would be really appreciated if each child could bring in £1 CASH on the day.



## FAREWELL TO MRS. EWART

Mrs Ewart has retired!  
 On the 30th September Mrs Ewart retired as classroom assistant in Ballykeel. She was with us for 20 years and over this time she voluntarily did so much more than her duties as a classroom assistant:

- She greeted pupils and parents on the path each morning whatever the weather.
- She closed, opened and locked gates.
- If a child was sick she cleaned up accidents in the middle of the day when the building supervisor was not in.
- She has been involved in buying staff tea/coffee and other items for the staffroom for years.
- In the staffroom she washed the tea towels and dish clothes every week, sorted the dishwasher and tidied after messy staff everyday!
- She emptied the dishwasher every morning and put the kettle on ready for anyone who wants a cup of tea first thing.
- She sorted the juice and biscuits for clubs for years.
- She organised the refreshments for school events.
- She has been a first aider for years. She always gave sound advice and was relied upon and appreciated for her knowledgeable and common sense approach.
- She faithfully attended Bushmills/Woodhall every year with the P7s.
- She helped at the school discos.
- She has taken after school football club for years.
- She has successfully refereed football on the pitch during break/lunch every day for years.
- She did the penalty shoot out at the school fairs.
- She took photos of the children for teachers at the start of each year for celebrating star pupils.
- During the first lockdown she stepped into the role of building supervisor including cleaning everyday alongside the cleaning staff. She gave up her summer holiday and continued in this role.

She was simply amazing and incredibly hard working. We will miss her every day. We wish her health and happiness in her retirement. We will continue to see her as she has grandchildren at the school and we hope to be able to coax her back into a few roles in the near future!

