

PAPER COPIES OF THIS BUGLE ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL ENTRANCE HALL

*Welcome back to everyone.
I hope you had a pleasant summer. We
are delighted to see all of the children
back looking so well in their school
uniforms.*

2th SEPT to 9th SEPT MEET THE TEACHER

We hope to see every parent attend these meetings with their child's teacher:

P.2 Mon 2nd Sept 1:15 to 2:00

P.3 Tues 3rd Sept 1:15 to 2:00

P.4 Thurs 5th Sept 1:15 to 2:00

P.5 Wed 4th Sept 1:15-2:00

P.6 Fri 6th Sept 1:15 to 2:00

P.7 Mon 9th Sept 1:15 to 2:00

We will look after your child in another room while you are at the meeting, and at the end we will bring your child back to you so they can show you where they are sitting in the class. **All P4-P7 children will finish at 2.00pm on the day of their meetings and will go home with parents afterwards.**

IMPORTANT DATES For SEPTEMBER

2nd Sept – 9th Sept – Meet the Teacher – see above.

W/B Mon 16th Sept – Clubs start

Friday 20th Sept – **SCHOOL CLOSED** for staff training

Tues 24th Sept – Book Fair & Macmillan Coffee Morning for Parents (more details to follow)

Mon 30th Sept – P1 Pyjama Party (more details to follow)

OCTOBER

Fri 4th Oct – School Council Elections.

Mon 7th Oct – Photographer (Cool for Schools) – details to follow

Thurs 10th Oct – Whole school flu vaccination

Fri 11th Oct – P6 bag packing Tesco – Mark Lynn Foundation

Tues 15th Oct – P1 Pyjama Party (more details to follow)

OCTOBER – contd.

W/B Mon 21st Oct – Nursery to P.7 Parent/Teacher interviews.

SCHOOL CLOSSES at 1.00pm for NURSERY and P1-P7 at 1.30pm for this week.

Wed 23rd Oct – 9.15am Harvest Service taken by P5 pupils and their parents/friends will be welcome to attend this Assembly

Wed 23rd Oct - DISCO. **P4** from 5.45pm to 6.45pm. **P5-P7** from 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Sat 26th Oct – Family Portrait Photo Sessions – details to follow
Mon 28th Oct to Fri 1st Nov – Mid Term Break

DATES YOU MIGHT LIKE TO KNOW!

NOVEMBER

Sat 9th NOV + Sat 23rd NOV and

Sat 30th NOV – AQE TESTS

W/B 11th NOV – Anti Bullying Week

Fri 15th NOV – Nursery Open Afternoon

Sat 16th NOV - GL TESTS

DECEMBER

Thurs 5th DEC –

Nursery Nativity & P1 Open Morning & Christmas Dinner

Fri 6th DEC – Nursery Christmas Fair.

Tues 10th & Wed 11th DEC – P1/P2 Nativity(am)

Thurs 12th DEC – P3 Nativity (am)

Fri 13th DEC – Coffee Morning, Nativity and Choir for Senior Citizens

Wed 18th DEC - P1-P3 Christmas Party from 1.15 - 3.00pm.

Thurs 19th DEC – 9.30am Carol Service lead by P6 & P7 children. **Also** P4-P7 Movie Night from 7.00-9.00pm

Fri 20th DEC – **SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 12noon**

Mon 6th JANUARY 2020

School re-opens with a trip to the cinema.



Holidays/Closures 2019/2020 (all dates are inclusive)

Staff Training	Fri 20 th Sept
Mid Term Break	Mon 28 th Oct – Fri 1 st Nov
Christmas	Mon 23 rd Dec – Fri 3 rd Jan
Mid Term	Mon 17 th Feb – Thurs 20 th Feb
Staff Training	Fri 21 st Feb
Easter	Thurs 9 th Apr – Tues 21 st Apr
Staff Training	Wed 22 nd Apr
2 Bank Holidays	Fri 8th May & Mon 25th May
Staff Training	Tues 26 th May - Wed 27 th May

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN SCHOOL AND HOME.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

We ask all parents to please do the following:

- ❖ Please remember to visit our website www.ballykeelps.org.uk for information on upcoming events and sign up for the school app.
- ❖ Read all notes and the Bugle carefully and check the information on the website making a note of everything relevant to your child/children – a diary is ideal for this.
- ❖ Make sure you are organised every day and your child comes to school with everything he/she needs.
- ❖ Make sure your child is in on time and collected on time.

Of course there will be the very odd time that you will forget something – that is fine, but please make it the exception rather than the norm.

At any time should you have a concern/query about your child do not hesitate to contact the Principal either by phone or drop into the office. If available she will see you immediately or, if not, will organise a time as soon as is possible.

COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

Please see the school website for the complaints procedure or you can call into the office for a copy.

MILK MONEY

Primary School Pupils Only

Milk money to cover from

Monday 9th September -

Friday 25th October is **£7.14**



THIS MUST BE PAID to the class teacher on MONDAY 2ND SEPT as late orders cannot be made.

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Have any details in relation to your child changed over the summer? For example landline number, mobile phone number, address, doctor, medical circumstances etc. If so, please put it in writing to your child's teacher or call in at the office. We must be able to contact you should the need arise and we need to update your new number on our texting service.

**LEAVING SCHOOL EARLY GUIDANCE**

In order to be able to keep accurate records, a child leaving school early needs to have a valid reason and an appointment letter/card from the medical practitioner, brought in before the appointment, along with a letter from the parent/guardian explaining why the child is leaving school. Please note that permission will only be given to requests which are put in writing and signed by a parent or guardian. In the absence of above, children leaving school early will be recorded as absent and % attendance will therefore be affected.

HOMEWORK ZIPPED WALLETS

We have sturdy plastic folders available at £1.00 each. All children should have one as these help to keep reading books and homework books in good condition and should last a full school year and beyond.

MONEY POUCHES

It is recommended that all monies be sent in an envelope clearly marked with the child's name and what the money is for. Money pouches are available to buy from the office or send the money in with your child – cost £1.50.

CREDIT UNION SAVINGS

Collection of savings will begin on Friday 6th September. If you would like to open an account for either you or your child, or join the Christmas saver scheme, please call in at the office for forms. The Credit Union collect all savings from parents, pupils (and teachers too!) each Friday.

HOMEWORK

Please ensure that your child does his/her homework-children from P.3 to P.7 have various aspects such as copying and learning spellings and tables and reading as well as written work on Monday and Wednesday. It is your responsibility to ensure that your child completes all aspects of homework. Please check and sign your child's homework diary, spellings and written work each day, as those who do not do all parts of their homework cause unnecessary disruption to class the following day. Those children who progress better in school are those whose parents take the time to work with them at home – please hear your child read and ask them some questions about it. Ask your child their spellings and tables and help with their written work if necessary.



MY UNIFORM –
PLEASE WRITE NAME
ON ALL UNIFORM ITEMS

**SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Every child must be in full uniform – thank you to all parents for ensuring this. Please continue to ensure that this remains the same throughout the year. Sensible **black** leather shoes must be worn each day by **all** children. Shoes can be changed at break/ lunchtime if playing football. Dark grey or black socks for boys and grey socks / white socks or grey tights for girls. It is also very important that each child has the correct items for P.E. P.E kits are to remain in school and will be brought home half termly for washing or before if necessary.

JEWELLERY - Remember jewellery is not permitted in school except for stud earrings, one flat ring and a watch. Nail varnish is not permitted.

**WEBSITE:-**

www.ballykeelps.org.uk

Please remember to visit our website for information of any upcoming events.

HAIR STYLES – in the interest of the overall appearance of our school uniform we would request that if you must colour your child's hair; it is only into another colour that may be grown naturally eg. brown, blonde. Prominent styling eg blocked dying, stripes, buzzed/razor cuts etc are not acceptable as it detracts from the overall appearance of the uniform. Long hair **must** be tied back. Large bows or other decorative hair items are not permitted.

**HEALTHY EATING AT BREAK TIMES**

Cereal bars and chocolate/sweet style yoghurts are not viewed as healthy as they are full of sugar and are not permitted.



As we have children with a nut allergy, items containing nuts, (including peanut butter and nutella) are not permitted in school.

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS

If your child/ren have any food allergies or special dietary needs please contact Mrs Bradley (Canteen Supervisor) asap. 028 25630009

BREAKFAST CLUB for all children from P.1 to P.7 (Nursery from Nov 2019)

The club will be open from **8:00am** on **Monday 2nd September**. Cost per day is **70p**.

The following are on offer:

Hot food includes buttered toast with cheese, scrambled or poached egg. **Drinks** include pure orange juice, pure apple juice, milk, tea or water.

Cereals: Cheerios, Rice Krispies, Porridge Cornflakes, Weetabix or Shreddies.

While the supervisor will still ask spellings and tables, there is a 50" plasma television so that children in the club can watch their favourite cartoons each morning. A selection of table top games are also available.