

# Newsletter 31—09-05-21



## Weekly Services

**Breakfast Club**—A chance for children to come into school a little early, enjoy breakfast with friends and play and create before school starts. All Covid-Secure Procedures in place. Daily from 8:00 to 8:45 a.m. *Cost: £1.75 per session.*

**Healthy Break**—School will provide a healthy break delivered to the classroom at your child's designated breaktime. Book via the app. *Cost: 30p/day*

**School Dinners**—School dinners are available daily. To keep everyone safe dinners are delivered and served in classrooms. There are hot meals on Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays and a packed lunch can be provided on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Choices should be made via the embedded form or this link: <https://bit.ly/PackLunch20> Selections should be made by 9:00 p.m. on Sunday evening for each week. If your child is not entitled to Free School Meals you can by via the app. *Cost: £2.60/day*

**B'Happy**—Wrap-around care is available from 2:00 to 5:00 every week day with Covid-Secure Procedures in place. Children are provided with a snack and can play in their class bubbles. Bubbles are allowed to mix when the children are playing outside which they are able to do weather permitting. The dedicated B'Happy staff ensure that there afternoons are filled with crafts, games and fun. *Cost: £1.50/session*

**Ballyhenry App**—Available free from Google Play and App Store, get updates and reminders from school and submit homework for feedback via the app.

THIS IS ESSENTIAL AS THIS IS HOW WE WILL LET YOU KNOW IF A CLASS OR CLASSES NEED TO REMAIN AT HOME AND SELF-ISOLATE. If you are having trouble getting or using the app please let us know. We will help you sort it out!



### Dates for your Diary

- Tuesdays & Thursdays—P7 Cycling Proficiency
- Week Beginning 10th May—School Book Fair
- Wednesday 12th May—P2-P4 Football starts
- Friday 28th May—School closed Exceptional Closure
- Monday 31st May—School closed Bank Holiday

Holidays for 2021-2022 will be included at the end of the newsletter. You can keep track of the school holidays by following our school website: <https://www.myballyhenryps.co.uk>



### Nut Free School—We are Allergy Aware

We have recently been informed of two children who have a severe food allergy to peanuts and nuts. It is important that there is a strict avoidance of these foods in order to prevent a life-threatening allergic reaction. We are asking for your help in order to provide all our pupils with a safe school environment. To help reduce the chance of this occurring, we are asking that you do not send your child to school with any products containing peanuts or nuts. It is the responsibility of whoever makes the lunch/snacks to ensure that there are no nuts or peanuts listed on the packaging. We will return items that may contain nuts/peanuts unopened. Remember that we are unable to share treats sent into school due to the allergy policy. This unfortunately includes birthday cakes and party bags. Thank you for your support with these procedures. It is essential that we are allergy aware.



### Illness

Any child who is unwell should remain at home until they are fit enough to attend school. Anyone with vomiting or diarrhoea should remain at home for 48 hours following the illness. Please use the app or the form below to inform us of your child's absence.

**Measles, chickenpox and shingles**

One of our pupils has recently received medical treatment for leukaemia which puts them at risk if they are exposed to measles, chicken pox and shingles. Please let us know immediately if your child is suspected of having measles.

Our pupil is also at risk from chicken pox and would need to be given an injection within 3 days of contact. If your child is suspected of having chicken pox you should let us know immediately.

It is also important that you let us know if there is shingles in your household.

Your child is not at any risk whatsoever from this situation. However, the health and well-being of our pupil who is at risk, does depend on the co-operation of all other parents and we hope you can help us.

Please phone or email [lknocker496@c2kni.net](mailto:lknocker496@c2kni.net) if required. Thank you for your support.

### **Covid-19**

#### **DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY ARE SHOWING COVID-19 SYMPTOMS:**

- **a new continuous cough**
- **fever**
- **loss of taste/smell.**

If anyone in your household is displaying symptoms, your child should remain at home. This is in keeping with the government guidance for Coronavirus. You should let the school know as soon as you can that there is someone at home that is unwell. We will then work with you, the Education Authority and the PHA to determine what should happen next. Anyone who has had a traceable contact with someone who has tested positive, must remain at home for the 10 day isolation period even if they have tested negative.

Remember we can provide lots of support if your child is off isolating. Work will be provided on Teams, we can arrange zoom sessions and a food parcel can be delivered if your child is entitled to free school meals.

If your child is ill, it is extremely important that you let us know by either completing the absent note on the app or filling in this form: <https://bit.ly/SympTrack20>

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### **If your child is isolating:**

**Report your child's illness:** You can complete an absent form via the app or by submitting this link: <https://bit.ly/SympTrack20>

**Zoom**—Virtual meetings offer a chance to catch up with staff and pupils. Zooms catch-up session will be offered to anyone who are forced to remain at home due to isolate at home due to isolation or illness. Please contact us to arrange a meeting.

**TEAMS** — Work and activities are uploaded regularly here for Homebased Learning if required.

**Devices**--We can lend you a laptop to support homebased learning if you need it.

## School Book Fair

We are delighted to be able to offer the school book fair with Covid precautions. Children will be able to visit the book fair in their class and they can select books from the book fair and pay their class teacher. Alternatively, you are welcome to view the books in the photos here or on the paper copy sent home on Monday (06/05/21). If you wish to purchase a specific book (or books) please complete the online/paper order form and return it to school. You can use your World Book Day Voucher if you still have it. These books will be ordered and sent home with your child.

Unfortunately, we are unable to allow parents into school to browse at the book fair. This is accordance with EA Covid Guidance.

Covid Precautions:

- Everyone in the class bubble will wash their hands before and after visiting the book fair.
- The book fair will be “fogged” after use;
- Money should be sent to school in an envelope. Please ensure that your child’s name is on it and the amount enclosed;
- Any staff handling money will wear gloves and the cash will be sprayed with disinfectant.

Link: <https://forms.office.com/r/TmRPqN1YWG>

TRAVELLING BOOKS

GET READY FOR THE

3 FOR 2 Book Fair

Your Book Fair is coming, so it's time to get excited! This list gives you and your class the opportunity to browse the Book Fair selection ahead of time.

### AGES 2+

			
A Little Bit Brave £5.99	Rita's Brilliant Day £5.99	Retsey Riggleson the Detective £2.99	Day the Banana Went Bad, The £5.99
			
Detective Dog, The £5.99	Dinky Donkey, The £5.99	Grumpy Grumpy Donkey, The £5.99	Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! £3.99
			
Forward Tales: The Runaway Tractor/Surprise Visiters £4.99	Giggle Pigs, The £2.99	Goodnight, Moon Baby £4.99	Grumpycom £4.99
			
Don't Call Me Grumpycom! £5.99	Hatching Unicorns £5.99	Hot Dog! And Hot Dog! 2 £2.99	I've Broken My Bone! £4.99

\*Lowest priced book is free

### AGES 2+

			
LEGO Star Wars: Phobos Box Set £47.99	Lighthouse Keeper's Mystery, The £3.99	Macca's Makeover £4.99	Mog the Forgetful Cat £4.99
			
Moon Landings £2.99	My Bum is So Moisty! £4.99	No-Bot: The Robot's New Bottom! £4.99	Oi Duck-billed Platypus! £4.99
			
Pirates in the Supermarket £4.99	Return of Thelma the Unicorn, The £4.99	Rhinocorn Rules £4.99	School Stars: Handwriting £4.99
			
Shhh! Quiet! £5.99	Smells and the Smores, The £4.99	Snail and the Whale, The £4.99	Superbat £2.99
			
There's a Dragon in Your Book £4.99	There's a Spider in This Book £4.99	Unicorn and the Rainbow Poop £4.99	Waffle the Wonder Dog: Doggy Buddies £5.99



## AGES 2+



Wigglebottom Primary:  
Break-time Bunnies  
£3.99



Zog and the Flying Doctors  
Early Reader  
£4.99



117-Storey Treehouse,  
The  
£6.99



Beanie Boos Sparkle  
and Shine Journal  
£6.99



Bella Broomstick Pack  
£4.99



Best Friends: A Perfect  
Friendship Journal  
£5.99



Cakes in Space  
£5.99



Cartoonist  
£3.99



Cat Kid Comic Club  
£7.99



Cloud Horse Chroni-  
cles, The: Guardians  
of Magic  
£7.99



Disgusting Science  
£6.99



Dog Man: Fetch 22  
£7.99



Dog Man: For Whom  
the Ball Rolls  
£7.99



Dog Man: Crime and  
Punishment  
£7.99



Dog Man: Mothering  
Heights  
£7.99



Dog Man: Paw-Some  
Journal  
£6.99



Enchanted Pony  
Academy: All That  
Glitters  
£4.99



Fing  
£7.99



Football Legends:  
Harry Kane  
£4.99



Football Legends:  
Raheem Sterling  
£4.99



Fox and the Ghost  
King, The  
£2.99



Glowing Slime  
£6.99



Horrid Henry:  
Underpants Panic  
£3.99



Hubert Horatio: How  
to Raise Your Crown-  
Ups  
£4.99



I Love Kittens Journal  
£3.99



Icarus Was Ridiculous  
£6.99



James and the  
Giant Peach  
£4.99

## AGES 6+



LEGO® Harry Potter: Hogwarts Handbook  
£6.99



LEGO® Ninjago™: Sons of Garmadon Activity Book  
£6.99



LEGO® Star Wars™: Awesome Jedi Tales  
£6.99



Mac R. Kid Spy: Mac Undercover  
£3.99



Matilda  
£6.99



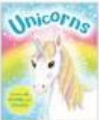
Minecraft: The Survivor's Book of Secrets  
£5.99



My Best Friend the Dinosaur  
£2.99



My Mini Mermaid Journal  
£2.99



My Mini Unicorn Journal  
£2.99



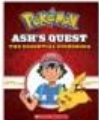
My Special Unicorn  
£6.99



Omari McQueen's Best Bites Cookbook  
£4.99



Planet Omar: Unexpected Super Spy  
£4.99



Pokemon: Ash's Quest - The Essential Handbook  
£6.99



Pokemon: Super Deluxe Essential Handbook  
£9.99



Princess of Pets: The Lonely Pony  
£5.99



Puppies of Blossom Meadows: Fairy Friends  
£4.99



Rox Gold and Friends Pack  
£7.99



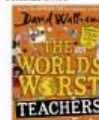
Sandman and the Turtles: The  
£2.99



Scholastic Acorns Early Readers Pack  
£6.99



WeirDo and WeirDo 2  
£2.99



World's Worst Teachers: The  
£3.99

## AGES 8+



A Life Story: Alan Turing  
£4.99



A Life Story: Katherine Johnson  
£4.99



Alex Rider: Nightshade  
£7.99



Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips, The  
£2.99



Artemis Fowl  
£4.99



Athena  
£4.99



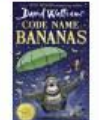
Beast of Buckingham Palace, The  
£7.99



Beyond the Stars  
£4.99



Boy Giant  
£6.99



Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh, The  
£6.99



Darkest Unicorn, The  
£6.99



Darkwhispers: A Brightstorm Adventure  
£4.99



Dead Famous Pack  
£6.99



Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Deep End  
£7.99



Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Wrecking Ball  
£7.99



Dork Diaries: Spectacular Superstar  
£6.99



Eve and the Animals  
£6.99



F2: Ultimate Footballer  
£6.99



Fly High Crew: The Green Glow  
£6.99



Freedom  
£4.99



Goodnight Mister Tom  
£2.99



Happy Girl Lucky  
£4.99



Harry Potter: Wizards Unite Game Guide  
£8.99



His Dark Materials: The Amber Spyglass  
£4.99



His Dark Materials: Northern Lights  
£4.99



His Dark Materials: The Subtle Knife  
£4.99



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## AMJR Afterschool Football Coaching

We are restarting some of our afterschool provision and are pleased to be able to offer afterschool football for P2 to P7 pupils on Wednesday afternoons for 6 weeks. P1 pupils will get their turn in September. The coaching team will bring 3 coaches and the children will remain in their class bubbles throughout the sessions.

- P2-P4 session 2:00-3:00
- There was not enough interest in the P5-P7 age groups so these sessions have been cancelled. We will try to run these sessions in the Autumn Term

All sessions will take place outdoors so children need to dress for the weather. If the weather is too wet then the session will be cancelled and rescheduled. We will let you know via the app.

If you wish to book your child on to the 6 week block of after schools football with AMJR please click the link below to register & pay.

There are limited spaces available per bubble & these will be available on a "first come, first served" basis.

Follow this link to register now with AMJR Ballyhenry After School.

<https://www.teamfeepay.com/s/oboHLxd>

Any questions or queries contact AMJR Coaching: [andy@amjrcoaching.co.uk](mailto:andy@amjrcoaching.co.uk)

## New P1s

We are looking forward to welcoming our new pupils in September 2021. Hopefully, you will have received notification of your child's place via the EA Admissions Hub. We will be emailing all families on Monday to welcome you to school and to inform you of our tentative plans for induction. This has been delayed as we wait for clarification from the EA regarding Covid Restrictions. If you are uncertain of your child's current admission status or you would like to talk to us about anything, please send me an email [lknocker496@c2kni.net](mailto:lknocker496@c2kni.net). I am happy to help in any way I can.



## Rights Respecting School



We aim to be a school where children's rights are at the heart of our ethos and culture, to improve well-being and to develop every child's talents and abilities to their full potential. As part of this plan we are working towards recognition as a 'Rights Respecting School', an award given to schools on behalf of Unicef UK.

Unicef is the world's leading organisation working for children and young people and their rights. In 1989, governments across the world agreed that all children have the same rights by adopting the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). These rights are based on what a child needs to survive, grow, participate and fulfil their potential.

Ballyhenry pupils will learn about their rights by putting them into practice every day. A Rights Respecting School models rights and respect in all its relationships. It is a part of the Ballyhenry Way: **SAFE-READY-RESPECTFUL**.

We started on this journey just prior to Lockdown and we are delighted to return our focus. We really hope that you will be able to support our school on our journey towards becoming a Unicef UK Rights Respecting School.

Each week we will be looking at a different Article from the United Nation Convention on the Rights of the Child. This week we will looking at:

**Article 28: Adults must do what's best for me.**



## Breakfast Club and B'Happy

We are delighted to tell you that we can resume wrap around care. This will be done in adherence with Covid-Secure procedures.

### Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will operate from 8:00-8:45 daily. Children will sit with their class bubble at tables in the assembly hall. They will be served breakfast and be able to play with their class friends. They will be able to watch videos and play games. They will need to stay in their bubble during breakfast club.

Cost: £1.75/session (includes breakfast)

### B'Happy

B'Happy is our after school programme which currently operates from 2:00 to 5:00 daily. Children will go to the hall and play in their class bubbles while indoors. They will be given an afternoon snack. The programme involves stories, games, ICT and outdoor activities. When outdoors children are free to play together. Covid-Secure procedures are in place and children will wash/sanitize their hands between activities. We have altered the system to allow parents/carers to book in 30 minute sessions in order to offer the best service for our families.

Cost: £1.50/30 min session

Traditionally B'Happy operates until 6:00 p.m. but there is currently no demand for this service. If you need help please ring school or email [lknocker496@c2kni.net](mailto:lknocker496@c2kni.net) for help.



## Dinners/Lunches

Lunchtimes will be timetabled to ensure social distancing. Our dinner choices are completed online and delivered to the classroom. It is essential that book your child's meals for the week by Sunday at 9:00 p.m. The kitchen is working on a skeleton staff and as such late bookings will not be accepted. The form will not open after 9:00 p.m. *This week we have extended the time to 9:00 p.m. on Monday as school is closed for staff training on Monday.*

**BOOK DINNERS VIA THE LINK BY 9:00 P.M. ON MONDAY EVENING LATE BOOKINGS FOR DINNERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. <https://bit.ly/PackLunch20>**

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## Attendance

DENI expects all pupils to return to school except in very special circumstance:

- pupils who have been advised by their medical teams to remain at home;
- pupils who have been required to self-isolate due to Track and Trace Guidelines;
- pupils who have an illness (including COVID-19).

As usual, attendance will be marked on a daily basis. Special arrangements have been made to record attendance for pupils who are learning from home. This includes compelling schools to collect evidence regarding the learning that has taken place. If sufficient evidence is not provided or if a pupil refuses to attend school due to COVID-19 fears schools must record these as Unauthorized Absence.



## Staggered Arrival (Drop and Go)

We resume our staggered arrival procedure. Children can arrive any time between 8:45 and 9:05. Here is a remind you of the procedures:

- Follow social distancing footprints. Adults **MUST** wear masks on entry.
- Hands sanitized on entry;
- Follow the one-way system;
- Temperatures check on entry to the classroom.



Remember anyone who is ill should not be in school. If your child has Covid-19 symptoms the household should self-isolate and a test should be booked.

## Staggered Exit (Meet and Leave)

Departure will be staggered to help ensure social distancing. You will note that we have temporarily altered our dismissal times so that all children will go home each day between 1:55 and 2:20 on Mondays and Fridays. This is to accommodate families as siblings will go home at the same time. Pupils in P5-P7 go home between 2:55 and 3:05 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursday. The altered times meet the statutory requirements for school hours while reducing the number of additional contacts within our class bubble.

It is essential for **all stakeholders** to maintain social distancing and that adults wear masks.

Covid-19 Procedures include:

- Gates will be locked until 1:45 as outdoor learning may be taking place.
- **Parents/carers must maintain social distancing while waiting to collect their children. Please stand on the designated waiting spots (blue feet), wear a mask and leave the school premises quickly to give room for other families.**
- **Climbing equipment should not be used by younger siblings waiting for collection.**
- **Older children will be dismissed from their class early and move to meet their younger siblings. They must maintain social distancing from others but can be in close proximity with their sibling.**
- **Staff and children will move aside if children are not collected to allow other classes to go out.**
- **Junior Gate will be closed and locked by the P4 teacher at 2:15.**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
IR Playground	1:55 P1 & Siblings 2:00 P2 & Siblings 2:05 P3 & Siblings 2:10 P4 & Siblings	1:55 P1 2:00 P2 2:05 P3 2:10 P4	1:55 P1 2:00 P2 2:05 P3 2:10 P4	1:55 P1 2:00 P2 2:05 P3 2:10 P4	1:55 P1 & Siblings 2:00 P2 & Siblings 2:05 P3 & Siblings 2:10 P4 & Siblings
SIR Playground	2:10 P5 & Siblings 2:15 P6 & Siblings 2:20 P7	2:55 P5 3:00 P6 3:05 P7	2:55 P5 3:00 P6 3:05 P7	2:55 P5 3:00 P6 3:05 P7	2:10 P5 & Siblings 2:15 P6 & Siblings 2:20 P7

## Keep in touch!

We know that working from home can be difficult and we want to provide as much support as we can. Please email [lknocker496@c2kni.net](mailto:lknocker496@c2kni.net) if you need anything. There will be someone at school every weekday from 8:15 to 4:30 p.m.

Remember that we can only do our best and together we will get through this challenging time!

Stay safe,

Mrs. Knocker

## HOLIDAY LIST 2021/2022

### Autumn Term- 2021

School commences: Thursday 26th August (school ends 12pm no dinners)

Friday 27th August (school ends 12pm no dinners)

August Bank Holiday: Monday 30th August (school closed)

School Continues:

Tuesday 31st August (school ends 12pm no dinners)

Exceptional Closure 1: Friday 24th September (school closed)

Exceptional Closure 2: Monday 25th October (school closed)

Halloween: Tuesday 26th October – Friday 29th October (inc)

Christmas: Monday 20th December (half Day \*)

Christmas: Tuesday 21st December – Monday 3rd January 2022 (inc)

### [Spring Term- 2022](#)

School recommences: Tuesday 4th January 2022

Exceptional Closure 3: Monday 14th February (school closed)

Half Term: Tuesday 15th February – Friday 18th February (inc)

St Patrick's Day: Thursday 17th March

Exceptional Closure 4: Monday 11th April (school closed)

Easter: Tuesday 12th April – Friday 22nd April (inc)

### [Summer Term- 2022](#)

School recommences: Monday 25th April

MAY DAY HOLIDAY: Monday 2nd May

Exceptional Closure 5: Wednesday 1st June (school closed)

Jubilee Holiday: Thursday 2nd June – Friday 3rd June (inc)

End of School year: Thursday 30th June (half day \*)

\* Half Day- School closes at 12.00 pm (No Dinners).

The above holiday dates are all inclusive and subject to change.