

Ballyhenry Primary School

NEWSLETTER 2



09/09/2019

Dates for your Diary

Breakfast Club

8:00 to 8:45 a.m. Cost: £1.50

Must be booked in advance on-line* via the app by 8:00 a.m. daily.

B'Happy

2:00 to 6:00 p.m. Cost: £2.50/hour

Must be booked in advance on-line* via the app by 9:15 a.m. daily. Unfortunately we cannot accept telephone bookings or late bookings.

If your child is staying until 6:00 p.m. please send them an evening snack

Special B'Happy P1 Arrangements for September

12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Cost: £5.00

P1 children staying for B'Happy must be booked into dinners or bring a packed lunch

*Pre-booking using cash in an envelope will be accepted in September as we get used to the app!
It is essential that you pre-book!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Ballyhenry Tots 9:00 to 10:30 £1.50		Swimming P5 & P7		Ballyhenry Tots 9:00 to 10:30 £1.50 Roald Dahl Day House Activities P4 to P7 1:00 to 2:00

Communication and Payment App

So far, 174 people have taken the time to download our Communication and Payment app. Thank you! This is easily done from the iTunes store or Google Play by downloading the app (search for Ballyhenry Primary School). The app is free! You are also free to have other members of your family and child minders download the app as emails, newsletters, text messages and payments can all be done through this app.



Step by Step

1. Download the Ballyhenry Primary School App
2. Enter the password: 11111
3. Select the notifications you would like to receive (i.e. which class your child or children are in). So if your children are in P1, P4 and P7 click those classes and you will get updates from their teachers. This might be things like, "Remember your Wellie boots." "Class trip tomorrow" etc. Be sure to **"enable notifications"** so that you get these updates directly to your phone.

Use the app to:

- ✓ Book and pay for services on-line
- ✓ Receive notifications and text messages
- ✓ Complete consent forms. All parents must currently sign and submit:
 - Policy Acknowledgement
 - Intimate Care Permission
 - Photo Permission
 - Acceptable use of the internet.
- ✓ Inform the school of information relevant to your child:
 - Medical Conditions & Special Diets
 - Absent Notes
 - Communication Messages (i.e. if your child needs to leave school early for an appointment)

Thank you for supporting us as we try to make communication more effective and easier for parents/carers. We are happy to show you how to use it. Simply drop into the office for a little extra help.

B'Happy

We are trying something new! Remember you must pre-book for the week on Monday morning. This should be done through our app on-line by 9:15 daily. Payment is required when you book your slots. For a very short period of time we will be able to accept cash bookings on Monday morning for the week. Emergency bookings can only be done on-line before 9:15 a.m. This is due to the high number of participants and the need to ensure adequate staffing. Please help us to help you!



When a pupil arrives in B'Happy they are given a snack (i.e pancakes, toast, biscuits). They also have access to a fruit bowl throughout their time in the room.

If your child is going to stay beyond 5:00 you should provide them with a snack or light meal.

P1 children can book special hours. This should be done in advance (i.e. before 9:15 daily, preferably on a weekly basis). Remember to ensure that your child has a lunch or is booked into dinner!

Roald Dahl Day

We are joining the worldwide celebrations for Roald Dahl Day on Friday 13th September. Pupils will engage in a variety of exciting activities in their classrooms.



New House Activities

In response to our School Development Plan you have asked for the following improvements:

- Increased access to the outdoors
- More P.E. Sessions
- Increase activities relating to creative design.
- Support for developing resilience and positive mental health.

Your children are asking for similar activities and we whole-heartedly agree that this will help our pupils.

We are running a pilot programme of House Activities for children in Primary 4 to Primary 7 on Friday afternoons between 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 from September to April. The children will take part in these curricular activities in House Teams. There is a curricular plan for each block which has been designed to develop curricular areas as well as support the development of Thinking Skills, Personal Capabilities and physical and mental health. Each House will remain with the same teacher and assistants for a block of 5 to 6 weeks. Your child will be informed of their activity and any requirements (i.e. some of these activities are outside and the children will need appropriate outdoor clothing). Everyone will have a go at each of the activities throughout the year. The teachers involved have a special interest in the activities they are leading.

Outdoor Learning

Children will explore outdoor learning and find out more about the environment. These activities will be linked to STEM, WAU, PDMU and Thinking Skills. We know that learning outdoors has a positive impact on both physical and mental health. Children will need to bring outdoor wear (i.e. coats, wellie boots etc.).

Multi-Sports

Children will explore different sports and benefit from an additional P.E. Session each week. They will be introduced to a variety of indoor sports to improve physical fitness, gross motor skills as well as improvements in mental health. Children will need to bring indoor P.E. kits and a water bottle.

Collaborative Art

Pupils will work in groups to create large scale art projects which will enhance our outdoor environment. These activities will be linked to STEM, WAU, Art & Design and Thinking Skills and Personal Capabilities. These activities will take place both indoors and outdoors and have a positive impact on pupils' fine motor skills and mental health. Children will need a coat. We will also need your support in collecting odds and ends to support the projects.

Mindfulness Movements

The modern world can cause stress for pupils and adults, alike. Helping children to develop the resilience and self-confidence to deal with the world around them in a positive manner is imperative part of the curriculum. These activities will be connect to P.E., PDMU and Thinking Skills and Personal Capabilities. Children will need a bottle of water for these sessions and can choose to bring a yoga matt and towel if desired.

We are really looking forward to these activities and hope that you share our enthusiasm for developing these skills and capabilities

Blocks	Outdoor Learning	Multi-Sports	Collaborative Art	Mindfulness
Fridays 13 th September to 18 th October	RED HOUSE	YELLOW HOUSE	BLUE HOUSE	GREEN HOUSE
Fridays 8 th November to 6 th December	YELLOW HOUSE	RED HOUSE	GREEN HOUSE	BLUE HOUSE
Fridays 10 th January to 7 th February	BLUE HOUSE	YELLOW HOUSE	RED HOUSE	GREEN HOUSE
Fridays 28 th February to 27 th March	GREEN HOUSE	BLUE HOUSE	YELLOW HOUSE	RED HOUSE

Data Capture Forms

Data Capture Forms contain essential personal information that ensure that your child's information is accurate. This allows us to contact you if your child is unwell. It also ensures that we are aware of any medical issues your child might have. Due to GDPR these forms were sent home in a sealed envelope marked "Private and Confidential". It is essential that you return the data capture forms to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Free School Meals

Please remember you need to reapply for Free School Meals every year. If you think you are entitled and would like an application form, please speak with Mrs. Reid in the Office who will be happy to help. You can also download an application form from the Website.



You can also get more information from the Education Authority Website by clicking on this link. www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-school-uniform-allowance

Extra funding in our school is based on our percentage of Free School Meals so please apply even if your child does not want dinners! You will benefit from Uniform Grants. If your child has a statement for Special Educational Needs they may also be entitled to Free School Meals. We can't get this extra funding without you! We need another 20 people to apply in order to meet the funding target!

Mums and Tots

Starting Monday 9th September 2019. Calling all mums and carers who are looking for a place to allow their children to play and relax with together. Our Mums and Tots group runs on Mondays and Fridays from 9:00 to 10:15 in the hall. Why not drop in? The cost is £1.50 a session to cover running costs.



First session will be Monday 9th September 2019.

Back to School Road Show

Thank you so much for attending the Back to School Road Show! We were delighted with the turn out and the exhibitors were thrilled to be able to share information with so many people!

INDOOR PE KIT

P.E. is an important part of our curriculum. We would like to ensure that every child has access to physical activity on a regular basis. In order to facilitate this, each child (P3-P7) should have

an indoor P.E. Kit in a bag that should be left in school. The kit should consist of a white t-shirt/polo shirt and black/blue shorts/tracksuit bottoms. They should also have a pair of indoor P.E. shoes. All items should be clearly labelled with your child's name. Teachers will send these items home to be washed each half term. P1 and P2 children should have P.E. shoes that are labelled and left in school.

Dates for your Diary

Remember that our school website has a calendar app that can be downloaded to your mobile device so that you receive reminders of upcoming events. Please note the following:

- Friday 27th September--School will be closed to facilitate staff training;
- Thursday 3rd October--School Sensation. Find out more about school and how you can help your child.
- Friday 18th October—Harvest Assembly. Join us for our Harvest Assembly and Coffee Morning.
- Friday 18th October—Parent Book Look. See the hard work your child has completed. Return books on Monday.
- Tuesday 22nd October to Thursday 24th October—Parent-Teacher Interviews. School closes at 12:30 p.m. but Special B'Happy Hours will still operate.
- Friday 25th October—Pumpkin Party. School ends at 12:30 p.m.
- Monday 4th November—Back to school

Contact School

We are here to help! Here are some of the ways you can get in touch

Website: www.myballyhenryps.net

Facebook: **Ballyhenry Primary School—Official** (closed group)

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