

# Newsletter 7 (04-10-20)

## Ballyhenry Primary School



Have you downloaded the Ballyhenry Primary School App in order to receive newsletters and updates? 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.

### Illness in School

Children MUST NOT ATTEND SCHOOL if they have COVID-19 symptoms:

1. A new and continuous cough
2. High temperature/fever
3. Loss or change in sense of smell or taste

Anyone with these symptoms should contact their GP/PHA to inform them and book a test when it is appropriate to do so.

ANYONE EXPERIENCING THE 3 RECOGNISED COVID19 SYMPTOMS (EVEN IF ASSOCIATED WITH A COLD) MUST REMAIN AT HOME. IF YOU HAVE BEEN TESTED YOU MUST REMAIN AT HOME UNTIL TEST IS RETURNED AS NEGATIVE. YOUR CHILD HAS NOT BEEN TESTED BUT HAS HAD ANY COVID-19 SYMPTOMS, THEY MUST NOT RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR 10 DAYS.

***Please complete the Absent Form on the Ballyhenry App if your child is ill. It has been updated to include Covid-19 symptoms and information. These notes go directly to your child's teacher!***



### Breakfast Club 8:00 to 8:45

***YOU MUST BOOK BY 7:00 AM ON MONDAY. SORRY, NO DROP-IN OR CASH PAYMENTS.***

Breakfast Club is working well. The children are enjoying their activity boxes and their breakfast before moving safely to their class.

We are so glad that we have resumed this service. Please work with us to make restart a success by ensuring that you pre-book using the app. It should be activated now. If it is not working than please

update your app! We may be able to help you with an emergency during the week. In this case email with your request. [lknocker496@c2kni.net](mailto:lknocker496@c2kni.net)



### [B'Happy is Back! 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.](#)

B'Happy will resume on Monday. We have been able to adjust our plans and the price reflects these changes. This is because we have learned from our experiences with Breakfast Club and have taken on board feedback from the parents' survey. We now need 4 members of staff, additional cleaning time and additional equipment to make the service work safely in the current environment. We are doing our best to support our families.

To adhere to Covid-19 Restrictions we will do the following:

#### Entry Procedures:

- Run Weekly Pre-booking with payment online. All bookings must be done by 7:00 a.m. on Monday morning for the week. Numbers will be limited given Covid-19 requirements. NO DROP-INS.
- B'Happy will be coordinated from the Assembly Hall. This gives us a large space and the best opportunity for social distancing.
- We will welcome the children in from their staggered end time.
- adhere to the new normal entry procedures (i.e. sanitise and screen temperatures)
- Upon entry, have children sit at their class table and remain seated until invited to move

#### Daily Activities

- Children will have an activity box (or two) on their table
- Afternoon snack will be served to them and the table cleared for them.

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- Children must remain in their bubble. Activities will be rotated during the hours of operation to include time outside, in the B'Happy Room, ICT sessions and time at tables in the hall. We will also be able to show a variety of movies via the data projector in the hall.

- Staffing levels have been increased to supervise the children in various locations around the school.

#### Departure Procedures

- Pupils will return to the hall to be collected.
- All children will be in the hall from 4:30 daily to allow for cleaning of other areas.
- We will close B'Happy each day at 5:00. In time we may be able to extend this finishing time.
- Parents should go to the main school door and ring the B'Happy Door Bell. Parents must not enter the school building.

#### Payments

- Parents should pay on a weekly basis by 7:00 a.m. on Monday morning. NO DROP-INS
- Parents can book in 30 min slots.
- P5 to P7 pupils will not need to begin payment until 3:00 p.m.
- Cost is £2.00/30 min slot

#### Safety and Cleaning

- All staff will need to wear visors/masks, aprons and gloves when within 2 meters of the children.
- All staff will maintain the 2m social distancing rule except with children in their bubble
- All surfaces and equipment/activity boxes will need to be disinfected after use.
- Any areas of the school used by B'Happy participants will need to be cleaned after use. This includes corridors, toilets, rooms, toys and outdoor equipment (including the climbing frame).

**YOU MUST BOOK BY 7:00 AM ON MONDAY FOR THE WEEK.**

**SORRY NO DROP-IN OR CASH PAYMENTS.**



#### Parent-Teacher Meeting

Sorry for the delay in this service. We plan to run Parent-Teacher meetings with Covid-19 Secure Procedures. However, we are still waiting for detailed Guidance from DENI. At present the most recent STATES THAT ALL INTERVIEWS SHOULD BE DONE BY TELEPHONE with no further details on how to make this work. We are hoping to find a solution that will best serve our families protect our bubbles and ensure everyone's safety.

## Photo Permission

We are so excited to be able to share some of our activities in school. We have been approached by the EA who would like to feature our P7 class in their magazine. We are currently doing weekly assemblies on Zoom in our classrooms and would love to share photos of the pupils. In order to make this happen we need you to complete the photo permission on the app. This has to be done annually. Please make sure you complete these forms so that your child is able to participate fully in school life!

## Policies and Forms

As you are aware, we are not able to send policies and forms home on paper. These should be completed online.

Please ensure that you complete and submit:



- Policy acknowledge
- Intimate Care Permission
- Photo Permission
- Acceptable use of the internet.
- Permission to walk home (for P5 to P7 pupils only)
- Special diets
- Children medical conditions should also complete the appropriate form:
  - AM1: Long-term medical conditions (i.e. ADHD, ASD, Asthma)
  - AM2: This is a short-term medical condition (i.e. ear infections)
  - AM3: Self-Administration (i.e. to manage their own inhaler in school)

## Ballyhenry Primary School Kitchen



Canteen Packed  
Lunch

We are so pleased to be able to offer hot dinners on Mondays and Fridays. These will be delivered to the classroom complete with the children's choice of sides. We are here to help. The canteen continues to offer brown bag lunch on Tuesday to Thursday. The lunch will include a filled sandwich, baguette, wrap or muffin (see menu), piece of fruit, dessert and a bottle of water.

Carers, you simply need to tell us your child's preferences. It is important that you complete this form even if your child takes free school meals.

**Please complete this link to select sandwich fillings and Monday/Friday Treat options.**

<https://bit.ly/PackLunch20>

PLEASE BOOK BY 7:00 A.M. ON MONDAY FOR THE WEEK. THE SPREADSHEET IS PRINTED AND SENT TO THE KITCHEN BY 7:30 A.M. ON MONDAY.

We do accept additions but this is challenging and takes away from teaching time. We really appreciate your help in this matter.

5 <sup>th</sup> October – 9 <sup>th</sup> October				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Goujons, Mash Potatoes & Beans (alternative diets also catered) **** Yoghurt, Cookie & Apple Juice Tuck: Toast & Fruit	Filled Sandwich  **** Fresh Fruit & Tub of Ice Cream Tuck: Bagel & Fruit	Filled Wrap  **** Fresh Fruit & Frozen Yoghurt Tuck: Toast & Fruit	Filled Sub Roll  **** Yoghurt Tuck: Muffin & Fruit	Fish fingers, Chips & Peas (alternative diets also catered) **** Apple Juice, Biscuit & Smoothie Tuck: Toast & Fruit
School Meals: 1 day - £2.60 2 days - £5.20 3 days - £7.80 4 days - £10.40 5 days - £13.00 HB Tuck Shop: 1 day - 30p 2 days - 60p 3 days - 90p 4 days - £1.20 5 days - £1.50 Please pay via the Ballyhenry PS App Make your choice <a href="https://bit.ly/PackLunch20">https://bit.ly/PackLunch20</a>				
PLEASE NOTE: FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON ALLERGENIC INGREDIENTS OR IF YOUR CHILD HAS A DIETARY REQUIREMENT PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL. ANY ALLERGY CLAIMS <u>MUST</u> BE ACCOMPANIED BY A DOCTORS LETTER. DUE TO ANY UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES THAT MAY OCCUR, THE MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.				

## Free School Meals

Please remember you need to reapply for Free School Meals every year. If you think you are entitled, applications are made online. You should be notified when your application has been processed. We believe that most of applications have now been processed. Please let us know if this is not the case for your child.

The meal service has also informed schools that they will provide Food Packs to children who are forced to remain at home due to Covid19. Please contact school if you believe you are entitled to this provision.

## Contact School

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

Website: [www.myballyhenryps.net](http://www.myballyhenryps.net)

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

Email: [lknocker496@c2kni.net](mailto:lknocker496@c2kni.net)

Tel: (028) 90841316

**Note:** Please contact school if you or a family member has symptoms of Covid-19. It is essential that you let us know if someone in your family has tested positive. If this is out of hours please send a communication slip via the app or email [lknocker496@c2ni.net](mailto:lknocker496@c2ni.net). Include a contact number so that I can call you back to discuss next steps. Try not to worry. We will figure this out together. This information will be kept confidential.

## HOLIDAY LIST 2020/2021

### Autumn Term- 2020

**School Starts:** Monday 24th August (P7 Only, ends 2pm, bring packed lunch)

Thursday 27th August P2-P7 (Bubble 1, school bring lunch)

Friday 28th August P2-P7 (Bubble 2, school ends bring lunch)

Bank Holiday: Monday 31st August (school closed)

School Continues: Tuesday 1st September (P1 See Special arrangements, Bubble1)

Except Close 1: Friday 23rd October (school closed)

Halloween: Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October (inc)

Christmas: Friday 18th December (half Day \*)

Christmas: Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January 2021 (inc)

### Spring Term- 2021

**School Re-starts** Monday 4th January

Except Close 2: Friday 12th February (school closed)

Except Close 3: Monday 15th February (school closed)

Half Term: Tuesday 16th February – Friday 19th February (inc)

St Patrick's Day: Wednesday 17th March (Staff in)

Except Close 4: Friday 26th March (school closed)

**Easter: Monday 29th March – Friday 9th April (inc)**

### Summer Term- 2021

**School recommences:** Monday 12th April

MAY DAY HOLIDAY: Monday 3rd May

Exceptional Closure 5: Friday 28th May (school closed)

MAY BANK HOLIDAY: Monday 31st May (school closed)

End of School year: Wednesday 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.

You can also download the calendar from our Website at

[www.myballyhenryps.co.uk](http://www.myballyhenryps.co.uk)