

# Newsletter 13 (29-11-20)

Ballyhenry Primary School



Download the Ballyhenry App to stay up-to-date. 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 or needs to remain at home to self-isolate. These notes go directly to your child's teacher! It is important that you complete this so that we can ensure that we use the correct code and support your child with homebased learning.***

## Christmas Celebration and Virtual Events

We will be filming our Virtual Christmas Celebration in bubbles on Monday and Tuesday. Children can bring a festive hat/hair band. Don't worry if you don't have one....we have extra!

We would like to ensure as many children as possible can participate. Please ensure you complete the photo permission form via the app, a paper copy or follow this link. <http://bit.ly/2NmePHOTO> . Thank you for the many people have already done so!



## Virtual Visits (Open Night)



Normally we would be busy organising our Open Night this month. Unfortunately we are unable to host this in the usual way so we are doing things differently to keep everyone safe! If you have a preschool child or know someone who does please sign-up for updates about our virtual visits <https://bit.ly/InterestP12021> . We hope that we will be able provide Face-to-Face appointments to meet prospective parents/pupils in January. Many of our children have younger brothers/sisters at school. We would love you to sign-up for these updates too so that we can ensure that we provide you with the most up-to-date information from the Education Authority regarding P1 Admissions.

We should have our virtual Open Night Video ready in the coming days. The staff and pupils have really come together to make this work! We appreciate everyone's effort in what is very challenging times! I have seen the outtakes....just wonderful!

## Free School Meals

It is not too late to apply for Free School Meals. This can be done online via the Education Authority. We only need 4 more children to be accepted for Free School Meals in order to receive our addition funding next year. If you are eligible, please apply! Parents who receive Free School Meals will now receive a food grant during every holiday until Easter 2022.

The meal service has also informed schools that they will provide Food Packs to children who are forced to remain at home due to Covid-19. Please contact school if you believe you are entitled to this provision.

## Ballyhenry Primary School Kitchen



We are so pleased to be able to offer hot dinners on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays. These will be delivered to the classroom complete. 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/Wednesday/Friday Hot Dinner 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.

Note: The Dates on the menu are incorrect. It should read 30th November to 4th December 2020. The delicious menu is accurate!

30th November to 4th December 2020.				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Fish Fingers, Sauté Potatoes & Beans  **** Tub of Ice Cream, Fruit & Juice  <b>Tuck: Toast &amp; Fruit</b>  (alternative diets also catered)	Filled Sandwich  **** Fresh Fruit, Cookie & Juice  <b>Tuck: Bagel &amp; Fruit</b>	<b>XMAS DINNER</b> Turkey, Cocktail Sausage, Mashed & Roast Potatoes, Peas & Gravy  **** Tub of Ice Cream & Carton of Juice  <b>Tuck: Toast &amp; Fruit</b> (alternative diets also catered)	Filled Sub Roll  **** Biscuit, Fruit & Juice  <b>Tuck: Muffin &amp; Fruit</b>	Fish Fingers, Sautéed Potatoes & Beans  **** Smoothie & Drink  <b>Tuck: Toast &amp; Fruit</b>  (alternative diets also catered)
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 <b>Please pay via the Ballyhenry PS App Make your choice</b> <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.				

<https://bit.ly/PackLunch20>

Support before and afterschool



- Breakfast Club-- 8:00 to 8:45

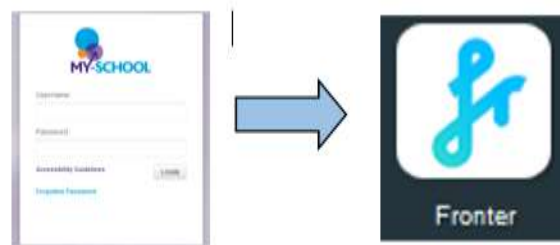
- B'Happy—2:00 to 5:00 (booked in 30 minute slots).

***YOU MUST BOOK BY 7:00 AM ON MONDAY. SORRY, NO DROP-IN OR CASH PAYMENTS. Both clubs work with Covid-19 Safety Procedures in place.***

### Working from Home

If your child is off school due to the need to isolate, it is important that you let us know. We will send digital copies of work for your child to complete while at home. We can also make arrangements for you to receive paper copies of this work. This work will need to be returned to school for assessment. The COVID-19 folder should only be used to support learning if your child's whole class is directed to self-isolate.

Learning can also be supported online. Information has been sent home with every child to allow us to do so if needed. In your child's emergency folder you will find usernames and passwords that will allow to access "My School" and then "Fronter". If you are having trouble getting online, it is essential that you make contact and we will do our best to help.



Hint: search <https://www.c2kschools.net> for "My School" then enter your child's username and password. Their homepage should load and then find the fronter logo (see above). If fronter does not load automatically when clicked then give "my school" a few moments and retry.

### Pastoral Care in School and at Home

We know that things are a little different right now and this can have an impact on our mental health. Mrs McCurry has been working with us to support pupils in addressing their mental health needs. Mrs McCurry is also happy to talk to parents who may need a little help. As part of her role, I have asked her to make contact with families who are having to self-isolate to offer support. We hope that you will find it helpful to talk to someone from school.



### 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@c2kni.net](mailto:lknocker496@c2kni.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: Monday 19th October (school closed to pupils)**

Extended Half-Term: Tuesday 20th October-Friday 23rd October **(school closed to pupils)**

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: Monday 15th February **(school closed to pupils)**

Except Close 3: Tuesday 16th February **(school closed to pupils)**

Half Term: Wednesday 17th February – Friday 19th February (inc)

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

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

**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 to pupils)

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.