



## News Sheet – September 2015

### Diary Dates – October 2015

5 <sup>th</sup> - 9 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair
6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Young Enterprise, Session 3
7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Young Enterprise, Session 2
	PSNI and Fire and Rescue Service: Firework Safety Talk
9 <sup>th</sup>	Soccer Festival
12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 7 Young Enterprise, Session 1
13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Young Enterprise, Session 4
14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Young Enterprise, Session 1
	Year 3 Young Enterprise, Session 3
	Pupil Council Meeting
15 <sup>th</sup>	World Food Day
16 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of Swimming – Years 6 and 7
	Year 1 Trip to Palace Stables for Apple Day
19 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Parent/Teacher Meeting Week - School closes at 1pm for all pupils
	No After School Clubs
20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Young Enterprise, Session 5
21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 3 Young Enterprise, Session 4
	Year 4 Young Enterprise, Session 2
28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Young Enterprise, Session 5
29 <sup>th</sup> Oct – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	School Closed - Half-Term Holiday

### Advance Dates

We aim to work in partnership with parents and, with this in mind; we have arranged as many dates as possible for the school year to give parents as much notice as possible.

12 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual and Family Photographs
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Christmas Fair - School finishes at 1.00pm for everyone
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Performance 1 – 10.00am
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Performance 2 – 10.00am, School finishes at 1.00pm for all pupils
29 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent/Teacher Meetings: Nursery – Year 7. School finishes at 1.00pm daily, No After School Clubs
16 <sup>th</sup> March	St Patrick's Day Irish Dancing Festival: 1.30 - 4.00pm
7 <sup>th</sup> May	First Holy Communion – 11.00am
9 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 and 7 Shannaghmore Residential
16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Test Week
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day – 9.30am
17 <sup>th</sup> June	Prize Day/Reports Issued
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Nursery Graduation – 10.00am
w/b 20 <sup>th</sup> June	End of Term Trip Week

### School Closure: October 2015

Please note that school will be closed from Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2015 until Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015 for Half-Term.

## **Book Fair**

This will take place from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2015. Please see flyer already sent home. Please give this your support.

## **First Aid**

Our 5 First Aiders are:

- Mrs H Stewart
- Mrs E Mackle
- Mr R Hendron
- Mrs L Molloy
- Mrs N Fusco

## **Fizzy Drinks**

A reminder that as part of our Healthy Schools Policy, we do not permit pupils to bring fizzy drinks into school.

## **Lunchbox Leaflet**

We encourage parents of pupils who take a Packed Lunch, to ensure it is healthy. Leaflets are available from the Office.

## **Free School Meals**

Are you aware that many people in Northern Ireland who are entitled to Free School Meals are not claiming them?

If you can answer 'Yes' to any of the following questions, you **may** be entitled to Free School Meals:

Are you in receipt of:

- Income Support?
- Income-Based Jobseeker's Allowance?
- Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance?
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit?

If you are **not** receiving one of the above benefits

- Are you in receipt of **Child Tax Credit** or **Working Tax Credit** and have an annual taxable income of £16,190 or less?
- Are you an Asylum Seeker supported by the Home Office National Asylum Support Service (NASS)?

If you have answered 'Yes' to any of these questions and are not in receipt of Free School Meals, please contact Mrs Tedford in the office for an Application Form.

## **Flu Vaccine**

The Department of Health has decided that all Year 1 – 7 pupils will be offered the Flu Vaccine again this year. This will be by way of a nasal spray and will be administered in school on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015. Parents have received Consent Forms for this which I ask you to return if you have not already done so.

## After School Clubs

The school continues to offer a varied selection of Extra Curricular Activities to its pupils. We believe that these are an important part of your child's educational experience at Primary School. We would encourage every pupil to attend at least one Club year term. Please see the Club List on page 6. A reminder that all Clubs which begin at 2.00pm finish at 3.00pm. Those Clubs which start at 3.00pm finish at 4.00pm. Please ensure your child is collected promptly after Clubs.

## School Uniform

I want to say a big thank you to all our parents for ensuring that your children are in full school uniform every day. Our pupils look so smart in the uniform and we ask that you ensure that these high standards are maintained all year. A reminder that replacement ties and PE bags can be purchased from the office for £3 each.

Please note that hooded tops (hoodies) are not permitted in school.

## Pupil Council

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been elected by their classes to serve on the Pupil Council this year.

Class		
Yr 7	Aimee Wilson	Andy Byrne
Yr 6	Olivia Dunbar	Sean Coyle
Yr 5	Julia Pawelczyk	Filip Tyl
Yr 4MCK	Molly Davies	Stephen Millar
Yr 4MCW	Aine Gorman	Ryan Paulino
Yr3	Caoimhe O'Connor	Owen Reynolds
LSC	Alice Robinson	Jamie Campbell

## Parent/Teacher Meetings

These will take place from 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2015 for all parents. To facilitate these, school will close at 1.00pm each day. As these meetings are a vital part of our home/school partnership we would ask that you make the effort to attend. As last year, one letter will be going out to the eldest pupil in each family. We would ask that you complete the reply to include all family members and return it to school with the eldest pupil.

## House System

The school continues to operate the House Competition. All pupils have been placed into one of three houses:

Bann  
Lagan  
Foyle

Points are awarded to pupils for a range of things, (e.g. good manners) and the points are displayed in the Assembly Hall each week with a monthly House Cup presented to the House with the most points.

Congratulations to the following Yr 6 and 7 pupils who have been elected as Captain and Vice Captains this year.

House	Captain	Vice-Captain
Bann	Emma-Rose White-Trainor	Sophie Griffin
Foyle	Seamus Reynolds	Olivia Dunbar
Lagan	Amy-Leigh Sterritt	Paul Hendron

## **Morning and Afternoon Arrangements**

A reminder that all pupils must be dropped off outside school in the mornings. We ask that parents do not enter the school building. This is to ensure the smooth operation of the school first thing in the morning. Unfortunately it will not be possible for you to speak to your child's teacher in the morning as they are busy preparing and supervising. If you have an urgent message, please go to the Office.

You are reminded to wait outside the red gate at home time until child is dismissed by their teacher. We ask that parents do not come in to remove their child/children or call them out until they have been dismissed.

Thank you to the vast majority of parents who respect the above requests.

## **Car Parks**

A reminder that the car parks must not be used for dropping off or collecting pupils. Parents and pupils are asked to refrain from entering the car park for Health and Safety reasons. Again, thank you to the vast majority of parents who respect this.

## **European Day of Languages**

To celebrate the fact that we are a diverse and inclusive school, on Thursday 24th September we marked European Day of Languages with a whole school assembly. Children from Year 3 - 7 worked very hard to prepare for the assembly. They performed songs and read out facts about different countries. The staff enjoyed sampling a range of various European foods while the children had lots of fun speaking in various languages throughout the day.

## **Attendance/Punctuality**

We recognise and stress the importance of the learning and teaching within the classroom. Regular attendance and systematic learning go hand in hand and children whose attendance is poor will have difficulty in reaching their full potential. Children should be at school at all times unless prohibited by illness or medical appointments. Each month the School's EWO (Educational Welfare Officer) carries out an Attendance Audit with the Principal. Pupils whose attendance falls below 85% will be identified. In this case, if there is not a genuine reason for absence, a letter will be sent out to you. If there is no improvement, a second letter will be sent out. If, after the second letter, there is still no improvement, the Principal will make a Referral to the Education Welfare Service. The Department of Education booklet '**School Attendance Matters - A Parent's Guide**' is available on the school website and from the Office.

Due to Department of Education Guidelines, a present mark can only be given if a pupil is in school.

Just as Attendance is important, Punctuality is also very important. School begins at 9.00am therefore; pupils should be in school when the 8.55am bell rings. We would ask all parents to help ensure this is the case. If pupils are late, the class is disrupted and valuable teaching time is lost. **Please note that Pupils arriving in class after the 9.00am bell will be marked as late. If a pupil is late twice in one week, you will receive a letter from the teacher. If this happens again in the same half-term, you will receive a second letter and be referred to the Principal.**

## **School Website**

Please keep up to date with what is going on in school by visiting our website on [www.ballyoranps.com](http://www.ballyoranps.com)

## **PFBPS**

The Annual General Meeting of the Parents and Friends of Ballyoran Primary School was held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2014. More parents and friends are urgently needed to help with organising events this year. If you are interested, please speak to Mrs Mackle.

## **Fair Processing Notice**

Your child, as part of their education at Ballyoran Primary School, will have access to a range of electronic resources designed to enhance their learning experience and allow them to collaborate with their peers. In order to facilitate this, the School may need to share some limited personal information with the relevant Education Authority and the Department of Education. This will allow user accounts to be set-up and managed, enabling services to be integrated. Any data sharing is kept to a minimum and when your child leaves the School the information will be permanently deleted from such systems. At times, the School may also share personal information with the Education Authority to support the direct delivery of educational services. Examples include the Authority's Special Education and Educational Psychology Services. All sharing will be conducted under the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998. If you would like to know more, please feel free to contact the Principal.

## **Education Works Campaign – Year 4**

You will be familiar with the Department's 'Education Works' advertising campaign which was first launched in September 2012. The campaign's key message is to remind parents and carers of the importance of education to their child's life chances and opportunities. It is particularly aimed at informing and reminding parents of the importance and value of being involved in their child's education and encourages them to take action.

The campaign is intended to have an impact upon attitudes within the home by providing parents with consistent, authoritative information on the importance of education and the steps they can take to support their child in achieving good education outcomes.

The first phase of this year's campaign is aimed at the parents of nursery and primary children. In January 2016 the campaign will then shift to focus on parents of post-primary age pupils.

The campaign will continue the multi-media format with advertisements on television, radio, in the local press and at outdoor sites. In addition, Education Works has a dedicated online site that provides practical tips and learning ideas to help parents ensure their child gets the best possible support. You can find the website at [www.nidirect.gov.uk/education-works](http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/education-works).

The campaign was officially launched on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September with the first screening of the television advertisement.

## **Extra Curricular Activities - Term 1**

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## **School Holidays 2015/2016**

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## **Menu for October**

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R Woolsey  
Principal

## Extra-Curricular Activities 2015/2016 Term 1

Club	Day	Dates	Time	Class	Staff	Location
Homework	Monday – Thursday	weekly	3.00 – 4.00	Yrs 4 - 7	Mrs Bell	Dinner Hall
ICT	Monday - Thursday	weekly	3.00 – 4.00	Yrs 5 - 7	Mrs Glavin	ICT Suite
Choir	Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 1 <sup>st</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	3.00 – 4.00	Yrs 4 – 7	Mrs McCreesh- West	Classroom 7
Soccer	Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept, 7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 4 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	3.00 – 4.00	Yrs 5 - 7	Ambassadors In Sport	Pitch/ Playground/ Hall
Irish Dancing	Wednesday	7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 4 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	3.00 – 4.00	Yrs 4 – 7	Mrs Heaney	Hall/Dinnerhall
Recorders	Wednesday	23 <sup>rd</sup> , 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept, 7 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 4 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	3.00- 4.00	Yrs 3 - 7	Mrs Mulholland	Nursery 1
Eco	Wednesday	7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 4 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> 18 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	3.00- 4.00	Yrs 3 - 7	Miss McGibbon	Classroom 5
Gaelic	Thursday	17 <sup>th</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept, 1 <sup>st</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	3.00 – 4.00	Yrs 2 - 7	Paul Carvill Stephen McCann	Pitch/ Playground/ Hall
Art	Thursday	24 Sept, 1 <sup>st</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct 5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	3.00 – 4.00	Yrs 4 - 7	Mrs Barkley	Classroom 11
Board Games	Thursday	1 <sup>st</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 5 <sup>th</sup> 12 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	3.00- 4.00	Yrs 4 - 7	Mrs Wells	Nursery 2
Cycling Proficiency	Thursday	24 <sup>th</sup> , 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept 8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 4 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	3.00 – 4.00	Year 7	Mrs McGinnell	Playground

**Please note there will be no Clubs during the following weeks:**

1. Parent/Teacher Meeting Week: 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2015
2. Half term week: 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October 2015
3. Last week of term: 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> December 2015

# Term Dates & School Holidays 2015/2016 Year

All dates are inclusive

## Term 1

### **Term Dates**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2015

### **Holidays**

- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> and Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2015 – Staff Training
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015 – Half Term

**Christmas Holiday: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2015 – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016**

## Term 2

### **Term Dates**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016

### **Holidays**

- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2016 – Half Term
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> and Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2016 - St. Patrick's Day Holiday and Staff Training Day

**Easter Holiday: Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

## Term 3

### **Term Dates**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016

### **Holidays**

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2016 – May Bank Holiday
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2016 – May Bank Holiday and Staff Training Day

School will finish at midday on the last day of each term.

Note: Removing pupils during term time is not recommended; please try not to book holidays or other trips during the school term. Staff cannot prepare work in advance for children who are on holidays and very often these children miss vital work during their absence. The school is also required to inform the EASR when a child is removed from school for a holiday. This information is recorded and may be used by the EASR in appropriate situations, i.e. Special Educational Needs Assessments or Child Protection issues.

We hope this information is of use to you as you attempt to plan family holidays for the year ahead.

## Menu for October

	<b>Week commencing 05.10.15</b>	<b>Week commencing 12.10.15</b>	<b>Week commencing 19.10.15</b>	<b>Week commencing 26.10.15</b>
Mon	Fish Fingers or Chicken Broccoli Bake, Beans, Sweet Corn, Salad, Mashed Potatoes  Rice Pudding and Peaches	Shepherd's Pie or Chicken Pasta Bake, Carrots, Broccoli, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes  Lemon Sponge and Custard	Steak Burgers or Stuffed Bacon Rolls, Turnip, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy Ice Cream, Fruit and Chocolate Sauce	Lasagne or Fish Fingers, Beans, Salad, Coleslaw, Mashed Potatoes  Rice Pudding with Fruit
Tues	Homemade Pepperoni Pizza or Tuna Wrap, Chips, Baby Boiled Potatoes, Salad, Peas, Coleslaw,  Vanilla sponge and Custard	Oven Baked Sausages, Gravy or Spaghetti Bolognese, Peas, Cabbage, Mashed Potatoes  Jelly, Fruit and Cornflour Sauce	Chicken Curry with Boiled Rice or Fish Fingers, Beans, Salad, Coleslaw, Mashed Potatoes  Swiss Roll and Custard	Roast Turkey or Macaroni Cheese, Carrots and Parsnips, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes Chocolate Cake and Custard
Wed	Chicken Curry with Boiled Rice, or Savoury Mince, Peas, Pasta, Crusty Bread, Mashed Potatoes  Biscuit, Fruit and Custard	Fish Fingers or Sweet Chilli Chicken Wraps, Chips, Baby Boiled Potatoes, Peas, Salad, Coleslaw  Apple Crumble and Custard	Tomato and Cheese Pizza or Tuna Wraps, Peas, Salad, Coleslaw, Chips, Baked Potatoes  Bread and Butter Pudding	Cocktail Sausages or Filled Salad Rolls, Chips, Baby Boiled Potatoes, Peas, Sweet Corn, Salad, Coleslaw  Tub of Ice Cream and Fresh Fruit
Thurs	Roast Turkey and Stuffing, or Macaroni Cheese, Carrots and Parsnips, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy,  Jelly and Fresh Fruit Salad	Gammon, Gravy, Turnip, Cabbage, Mashed Potatoes or Sweet and Sour Chicken with Boiled Rice  Rice Pudding and Oranges	Chicken Crumble Top Pie or Vegetable and Cheese Tagliatelle, Carrots, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy  Jelly, Fruit and Cornflour Sauce	<b>School Closed Half-Term Holiday</b>
Fri	Homemade Vegetable Soup or Chicken Soup Hot Dog or Filled Rolls (e.g. Salad/Chicken)  Frozen Mousse or Raisin Cookie and Fresh Fruit	<b>World Food Day</b> Italian Pepperoni and Cheese Pizza with Petit Pois, French Fries and Sweet Chilli Sauce or Italian Lasagne with Tossed Salad and Ciabatta Strawberry Ice Cream, Mediterranean Fruit Salad, Wafer	Homemade Sweet Potato and Bacon Soup or Chicken Soup Hot Dog or Filled Rolls, (e.g. Salad/Chicken)  Biscuit, Fruit, Mousse	<b>School Closed Half-Term Holiday</b>

Milk, Water, Fruit and Yogurt available daily

Menu subject to deliveries

For further information on allergenic ingredients, please contact the school