



News Sheet – 1st September 2015

Welcome Back

Welcome back to school for the 2015/2016 year. We trust that everyone had a pleasant and relaxing summer. A special welcome to all our new pupils – we hope that you settle into the school very quickly.

Staffing

We welcome a number of new staff to Ballyoran this year and hope that they will settle in quickly.

- Mrs Baxter Nursery 2 (Monday – Wednesday)
- Miss McKernan Year 4
- Mrs McNally Year 5 (Thursdays: Sept – Nov, Fridays: Dec - June)

Mrs Walker is currently absent and Mrs Heaney will teach Year 7 every day for the first three weeks of term.

Personal Information Sheet and Consent Form

It is vital that we hold up-to-date information on every child in school. To ensure this, we update our medical records annually. Please help us by completing the Medical Register and Consent Forms and **returning to school by Friday 4th September 2015**.

We will no longer be sending out blank Personal Information Forms annually to Year 2 – 7 pupils. If any of this information changes during the year, e.g. telephone numbers, address, medical details, it is **your responsibility** to inform the school.

Punctuality

It is vitally important that your child is in school on time every morning. All pupils should be in school for the 8.55am bell. If a child arrives after 9.00am they will be marked as late. Teachers will monitor punctuality and parents will be contacted if their child is persistently late. Teachers will also refer persistent late-comers to the Principal.

School Meals

Prices are rising by 10p this year:

Nursery - £2.40 per day; £12.00 per week

Primary - £2.50 per day; £12.50 per week

We would encourage Dinner Money to be paid for the whole week on a Monday. Please put the money in a sealed envelope with the Child's Name, amount and what it is for written on it.

Free School Meals/Uniform Allowances

Application forms for these are available from the office. If you think you might be entitled to apply for these please speak to Mrs Tedford.

Smoking

As you are aware, it is School Policy that smoking is not permitted within school grounds. Please note that this Policy also includes e-cigarettes.

Year 1 Settling In

Year 1 pupils will finish at **1.00pm** daily for the first two weeks of term. Year 1 parents are welcome to walk their child into class in the early days but we ask that you encourage your child to walk into school on their own as soon as possible. A date will be set when we ask that Year 1 parents do not walk them in and you will receive a note about this in due course.

Years 3 and 4 Daily Timings

A reminder that Year 3 dismissal times are as follows:

Monday – Wednesday	3.00pm
Thursday and Friday	2.00pm

Year 4 pupils are in school every day until 3.00pm.

Cycling To School

Only pupils in Years 5 – 7 **wearing a cycling helmet** are permitted to cycle to school and park their bikes at the front of the school. **Please note the change in policy – that only pupils wearing a helmet are permitted to do this.**

Breakfast Club

Starts tomorrow, Wednesday 2nd September 2015 and is open to Year 1 – 7 pupils daily in the Dinner Hall from 8.15 – 8.45am. The cost remains 50p per day. Permission Notes are going home today.

Homework Club

This starts on Monday 7th September 2015 from 3.00 – 4.00pm in the Dinner Hall and is open to Year 4 – 7 pupils. Permission Notes will be sent home for this today.

ICT Suite

The ICT Suite will be open every day for Year 4 – 7 pupils from 3.00 – 4.00pm from Monday 7th September 2015. Pupils will be able to do their own work/research. Permission Notes for this will be sent home today.

Club Finishing Times

All After School Clubs/Activities will continue to finish at 4.00pm this year.

Milk

Pupils in Years 3 – 7 can receive milk every day at break in school. If you wish your child to receive this, please complete the reply slip sent home to-day and return with the money.

Medication

If your child requires any medication to be taken in school for any reason, a Consent Form must first be completed. These are available at the office or can be downloaded from the school website.

Car Parks

A reminder that pupils and parents must use the Pedestrian Entrance only in the mornings and afternoons. Car Parks are for staff and visitors only. Please respect this policy by not entering the car parks in vehicles or on foot.

Lost Property

A large amount of clothing was left in school at the end of June. If this is not reclaimed by the end of the first week, it will be put into the school's Clothing Bin.

Breaktime Snack

Nursery and Foundation Stage (Yrs 1 – 2) parents are asked to contribute £2 per week per child towards the daily snack.

Year 3 – 7 pupils must bring their own healthy snack of fruit, vegetables, yogurts or breads. No fizzy drinks, chocolate, sweets or crisps are allowed as part of our Healthy Breaks Policy.

Dogs

A reminder that dogs are not permitted on the school grounds for Health and Safety reasons.

Swimming

Year 4 – 7 pupils will go to Cascades Leisure Complex again this year on Friday afternoon on a rota basis. Swimming is a vital part of the Northern Ireland Curriculum for PE and therefore is not optional. We do not charge for swimming as many schools do. Please complete the consent form which will be sent home this week and return to school immediately.

Speaking to Teachers

If you need to speak to your child's teacher, you should contact the office in the first instance and a suitable time will be arranged. Unfortunately it will not be possible for parents to speak to teachers in the morning as they are busy preparing for the day and supervising pupils. If you do need to pass an urgent message to the teacher in the morning, please either send a note in or speak to the secretary who will pass the message on. Parents must not enter the playgrounds in the mornings.

Term 1 Diary Dates – Advance Notice

- 21st September: Parents & Friends AGM: 3.00pm
- 25th and 28th September: School Closed – Staff Training
- 19th – 23rd October: Nursery – Yr 7 Parent/Teacher Meetings – school closes at 1pm
- 29th October – 2nd November: Half Term
- 13th November: School Photographs – Individual and families
- 3rd December: Parents & Friends Christmas Fair: 1.30 – 3.30pm
- 4th December: School Christmas Dinner for pupils
- 11th December: Flu Vaccinations: Yr 1 – 7 pupils
- 15th December: Christmas Performance 1 – 10.00am
- 16th December: Christmas Performance 2: 10.00am
- 18th December: Last day of term, no uniform or dinners, school finishes at midday

Information Booklet

Every family will receive a copy of this today through the eldest pupil and we ask that you read this carefully as it contains very important information for this year.

School Website

Keep up-to-date with school news, information and events by logging on to www.ballyoranps.com. Class Pages will be updated regularly giving parents a useful insight into what their children are doing in class.

Menu for month of September 2015

	Week commencing 31.08.15	Week commencing 07.09.15	Week commencing 14.09.15	Week commencing 21.09.15	Week commencing 28.09.15
Monday	School Closed August Bank Holiday	Steak Burgers, Turnip, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes, Salad or Spaghetti Bolognese Ice Cream, Fruit and Wafer	Shepherd's Pie or Stuffed Bacon Rolls, Carrots, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy Pineapple Sponge and Custard	Fish Fingers or Mexican Beef, Salad, Coleslaw, Mashed Potatoes Rice Pudding and Fruit	School Closed Staff Training
Tuesday	Fish Fingers or Vegetable and Cheese Quiche, Beans, Sweet Corn, Salad, Coleslaw, Mashed Potatoes Rice Pudding and Oranges	Homemade Pizza or Tuna Wrap, Peas, Sweet Corn, Salad, Chips or Baked Potato Flakemeal Biscuit, Fruit and Custard	Fish Fingers or Chicken and Cheese Tagliatelle, Beans, Sweet Corn, Salad, Mashed Potatoes Ice Cream and Chocolate Sauce	Chicken Crumble or Vegetable Pasta Bake, Carrots, Parsnips, Mashed Potatoes Chocolate Cake and Custard	Chicken Curry with Rice or Fish Fingers, Salad, Coleslaw, Mashed Potatoes Ice Cream, Fruit and Wafer
Wednesday	Savoury Mince, Mixed Vegetables, Mashed Potatoes, Pasta or Chicken Curry with Rice Vanilla Sponge and Custard	Fish Fingers, Beans, Salad, Coleslaw, Mashed Potatoes or Sweet and Sour Chicken with Rice Lemon Sponge and Custard	Vegetable Lasagne or Steak Burgers, Turnip, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes Biscuit, Fruit and Custard	Tomato and Cheese Pizza or Tuna Wraps, Peas, Salad, Coleslaw, Chips or Baby Boiled Potatoes Ice Cream, Fruit and Wafer	Savoury Mince, Mixed Vegetables, Mashed Potato or Chicken Curry with Rice Swiss Roll and Custard
Thursday	Roast Turkey and Stuffing or Macaroni Cheese, Carrots, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy Ice Cream and Chocolate Sauce	Chicken Crumble Top or Ham and Cheese Tagliatelle, Carrots, Parsnips, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes Jelly, Fruit and Cornflour	Gammon, Cabbage, Peas, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes or Beef Curry with Rice Rice Pudding and Peaches	Sweet and Sour Chicken with Rice or Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Turnip, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy Jelly, Fruit and Cornflour	Roast Pork and Stuffing Or Macaroni Cheese, Carrots, Parsnips, Cabbage, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy Flakemeal Biscuit, Fruit and Custard
Friday	Homemade Pizza or Chicken Wraps, Peas, Sweet Corn, Salad, Coleslaw, Chips, or Baked Potatoes Apple Crumble and Custard	Homemade Sweet Potato and Bacon Soup, or Chicken Soup, Hot Dogs, Sauces, Filled Rolls (Chicken/Salad) Frozen Mousse or Fruit	Chicken Bites or Tuna Wraps, Peas, Salad, Coleslaw, Sauces, Chips, Baby Boiled Potatoes Jelly and Fruit Salad	School Closed Staff Training	Homemade Pepperoni Pizza or Sweet Chilli Chicken Wraps, Peas, Sweet Corn, Salad, Coleslaw, Chips or Baby Boiled Potatoes Jelly Fluff and Fruit

Milk, Water, Fruit and Yogurt available daily

Menu subject to deliveries

For further information on allergenic ingredients, please contact the school