



Ballyoran Primary School

News Sheet – September 2008

1. **Appointment of Vice Principal**

Ballyoran Primary School has a new Vice Principal – Miss Roisin Daly was appointed earlier this month. She currently teaches in Dungannon Primary School and will take up her post on 1st January 2009. She has already been in School and met the staff and will be coming again before Christmas to meet the pupils.

2. **Closure of Back Gate**

A reminder that there is a now only one entrance and exit to Ballyoran Primary School. This change has been very smooth and a thank you to everyone for their co-operation in this matter.

3. **Healthy Breaks**

Our new Healthy Breaks Policy has been very successful. A reminder that pupils may only bring fruit or vegetables to eat at break time. It is hoped to set up a Healthy Tuck Shop in School where pupils can buy fruit each day at break time. This would be on a temporary basis and more information will be provided later.

4. **Removing Pupils Early from School**

We have a new Policy on this. All parents/guardians who wish to remove a child early from School **MUST** report to the Office first and receive a Permission Slip which is then handed to the Class Teacher. Please do not go straight to the class as the teacher will send you up to the Office. This decision has been taken in the interest of Child Protection.

5. **Pupils Leaving School Early for Appointments, etc.**

If you wish your child to leave School early, you are no longer able to phone and ask that they are sent home. During School hours, all pupils are our responsibility and if something was to happen to them on the way home, we would be responsible. If you wish your child to leave School early, you must come up to School and collect them. The same policy applies for pupils who are sick – they will not be sent home on their own but must be collected by an adult.

6. **Cycling to School**

A reminder that this is for pupils in P5 – P7 only and pupils must have a Permission Slip for this.

7. **Breakfast Club**

Our Breakfast Club runs each morning for P4 – P7 pupils **ONLY**. The cost is 50p and Permission Slips are available from the Office or the Breakfast Club. New P4 – P7 pupils would be very welcome.

8. **Car Park**

Parents/Guardians are not permitted to drop off or pick up pupils in the School Car Park in the morning or at home time. This policy is for Health and Safety reasons and will be strictly enforced.

9. **Book Fair**

This will run in the Library from 6th – 10th October 2008. More information on this will be sent out this week.

10. **European Day of Languages**

Friday 26th September 2008 was European Day of Languages when we celebrated the diverse continent in which we live. In School the day was marked on many levels. The Breakfast Club had a French feel with croissants and bagels available; there was a special whole School assembly which all classes took part in and every class did something during the day as part of this. Special thanks to Mrs Garvey for co-ordinating the day.

11. **Board of Governors**

One of our Parent Representatives has resigned from the Board of Governors. A Parents' Meeting will be held on Monday 13th October 2008 at 4.00pm to elect a new Representative. This Meeting is open to all Parents and Guardians.

12. **Asthma Note**

In School it is vital that we have records of all our pupils who have medical needs. As part of this we are putting together an Asthma Register where details of pupils with this condition will be kept for the whole School. To help us to draw up this Register, please fill in the Asthma Register Note and return it to School if your child has Asthma. If your child does not have Asthma, the note does not need to be returned.

13. Picking Pupils Up at Home Time

P1 – P3

As you will be aware, the Infant Block doors are now locked and we would ask all parents/guardians to wait outside for their children at 1.45pm

P4 – P7

Teachers now walk their classes to the front of the School so we would ask all parents/guardians to wait outside the red gates at 3.00pm

14. School Closures

School will be closed on the following dates:

Staff Training

Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th October 2008

Half-Term Break

Thursday 30th and Friday 31st October 2008

15. Dinner Money

You are reminded that all Dinner Money must be paid by the Friday of the week in question. If Dinner Money is owing, the following week pupils will not be able to have dinner in School and it will be the parents' responsibility to provide a packed lunch or take the child home for lunch.

16. Questionnaires

Thank you to those who have returned these already. The deadline for final return of these is this Friday, 3rd October 2008.

17. Fun Day

There will be no Fun Day at the end of October this year. A non-uniform day for Charity is planned for later in the term and more information will be sent out when it is available.

18. Parent/Teacher Meetings

On 27th, 28th and 29th October 2008 School will close for everyone each day at 1.45pm. A letter will be sent out soon asking you to state your preferred day for the Meeting.

19. Menu for October