



News Sheet – 1st September 2014

Welcome Back

Welcome back to school for the 2014/2015 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.

Nut Free School

A pupil attending Ballyoran Primary School suffers from a severe nut allergy. This pupil may suffer a severe reaction if she comes into contact with nuts of any type. Accordingly we ask that **no nuts or nut products, such as peanut butter sandwiches/nut bars etc are sent to school in your child's packed lunch.** **As a result of this the Primary School continues to be a 'Nut Free Zone.** (Please note this does not affect the Nursery) Thank you for your understanding and co-operation with this matter.

Staffing

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

- Miss Colgan – Yr 3 teacher
- Mrs Martin – Yr 7 job share teacher, working Thursdays and Fridays

Mrs Carson will now work in N2 Monday to Wednesday with Mrs Wells working Thursdays and Fridays.

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 records annually. Please help us by doing the following:

1. Check the copied Personal Information Sheet which has been sent home and make any changes in **red pen.**
2. Complete the Medical Register and Consent Forms.

These documents must be returned to school by Friday 5th September 2014.

If any of this information changes during the year, e.g. telephone numbers, address, medical details, it is **your responsibility** to inform the school.

School Meals

Prices are rising by 10p this year:

- Nursery - £2.30 per day; £11.50 per week
- Primary - £2.40 per day; £12.00 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.

Year 1 Settling In

Year 1 pupils will finish at **1pm** 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.

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, Tuesday 2nd September 2014 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 8th September 2014 from 3.00 – 4.00pm in the ICT Suite 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 8th September 2014. Pupils will be able to do their own work/research. Permission Notes for this will be sent home today.

Kids' Club

Unfortunately it will not be possible to offer the Kids Club this year to Year 2 pupils.

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.

Breaktime Snack

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

The cost of the daily breaktime snack provided by the canteen has risen to **30p** per item. Pupils are permitted to order a maximum of 2 items from the list,.

Years 6 and 7 Residential

Year 6 and 7 pupils will get the opportunity to go on a Residential again this year. We are hoping to arrange a trip to Edinburgh in Scotland if enough pupils are interested in going to make it viable. More information will be sent out to parents in due course.

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

- 23rd September: Parents & Friends AGM: 8.00pm
- 15th October: Flu Vaccinations: Yr 1 – 7 pupils
- 20th – 24th October: Yr 1 – 7 Parent/Teacher Meetings – school closes at 1pm
- 27th – 31st October: Half Term
- 6th November: School Photographs: Individual & families
- 24th – 28th November: Nursery Parent/Teacher Meetings
- 4th December: Parents & Friends Christmas Fair: 1.30 – 3.30pm
- 17th December: Christmas Concert: 10am
- 19th 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 September

	Week commencing 01.09.14	Week commencing 08.09.14	Week commencing 15.09.14	Week commencing 22.09.14
Mon	Fish Fingers Or Macaroni Cheese, Beans, Sweet Corn, Salad, Coleslaw, Mashed Potatoes Rice Pudding and Oranges	Homemade Pepperoni Pizza Or chicken and Pasta Bake, Peas, Sweet Corn, Salad, Chips or Baked Potatoes Ice Cream, Fruit and Wafer	Shepherds' Pie Or Stuffed Bacon Rolls, Carrots, Broccoli, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes Chocolate Cracknel and Custard	Fish Fingers Or Lasagne, Sweet Corn, Beans, Salad, Coleslaw, Mashed Potatoes Rice Pudding and Fruit
Tues	Oven Baked Sausages, Gravy, Turnip/Cabbage, Mashed Potatoes Or Sweet and Sour Pork with Rice Vanilla Sponge and Custard	Oven Baked Pork Burgers Or Lasagne, Turnip, Cabbage, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes Flakemeal Biscuit, Fruit and Custard	Fish Finger Or Chicken and Cheese Tagliatelle, Beans, Sweet Corn, Tossed Salad, Mashed Potatoes Ice Cream and Chocolate Sauce	Chicken Casserole with Potato Topping Or Vegetable Pasta Bake, Carrots and Parsnips, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes Vanilla Sponge and Custard
Wed	Savoury Mince, Mixed Vegetables, Pasta, Mashed Potatoes, Or Chicken Curry with Rice Ice Cream and Chocolate Sauce	Fish Fingers Or Savoury Rice, Beans, Salad, Coleslaw, Mashed Potatoes Lemon Sponge and Custard	Chinese Pork Stir Fry with Noodles Or Steak Burgers, Turnip, Broccoli, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes Chocolate Cake and Custard	Tomato and Cheese Pizza Or Tuna Wrap, Peas, Salad, Coleslaw Chips or Baked Potato Ice Cream, Fruit and Chocolate Sauce
Thurs	Homemade Pizza Or Tuna Wrap, Peas, Sweet Corn, Salad, Coleslaw, Chips or Baked Potato Jelly and Fruit Salad	Chicken Crumble Top Or Macaroni Cheese, Carrots and Parsnips, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes Rice Pudding and Fruit	Gammon, Gravy, Cabbage, Peas, Mashed Potatoes Or Sweet and Sour Chicken with Boiled Rice Apple Crumble and Custard	Beef Curry and Boiled Rice Or Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Gravy, Turnip, Broccoli, Mashed Potatoes Jelly and Fruit
Fri	Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Carrots, Broccoli, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes Or Filled Rolls, (Chicken/Salad) Apple Crumble and Custard	Homemade Vegetable or Chicken Soup, Hot Dog Or Filled Rolls (Chicken/Salad), Sauces Frozen Mousse or Fruit	Chicken Bites Or Tuna Wrap, Peas, Salad, Coleslaw, Sauces, Chips, Baby Boiled Potatoes Jelly and Fruit Salad	Homemade Vegetable or Chicken Soup, Hot Dog Or Filled Rolls (Chicken/Salad), Sauces Biscuit, Fruit, Milk Shake

Milk, Water, Bread, Fruit and Yogurt available daily

Menu subject to deliveries