



# School News

## BPS Biz & Reminders

A huge welcome back to all our pupils, parents and staff, I hope you had an enjoyable Summer and a special mention to those children joining our school community for the first time – we know you will be very happy at Ballynahinch PS!

### THANK YOU!!

Many thanks to those families that signed & completed all of the documentation we sent home. It is extremely important that we have all the appropriate permissions & contact details. Don't forget we can no longer accept paper £5 & £10 notes from Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

### WELCOME & GOODBYES!

Over the Summer we bid a fond farewell to some members of our school community – Mrs McCullough from our Nursery has retired and Miss Skimin has moved on to pastures new. We thank them both for everything they have done for our school. We do though welcome Miss Anderson to our staff & Mrs Thompson has moved to our Nursery Unit.

### MAINTENANCE

Over the Summer holidays Mr Robinson, Mr Conway and Miss McKernan have been extremely busy cleaning and tidying our school. The huge reductions in the education budget has meant much needed work on our school is being carried out by them rather than Education Authority contractors. We have also had the Assembly Hall, P4 & P2 classrooms painted & new desks purchased for P3 & P5. But if any parents think they can help us in anyway, please get in touch with Mr Moore.

### SCHOOL BUILDING

Can I remind all adults that only staff and pupils are to be inside the school building during the school day, unless they have made an appointment to speak to a teacher. This is in-line with our Safe Guarding procedures and is to keep our pupils and staff safe.

### COMMUNICATION

Please ensure you have downloaded our school app from School Jotter and have the SeeSaw app for your child as these are now our primary means of communicating whole school information to parents. You can also follow us on Twitter (@BallynahinchPS).

### NEW SIGNS

We hope you like the new signs installed above our School & Nursery Main Entrances. We think they look great!

### PARKING ISSUES – CROOB PARK

Please be mindful of our neighbours when you are collecting or dropping off your child. Residents have the right to ask people to move when they cannot enter or leave their own driveway.

## Nursery News!

### Our theme is Getting to know you!

Welcome to all our new boys and girls. We hope they enjoy their nursery year and together we can make it a happy one.

We will also have the opportunity to talk about experiences, favourite toys, places, colours, food, pets etc.

### Outdoor Play.

Could you please send in a pair of named wellies and a coat with your child as we like to go outside in ALL weather.

### Reminders:

- Nursery fund for this term is £30;
- Please label all belongings;
- Nursery door opens at 8.55am;
- Please download the SeeSaw app to your phone or tablet to see photographs of what your child has been doing in Nursery.

**\*More details included in the full Nursery News\***

## Our School Council, School Librarians & House Captains 2019.



## Calendar Dates

### **SEPTEMBER**

27<sup>th</sup> – School Development Day

30<sup>th</sup> – PSNI Road Safety Talk – FS & KS1

### **OCTOBER**

2<sup>nd</sup> – Building Up Programme – P6  
Building Up Parents Programme –  
6.30pm – 8.30pm

3<sup>rd</sup> – Library visit – P4  
Board of Governors – 6.15pm

8<sup>th</sup> – Cross Country

9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> – Building Up Parents  
Programme – 6.30pm – 8.30pm

17<sup>th</sup> – Harvest Assembly – KS1

21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> – Parental Interviews  
School closes at 1.00pm (No 223  
Club, bus or After School Clubs)  
for all pupils  
CAT Testing – P4 & P6

22<sup>nd</sup> – Hallowe'en Safety Talk – KS2

23<sup>rd</sup> – Building Up Parents  
Programme – 6.30pm – 8.30pm

24<sup>th</sup> – Hallowe'en Discos  
P4 Library visit

25<sup>th</sup> – School closes at 1.00pm for Hallowe'en  
Break

## Friends of Ballynahinch Primary School



**Welcome back everyone! Following our AGM we have elected our new Committee and are raring to go with new events and ideas to help support our school!!**

Details of some of the events planned can be found on the PTA page on the school website, as well as information on our new Committee.

the money raised last year has gone towards buying desks, chairs & classroom resources for the school. We really appreciate the support from all our families.

Our first family event of the year is our Monster Mash!! Flyers will be going home soon.

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## On your marks, get set, GO!!

Just a few photos of what our fabulous pupils have been up to so far this month!

### Nursery

