



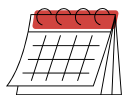
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## Ballykeel Bulletin - 9th Sept 24

### Welcome back to everyone

We hope you had a lovely summer despite the weather! We are delighted to see all of the children back and they are looking so well in their school uniforms. We will continue to send the bulletin home by paper as it is easier to put on the fridge!



### Dates For The Diary

**Tues 17th Sept** - Afterschool Clubs start.

**Wed 25th Sept** - Book Fair.

**Thurs 26th Sept** - European Day of Languages.

**Fri 27th Sept** - Macmillan Cancer Coffee Morning and book fair for parents. (More information will follow).

**Mon 7th - Wed 9th Oct** - School Photographer.



**Thurs 3rd Oct** - 9am - Accelerated Reader Information session for P4 parents and carers. Everyone welcome!

**Wed 9th Oct** - P1 Pyjama Party (more information to follow).

**Fri 11th Oct** - School Council Elections.

**Mon 21st Oct** - Whole school flu vaccine.

**Wed 23rd Oct** - Harvest Assembly led by P4 beginning at 9.15am.

**Wed 23rd Oct** - School Party Evening.

**P4:** 6 - 7pm and **P5-P7:** 7.15-8.45pm.

**Fri 25th Oct** - Breakfast Club Open Morning for Nursery and P1 parents (8-8.30am).



**Mon 28th Oct** - School Closed for staff training.

**Tues 29th Oct - Fri 1st Nov** - Mid-term break.

**Fri 15th Nov** - Nursery Open Afternoon.

**Sat 16th & 23rd Nov** - SEAG Tests for P7.

**Wed 4th Dec** - Nursery Nativity + Open Morning + School Christmas Dinner.

**Thurs 5th Dec** - Choir to Radio Cracker.

**Tues 10th & Wed 11th Dec** - P1/2 Nativity.

**Thurs 12th** - P3 Nativity.

**Fri 13th Dec** - Afternoon Tea, P3 Nativity & Choir for local senior citizens.

**Mon 16th Dec** - P1 - P3 Christmas Party - 1.15 - 3.00pm.

**Tues 17th Dec** - Carol Service P6 & P7, 7.00-9.00pm P4-P7 Party/Movie Night.

**Fri 20th Dec** - School closes at 12.00 for P4-7 & 12.15pm for Nursery to P3.

**Fri 3rd Jan 2025** - school re-opens with trip to the Cinema for P1 to P4 and an Opera House visit for P5-P7.



### School Holiday Closures

**28th Oct 2024** - Staff Training.

**Tues 29th Oct - Fri 1st Nov** - Mid Term Break.

**22nd Dec 2024 - 2nd Jan 2025** - Christmas Holidays.

**3rd Jan 2025** - Term Starts.

**10th Feb 2025** - Staff Training.

**11th - 14th Feb 2025** - Mid Term Break.

**14th Mar 2025** - Staff Training.

**17th Mar 2025** - St Patrick's Day Closure.

**14th - 25th Apr 2025** - Easter Holidays.

**5th May 2025** - Bank Holiday.

**26th May 2025** - Bank Holiday.

**27th and 28th May 2025** - Staff Training.

## Jewellery

Please remember, for health and safety reasons, jewellery is not permitted in school except for one stud earring in each ear, one flat ring and a watch. Bracelets, necklaces and any other facial piercings including nose, eyebrow and tongue, are not permitted. We appreciate your co-operation.

## Change of Circumstances

Have any details in relation to your child changed over the summer? For example phone number, address, email address, doctor, medical circumstances etc. If so, please send a message on Seesaw or call the office.

## Homework Zipped Wallets

We have sturdy plastic folders available at £1.00 each. All children should have one as these help to keep reading books and homework books in good condition and should last a full school year and beyond.

## Complaints Procedure

If you have any concerns or problems about any aspect of school provision, it is hoped that they can be solved by informal contact between parents/carers and the school. The school's Complaints Procedure is also available on the school website.

## Breakfast Club



It is great to see such a good number of children attending our Breakfast Club. Please ensure your child arrives between 8.00 - 8.30am each morning. The cost of breakfast is 70p per day/£3.50 per week.

## Farewell to Mr & Mrs McNeely

Last year, Rev. McNeely was called to minister to a church in Donegal. In June, we held a special assembly to bid farewell to Rev. and Mrs. McNeely and to thank them for their contribution towards the life of Ballykeel Primary School and the wider community.

Rev. McNeely ministered faithfully in Ballykeel Presbyterian church for many years and was also a member of our Board of Governors. Mrs. McNeely worked in our school as a classroom assistant and more recently, in the school office.

We would like to wish the McNeely family the very best as they enter this new stage of life and ministry in Donegal.



## Morning Drop Offs

To help staff and ensure the smooth operation of school in the mornings, please remember to do the following:

- Ensure your child arrives at school between 8.45 and 8.55am.
- Ensure your child has everything with him/her for the day ahead e.g. school bag, healthy break, packed lunch.

If your child is late (after 9am) please walk them down the path and into our reception area at the school office. Thank you for your co-operation.

