

-o- SUMMER SCHEME 2022 -o-

The Summer Scheme will be held in school from Monday 8th to Friday 12th August, starting at 9.00am in the morning and finishing at 3.00pm. Although ActivityNI had originally agreed to organise the week's activities, they have been unable to allocate a leader for the week and have decided to focus on programmes being held closer to their available staff. The scheme will now be organised by the school, as was done for a number of years before the pandemic.

The scheme will be open to all pupils who attended last year, 2021-22. This will give the P7 class another opportunity to be at Ballytober before they move to their secondary placements in September. The new P1 pupils are equally welcome. The week in August will let them meet some of their future classmates before the new school year starts on 25th August.

Children from other schools may come along for the week as well.

There will be four classroom bases throughout the week. These will be organised as they will be in September, with P1/2 in Mrs Leighton's room, P3/4 in Miss Verner's mobile, P5/6 in Mrs Chartres' mobile and P7/7+ in my room...with P7+ being those who were in P7 last year. Your child should go to the classroom they will be in when they come back to school at the end of August. The groups will be staffed by teachers and classroom assistants linked to the school. This will be a great opportunity for new staff to become more familiar with the school and other staff members.

Your child should bring a snack for their break and a packed lunch for later in the day. Their lunchboxes and bottles should be clearly labelled with their names to avoid any confusion. Your child should wear trainers or comfortable footwear, and bring along a sweatshirt and waterproof jacket. Please apply sun-cream on a daily basis, just in case the weather is sunny.

It's often a matter of four different seasons in a day!

As with the previous schemes organised by the school, this will be a fundraising event. The money raised will be used to purchase resources at some point during the 2022-23 session. Each day costs £9, with some discount for a full week's attendance. There will be a range of activities on offer to keep the children entertained. These will include drama, dance, arts and crafts, outdoor games and cookery.

Where possible, the activities will take place outside to minimise any unnecessary transfer of the virus. Although restrictions are no longer in place, every effort will be made to ensure everyone enjoys their time at the scheme without avoidable interruptions. Should your child display symptoms during the week of the scheme, it would be appreciated if you kept us informed. This will allow staff to be mindful of further cases.

Please text me on 07892 834428 if you would like to book a place for your child, other family members or their friends. It will be helpful to gauge numbers before the scheme starts on 8th. The enrolment form may be downloaded from the website. This could be completed before the registration slot that morning which would avoid you having to queue.

Contact me should you require any further details in the meantime. We look forward to seeing the children back in school for a fun-filled week. Feel free to text through ideas for activities, ones you know your child particularly enjoys.

Elaine Anderson

Principal

