

THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to all parents for your support of all our 'Restart' organisation and plans. Thank you also for remaining positive as things took a different turn last weekend. It was gracious and hugely appreciated that the news did not become gossip on social media. Our thoughts and prayers are with all our families who have sickness in their homes at present.

The pupil return to school has been **WONDERFUL!** Children are loving being back with their friends and Learning in classrooms. Thank you for all the work done at home over Lockdown! The children are keen and ready to Learn in school again. I think we all did a great job. As COVID19 progresses in the community, we are ready for what lies ahead digitally.

A FEW REMINDERS

- Start and Finish Times will remain. All pupils in P5-7 to be in by 9:00am please, now that our routines are in place and working. It is great to see the staggered start working well. All parents are requested to keep to our one-way system, and to maintain distancing/face coverings if chatting for more than 15 minutes. This keeps everyone safe.
- All Free School Meals Forms must be processed by 10th September. After this date, only pupils on the EA agreed list will get free meals. Please follow this up.
- Absences from school should be reported to the school office where attendance figures are recorded. Thank you for letting teachers know on Seesaw as well, if time permits. Thank you for keeping children at home for 48 hours following a vomiting bug or when fully dosed with a cold. Staff will provide work for catch up after Day 2 of an absence via Seesaw, at parent request. Should a class or children be off due to COVID19, work will be forwarded also by Seesaw.
- All lunches/coats etc should arrive to school on entry. Remember, gates are closed during the day and items forgotten will have to wait until home time.
- No mobile phones should come into school. Thank you for doing this already in our upper primary classes.

OTHER NEWS

- Our new P1s start their Induction to Ballyclare Primary School throughout next week. *How exciting!*
- Year groups will forward an online 'Meet the Teacher Evening' meeting next week to ensure everyone is informed about school life in each year group/class. *How exciting!*
- Miss Kernohan was married in the summer and is now Mrs Barrow. Miss Darling (P6) was engaged to be married in the summer also. Congratulations and God's Blessing to them both. *How exciting!*

DATES FOR DIARY

- AQE Dates have been changed to 9th, 16th and 23rd January 2021. This will create evident changes to our P7 Term 1 Curriculum and school life for our P7 pupils. You will receive further information concerning this next week from the P7 Staff.
- Flu Vaccinations will take place on 19th – 21st October in school. We strongly encourage all parents to avail of this opportunity for their children – particularly this year.

PARENTS

Please continue to social distance after school in our playground area and outside the school grounds. We do advise this and the wearing of face coverings, if you are chatting with others for over 15 minutes.

Adults pass on this virus to each other and then children/school are affected.

*Thank you.
K. Mulligan*