



NEWSLETTER 7. 1st – 31st March 2018.

Dear Parent/Guardian

Welcome to our seventh newsletter of the school year which is now also available on the new school website. This will be the last printed newsletter as we intend to upload future newsletters to the website. If you wish to continue to receive hard copies, please request this from the school office. Please note the following important information and dates as well as the dinner menu and order slips for the month ahead:



NEW WEBSITE

As you are aware, we are delighted to announce our new school website is now live. You can access the website on www.ballycarryprimary.co.uk As with all things new, please be patient over the next few weeks as we add information to the website.

We intend to upload our policies to this site. This will include: Positive Behaviour, Safeguarding & Child Protection, Complaints, Anti-Bullying, Attendance and Intimate Care.

In conjunction with our new website we asked families to submit their ideas for a new school motto. Please complete the slip attached and chose your favourite motto. This motto will be used for future generations and we would like to thank everyone who submitted excellent suggestions for this.

WORLD BOOK DAY

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On Thursday 1st March 2018 the children will be taking part in World Book Day. We will not be dressing up this year. Instead, we are having an "Extreme Read". The children can take a photograph of themselves reading in an unusual place. This is an optional activity. Photos have to be sent in to school by Thursday 1st March 2018 for the judging. Photos can be brought in on a pen drive or printed out from home. The winner in each class will get a prize.



FEET FIRST FAMILIES WEEK

This will run from Friday 2nd until Friday 6th March 2018. We are asking our pupils to walk, scoot or cycle to school on a regular basis and to encourage other members of the family to get involved too. Pupils have been given a sheet of stamp strips which they can mark off each day that they make an active journey to school. Slips with 3 or more feet complete will be entered into a draw for the chance to win a prize.

SMARTIE TUBES



The Friends of Ballycarry Primary School provided all of the children with a tube of smarties to take home, eat and fill the empty tube with 20 pence coins. Children who return their filled smartie tubes to school will be entered into a draw which is now taking place on Tuesday 6th March 2018, to win the lovely "Smarties Puppy" pictured below.





FRIENDS OF BALLYCARY PRIMARY SCHOOL EASTER EGG HUNT

On Wednesday 28th March 2018 the Friends of Ballycarry Primary School are running an Easter Egg Hunt for our pupils as well as the Ballycarry Pre-School. This will be a non-uniform day and children are asked to wear appropriate footwear and outer garments as this is an outdoor event. Children are also asked to bring a basket or bag to collect eggs. The cost of this event is £ Per child.



FEBRUARY BRIGHTSPARKS

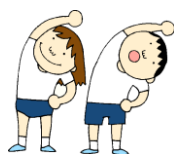
Our Brightsparks board winners for February.

We'll done to these pupils for producing some very good work which is now on display in the office foyer. Here are the children with their prizes:



GIVING YOUR CHILD A HELPING HAND

the Department of Education has launched a new parental engagement campaign entitled "Give your child a helping hand". The overall purpose of the campaign is to inform and empower parents and carers to support their children and ultimately tackle educational underachievement. This can be done by reading to them from an early age; showing an interest in their day at school; talking to them about their homework; and helping them make decisions now that will shape them into the adults they will become in future.



FUNDAMENTALS NEW FINISHING TIME

Please note that Fundamentals now finishes at 2.55pm every Thursday as from Thursday 1st March 2018.



THE BBC DOCUMENTARY "THE VILLAGE"

I hope everyone enjoyed the programme. We have had a lot of good feedback and positive comments about the documentary. The general feeling was that it showed Ballycarry at its best.

MARCH

Thurs 1st Mar	World Book Day.
Fri 2nd-Fri 9th Mar	Feet First Families Week.
Fri 2nd Mar	P3/4 Armagh Planetarium Trip. Bus leaving at 9.15am and returning at 3.00pm. Packed lunch required for ALL P3/4 pupils. Children on Free School Meal register can get a lunch provided if they phone the school office on Mon 26th February.
Wed 7th Mar	P1/2 trip to Carrickfergus Castle. Bus leaving at 11.00am and returning at 1.00pm. Packed lunch required for ALL pupils.
Tues 13th Mar	Cancer Focus talks for all pupils. Cancer Focus Northern Ireland are visiting the school to talk to the children about farm safety, fitness and smoke-busting.
Wed 28th Mar	Friends of Ballycarry Easter Egg Hunt. School finishes at 12.15pm for ALL pupils for the Easter break. Dinners are NOT available.

SCHOOL WILL RETURN AFTER EASTER ON THURSDAY 12TH APRIL 2018 AT 9.00AM. BREAKFAST CLUB WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM 8.00AM.

APRIL

Thurs 12th Apr	School returns after the Easter break at the normal time of 9.00am. Breakfast Club is available from 8.00am.
Mon 23rd-Fri 27th Apr	Sponsored event. "A Mile a Day". Details to follow.

Just for Fun- puzzles, riddles and jokes

Spring Word Search



BIRD
BUD
EGG
FLOWER

LAMB
NET
RAIN
SPRING





Joke Corner LOL 😂😂😂

Q: What goes snap,
crackle and squeak?

A: Mice krispies



BALLYCARRY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Winter menu week commencing Monday 5th March until week ending Friday 30th March 2018.

PLEASE NOTE SCHOOL MEALS PRICE INCREASED TO £2.60 FROM 4th September 2017

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week Commencing 05.03.18	Fish shapes, beans, chips/baked potato. Frozen yogurt & fruit.	Savoury mince, mixed vegetables & mashed potatoes. Banana muffin & yogurt.	Chicken curry rice, naan bread & carrot sticks. Chocolate & pear flavoured sponge & custard.	Roast chicken, fresh carrot/turnip, dry roast & mashed potatoes., stuffing & gravy. Flakemeal biscuit & milkshake.	Sausages, peas & mashed potatoes. Milk pudding & fruit.
Week Commencing 12.03.18	Cheese & tomato pizza, chips/baked potato & peas. Frozen yoghurt & fruit.	Salmon fish shapes, mixed vegetables & mashed potatoes. Fruit sponge & custard.	Pasta bolognaise, carrot sticks & crusty bread. Jelly, fruit & yoghurt.	Roast chicken, fresh carrot/turnip, dry roast potato, mashed potato, stuffing & gravy. Chocolate flavoured mandarin muffin & milkshake.	Bacon, mashed potatoes & beans. Fresh fruit salad & yoghurt.
Week Commencing 19.03.18	Fish fingers, peas, chips/baked potatoes. Frozen yoghurt & fruit.	Savoury mince, cabbage & mashed potatoes. Milk pudding & fruit.	Chicken curry, rice, naan bread & carrot sticks. Mandarin sponge & custard.	Roast gammon, fresh carrots, dry roast & mashed potatoes & gravy. Chocolate brownie & milkshake.	Chicken drumsticks, mash potato, beans & crusty bread. Jelly, fruit & yoghurt.
Week Commencing 26.03.18	Chicken nuggets, peas, chips/baked potatoes. Frozen yoghurt & fruit.	Breaded fish, broccoli & mashed potatoes. Chocolate & pear sponge & custard.	Pasta bolognaise, carrot sticks & crusty bread. Milk pudding & fruit.	Roast chicken, fresh carrots, mashed & dry roast potatoes, stuffing & gravy. Flakemeal biscuit, fruit & milkshake.	Vegetable soup, steak burger in a bap & beans. Jelly, fruit & yoghurt.

MENU CAN BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND OUR CONTROL WINTER 2017-2018

N.B. BREAD, MILK, WATER & FRESH FRUIT SERVED ALONG EACH SET MEAL. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON ALLERGENIC INGREDIENTS, PLEASE CONTACT THE UNIT CATERING SUPERVISOR IN WHITEHEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL.

PLEASE FILL IN AND RETURN WITH CORRECT MONEY (£2.60 PER DAY) ON MONDAY MORNING TO YOUR CHILD'S INDIVIDUAL CLASS TEACHER. USE ONE SLIP PER CHILD- PLEASE DO NOT SEND ORDERS WITH SIBLINGS. ORDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER MONDAY.

BALLYCARRY PRIMARY SCHOOL DINNERS ORDER				
Name of child:			Week Commencing: 05.03.18	
Please circle day/days dinners are required below				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
PAYMENT (Circle which one applies) Free School Meals OR Paying (£2.60 per day)				
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Choose your favourite motto

The Mottos below have been shortlisted and we ask that you pick one as your favourite and tick the circle that applies. Good luck to all our shortlisted entries and congratulations to all.

Ballycarry Primary School

“Believe, Persevere, Succeed”

“Learning Together, Caring Forever”

“Inspire, Nurture, Challenge, Grow”