

# 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.

#### **GOODBYES!**

Over the Summer we bid a fond farewell to some long standing members of our school community – Mrs R. McMaster from our Nursery has retired and Mrs H. Penge has stepped down from her role as Chair of our Board of Governors. We thank them both for everything they have done for our school.

#### **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. Thanks to Mr Robinson's fund raising last year we have had all our corridors painted and his next target is all the classrooms!! Watch this space! But if any parents think they can help us in anyway, please get in touch with Mr Moore.

#### **SCHOOL BUILDING**

Can I remind <u>all adults</u> 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 inline 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).

#### **CHILD CARE VOUCHERS**

For those parents wanting to use our 2-2-3 Club we are now registered with Employers for Childcare.

## **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\*

# Ulster Scots Music Programme – Our P6s got the chance to play some traditional pipes.





#### **Calendar Dates**

#### **OCTOBER**

9<sup>th</sup> - Cross Country Race - Belfast

IIth - Ulster Scots Programme - P6

18<sup>th</sup> - Harvest Assembly - KS1 Ulster Scots Programme - P6

22<sup>nd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> - Parental Interviews
School closes at 1.00pm
(No 223 Club, bus or After
School Clubs) for all pupils

25th - Hallowe'en Discos

26<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.

Thank you to those children that have already brought in brown money for their class. It is really tight between the classes and we will have a termly update for you next month.

We hope you took the time to read what all the money raised last year has gone towards in 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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# Every adventure has a beginning...

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

#### **Nursery**





