



Ballyvester Primary School

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Newsletter - June 2021

Classes for 2021-22

The class arrangements and teachers for the next academic year will be:

- Year 1/2 Mrs Hunter & Mrs Arnold
- Year 2/3 Mrs Burgess
- Year 4&5 Miss Uprichard
- Year 6 Mrs Greenald
- Year 7 Mrs Beatty

If you have a child going into Year 2, you will receive a letter today informing you of the class s/he has been placed in for the next academic year.

Sports Week 7th – 11th June 2021

The staff and pupils are busy preparing for our 'Ballyvester Olympics' themed Sports Week. Thank you to everyone for sending in a white t-shirt which your child will decorate and wear during Sports Week. **As all pupils will take part in various sporting activities throughout the week, we kindly request that your child wears shorts, a t-shirt and trainers to school each day. They can change into their Olympic themed t-shirt in school each day as needed.** Hopefully the weather will be favourable and we will have a fun sporting week together.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions we are unable to invite parents to our Sports Week this year. We will be running the events in The Cowan's garden and we are so grateful to the Cowan family for allowing us to freely use their premises. Keep an eye out on Seesaw for photographs of your child taking part!

Year 7 Leaver's Assembly

Our Year 7 Leaver's Assembly will take place on Friday 25th June 2021 at 1.30pm in First Presbyterian Church, Donaghadee. Social distancing measures will be in place and each pupil will be allowed to invite 2 guests. **We request that guests wear a face covering throughout the assembly and acknowledge social distancing when entering and leaving the church.**

To enable all members of staff to attend this event, school will close at 1.00p.m. for **all** pupils. Staggered pick up times are as follows:

Surnames A – H:	Pick-up at 12.45p.m.
Surnames I – P:	Pick-up at 12.55p.m.
Surnames Q – Z:	Pick-up at 1.00p.m.

Year 7 Fun Week (15th – 18th June 2021)

Thank you to everyone for sending in bran tub items for the Year 7 Fun Week. All children are encouraged to bring in some money to spend at this event. Silver coins are suggested so that the children can experience counting out money for things they are buying. Most items are priced at an average of 20p. Please ensure your child brings their money in a named purse or money bag as they will be responsible for looking after it during the day.

Each class bubble will visit the Year 7 Fun activities (outdoor) on the following dates:

Tuesday 15th June – Year 1/2
Wednesday 16th June – Year 2/3
Thursday 17th June – Year 4/5
Friday 18th June – Year 5/6

Annual Reports 2021

Reports will be sent home on Friday 25th June 2021. Please read your child's report carefully, complete the reply slip enclosed and forward to your child's class teacher.

Record of Achievement

During the month of June your child will be completing their Record of Achievement. Part of this task will be completed at home so please assist your child in completing this activity.

P.T.A.

Thank you to everyone for supporting our Sponsored Walk during Active April. A total of **£1592.00** has been raised which is an amazing amount to go towards improving our Outdoor Learning Area. In December **£72.51** was also raised when pupils came dressed in Christmas jumpers/ Christmas coloured clothing. Thank you for supporting this event.

Piano Tuition (September 2021)

Individual piano tuition will again be available for pupils in Y3-7 in school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Mrs Suzanne Bell is a fully qualified piano teacher and is offering tuition for all levels and abilities (Beginners to Grade 8). Lessons cost £12 for 30 minutes or £8 for 20 minutes. If you wish to register interest, please telephone the school office and Mrs Burrows will pass your details to Mrs Bell.

Brass Tuition (September 2021)

The EA Music Service are offering Brass tuition again for pupils in Y4-7. The cost of lessons for the year will be £100 and you can hire an instrument from EA for £50 for the year. If you wish to register interest, please complete a communication slip on the school app by Friday 18th June 2021.

Autumn Term 2021

Details regarding drop off/ pick up will follow in August when up to date DE guidance is received.

Wednesday 25 th August 2021	9.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon (Years 1-7)
Thursday 26 th August 2021	9.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon (Years 1-7)
Friday 27 th August 2021	9.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon (Years 1-7)

Monday 30 th August	School Closed for Bank Holiday
Tuesday 31 st August	9.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon (Year 1)
	9.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m. (Years 2-3)
	9.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m. (Years 4-7)

Please note: There will be NO school meals available on these days.

Wednesday 1 st September	9.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon (Year 1)
	9.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m. (Years 2-3)
	9.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m. (Years 4-7)

School meals are available from Wednesday 1st September 2021

Dates for your diary:

Monday 7 th June:	Sports Week – Wear shorts, t-shirt and trainers each day
Tuesday 15 th June:	Year 7 Fun Week
Friday 25 th June:	Year 7 Leaver's Assembly 1.30pm
	School will close at 1.00pm for all pupils
Tuesday 29 th June:	Year 7 visit Kilbroney Outdoor Centre
Wednesday 30 th June:	School closes at 12 noon for all pupils (Non-uniform day & no school meals)

K. Hunter

2nd June 2021