



## Weekly Newsletter

### Monday 30th September 2019

Date	Event	Year Group	Time
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Piano Lessons</li> <li>Read2Dogs Programme</li> <li>Swimming Lessons</li> </ul>	Whole school KS2 P4&7	Morning Afternoon Afternoon
Tuesday 1st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spanish Club</li> </ul>	Whole School	Afternoon
Wednesday 2nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shared Education Day (in Ballyhackett )</li> </ul>	P1-3	Morning
Thursday 3rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr Glasgow –Traditional Music lessons &amp; After School Club</li> <li>Individual &amp; Family Photographs</li> <li>Transformation Information Evening</li> </ul>	P4-7  Whole School Parents	Afternoon  Morning 7.00pm
Friday 4 <sup>h</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY</b></li> <li><b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b></li> </ul>		

The PFTA held its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2019. The Committee for 2019-20 is:

Chair: Anne Marie Orr

Secretary: Brenda Parke

Treasurer: Michelle Neill

AS we go through the Transformation process we need your help. We would like you to help us raise the profile of our school. Please help us to spread word of the process within our Community. Could you help us distribute Expression of Interest forms to parents of preschool age children? Hard copies are available from the office or can be downloaded from the school website.

The Board of Governors & staff are very excited about the Transformation process and have planned lots of activities and work to prepare for the process. In October the Northern Ireland Council for Integrated Education (NICIE) will be hosting training for staff and the Board of Governors.

There will be an Information Evening on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. The Meeting starts at 7 o'clock. The meeting will be a chance for parents to learn about the Transformation process and give you an opportunity to ask questions you may have about the process. There will be childcare arrangements in place so children may come to watch a film in Mrs Craig's classroom. We would like a good attendance at this very important meeting.

**REMINDER:** Ballyhackett is having a Staff Development Day on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October. Children are not to come to school on that day.

**\*\*\*IMPORTANT NOTICE\*\*\***

As part of ongoing Health routine procedures for school aged children, we would advise parents to be vigilant and routinely check their children's hair for Head lice.

**Dates for the Diary**

Parent Teacher Meetings will take place on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> October. School will finish on at 1.00pm on both times. Gerry's bus will take the children home at this earlier time. You will be informed of appointment times in the coming weeks.

All Flu notes should have been returned by now. The Flu Vaccines will be given to the children on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November.

On Thursday, a photographer and journalist from The Coleraine Chronicle will be visiting Ballyhackett. It is very important that children wear their full school uniform every day. We would appreciate your co—operation in this matter.

**Families First Awards**

On Saturday night members of staff represented Ballyhackett at the Families First Awards. We did not win the category but won recognition for raising attainment in Literacy. This was in recognition of our Read2dogs programme. This is a unique and special programme and we are grateful to Julia Hall and Duncan for giving their time so freely every week. Thank you Julia and Duncan!