

NEWSLETTER

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Diary Dates

Parent Information Sessions	See Below
Primary 5 swimming first day	Tuesday, 3 rd September
Blitz Day in school grounds	Friday, 6 th September
Book Fair evening 6pm	Tuesday, 10 th September
Primary 7 Information Evening 7pm	Wednesday, 11 th September
Active Travel Week (more details to follow)	16 th – 20 th November
Primary 1 in to 1pm	Monday, 16 th September
After School Activities commence (staff led)	Tuesday, 17 th September
PTA AGM 7.30pm	Tuesday, 24 th September
Individual and Family photos	Tuesday, 24 th and Wednesday, 25 th September
Macmillan Big Breakfast	Friday, 27 th September
Cash for Clobber clothing collection	Tuesday, 1 st October
SEAG (P7 transfer test) registration closes	Friday, 20 th September

**If you are a P7 parent of a child intending to sit SEAG, and you have not registered yet, please do so at your earliest convenience. If you require assistance, contact your child's teacher



Welcome Back!

It has been lovely to welcome back all our pupils this past week after a well-earned summer break. It was such a pleasure to see so many happy faces and warm smiles, well rested and ready for the challenges and opportunities this year will bring. A special welcome to a number of new pupils and families who joined us in late June and this past week – we know you will enjoy being part of the Fairview family. Although the weather has not been great, there were definitely a few sunny days to renew everyone and enable you all to get out and about. I enjoyed visiting all the classrooms over the last few days and hearing some stories of summer adventures!

I have especially loved visiting the three P1 classrooms and trying to learn lots of new names. It has been lovely to see our youngest pupils so well settled at such an early stage and looking wonderful in their new uniforms after two induction days on Monday and Tuesday.

Today, I talked to all our pupils in assembly about having a firm foundation. As we explore our core principles as a school this year, it is my hope and that of all the staff that we prepare our pupils for the world in which they live and give them the attributes to be model citizens and outstanding contributors to society.

'Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.' Matthew 7:24



Uniform

All our pupils are looking extremely smart at the start of the new school year. I have no doubt this high standard of presentation and pride in the uniform will continue. There have been a few boys and girls wearing earrings. Earrings are not permitted. If ears have been recently pierced, beige plasters may be worn but only until they can be removed. Plasters are not to be worn as a matter of course. Thank you for co-operating with this.

Pupils should now know their PE days. Pupils in P4-P7 may come to school in their PE uniform (plain navy tracksuit bottoms over navy shorts for boys or plain navy leggings for girls, red Fairview PE t-shirt and hoodie – all available in Sport 'n' Sound).

The Education Authority provide support with uniform costs for eligible families. If we can support you with this application, or indeed in applying for free school meals, please contact the school office and we will gladly assist. We would encourage you to apply, even if you do not intend for your child to avail of the support.

Applying for Free School Meals & Uniform Allowance

If you require help...
www.eani.org.uk/fsm
028 9041 8044
mealsanduniform@eani.org.uk

1. Are you eligible?

You must be:

- in receipt of a qualifying benefit OR
- be an Asylum Seeker supported by the Home Office Asylum Support Assessment Team (ASAT).

Qualifying Benefits:

- Income Support;
- Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance;
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance;
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit;
- Child Tax Credit or Working Tax Credit with an annual taxable household income of £16,190 or less;
- Universal credit and have net household earnings not exceeding £15,000 per year.

2. What documentation do you need?

You will be asked to upload proof that you are receiving a qualifying benefit:

- Tax Credits Award Notice
- Universal Credit Payments breakdown or
- Proof of Benefit letter (if you are in receipt of Income Support, Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income Related Employment and Support Allowance or the Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit).

3. What else do you need?

- National Insurance Number
- Children's names
- Dates of Birth
- Schools they will be attending
- Address
- E-mail and telephone number
- Bank or building society account and sort code details.

4. Where do you apply?

Apply for Free School Meals and Uniform Allowance for the new school year beginning September, through the Education Authority's online portal, EA Connect. If you haven't already registered an EA Connect account, it's quick and easy to do. Information can be found on the EA website.

5. What happens next?

We aim to process applications within 4 weeks. However, in the busy period of June to September, this can take up to 5 weeks. Please do not contact EA for an update on your application within the 5 weeks of submitting your application. If you have provided incorrect or insufficient supporting documentation, you will receive a tailored email advising you to resubmit your application with details of the correct documentation you need to provide.

You will receive an email from EA once your application has been approved and processed.

Allergy Aware School

A number of our pupils have a severe allergy to various types of nuts. Therefore, it is school policy that nuts, of any form, are not permitted in school. This also includes the likes of a chocolate spread such as 'Nutella' and 'Bueno Hippo'. We appreciate your support with this. If there has been a change in your child's allergies, please inform school.

Any children who we know about as having allergies or a food intolerance will have been given a form from the canteen this week to detail foods which cannot be eaten and suggest alternatives. Please complete this form and return to your child's teacher at the earliest convenience.

Eco Morning in School

We are lucky to have such extensive school grounds and we have worked hard over the last few years to develop these grounds into an innovative and stimulating learning environment. Our pupils and staff have worked to keep these grounds tidy but we need your help! We would love a few parents to give us an hour or two on Friday 6th September. No expertise is needed, just a willingness to get stuck in. We need some branches cut back, beds weeded, strimming and willow weaving (or chopping!). Please bring your own tools if you have any. If you have a trailer, we will need some help doing a couple of runs to Bruslee Recycling Centre. We are also hoping to replenish our outdoor teaching areas with some chipped bark. Lots to be done! All pupils and staff will be getting stuck in.....**we really need your help as well!** Please send a note in to your child's teacher if you can help out on the day. Any amount of time, no matter how little, will be much appreciated. There will be special home baked treats for the class with the most helpers!

Pick Your Own Fruit

We have the apples for sale again this year, grown in our very own orchard. Pupils can pick their own for 20p. I can assure you, they are very tasty! If you are collecting at the front gate, do feel free to try one.



Cash for Clobber

Our first Cash for Clobber collection will take place on 1st October. This is an excellent way for us to raise funds for our school. The programme is managed by Cookstown Textile Recyclers who will collect unused clothes, shoes (pairs only), handbags, hats, scarves, bed linen and curtains. Duvet covers and pillow cases can also be re-used. They sort the items to see what they can reuse or recycle. If you are clearing out over the next couple of weeks, bag your unwanted items and leave them in the bike shelter at the front of school.

After Schools Programme

We pride ourselves in Fairview on the amount of after school opportunities our pupils have available to them. All our staff are involved in delivering this programme and notes for signing up to these clubs will come out in the next week. On top of what our staff offer, we have a number of external clubs which will run throughout the year, booked directly with the provider. These details will be emailed out to you.

Breakfast Club and After School Provision

We are delighted to be able to offer our early morning Breakfast Club each day. Doors open from 7.45am (please do not arrive any earlier than this) and last breakfasts will be served at 8.30am. Pupils will be accompanied to their class at 8.45am. Parents are asked not to drive into the school grounds when dropping their child to Breakfast Club – we appreciate your support with this.

After School Provision also started again this week and will resume its normal running time of 3pm to 5pm Monday to Thursday, and 2pm to 4pm on Friday.

Both Breakfast Club and After School Provision should be booked in advance using our School Money app. A separate note has gone out this week giving more details about both clubs.

Parent Information Sessions

Our Parent Information Sessions commenced with P6 yesterday and will continue next week. These sessions will be no more than 30 minutes and are very useful for you to meet your child's new teacher and to find out what your child will be working on in that particular year group. There will be a separate session for P7 parents on an evening later in September. Please note that these sessions are general and are not for individual pupil discussions. Anything you need to share with the class teacher can be done either through Seesaw or contacting the school office.

For those of you who have a younger sibling (P1-P3) who needs to be looked after for the duration of the talk, they will be brought to the Assembly Hall by their class teacher. Please inform the class teacher in advance. Unfortunately, we cannot look after any children who are not already at school.

Primary 3	Room 4	Monday, 2 nd September	2.15pm – 2.45pm
Primary 4	Room 18	Tuesday, 3 rd September	2.15pm – 2.45pm
Primary 5	Room 9	Wednesday, 4 th September	2.15pm – 2.45pm
Primary 2	Room 6	Thursday, 5 th September	2.15pm – 2.45pm
Primary 7	Assembly Hall	Wednesday, 11 th September	7.00pm
Primary 1	P1 Classrooms	Tuesday, 17 th September	1.15pm – 2.45pm



School Safeguarding

If you have any safeguarding concerns, then the following is the school team:

Designated Teacher -	Mrs Norris
Deputy Designated Teacher -	Miss Earls
Deputy Designated Teacher -	Mrs Craig
Safeguarding Governor -	Mrs Victoria Woodside

The school's Safeguarding Policy is available to all parents on the school's website or from the school office, on request.

Email Communication

As was the case last year, most school correspondence will be sent via email. A number of letters have already been sent via email in recent weeks. If you have not been receiving these, please first check your junk mail. If the correspondence is not there, please return the slip below or contact the office directly. The newsletter, and other school information, will be available on the school website and often through our Facebook page.

You will have a paper copy of this newsletter and an electronic version has also been sent to the email address we have on record for you. Please note emails will come from the principal's secretary hcraig598@fairviewps.ballyclare.ni.sch.uk.

FAIRVIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE

I have not received the Newsletter dated 30th August 2024 via email.

Pupil Name: _____

Class: _____

Parent name: _____

Email Address: _____





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**Weekly Youth /
Childrens
Programmes**

2024 / 2025

CONTACT US



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presbyterian.org



**Aaron Anderson
Youth Worker**

07717476866

Sunday

**Shine - During
Morning Service
(10:30AM)**

**Primary School
Children**

**Crèche - Babies
and Pre-School**

Youth Fellowship

8th September

**Year 8 - Upper Sixth
6:00PM - 8:00PM**

Monday

Girls' Brigade

9th September

Ladybirds - (Age 3 - P1)

6:30PM - 7:30PM

Explorers (P2-P4)

Juniors (P5-P7)

6:30PM - 7:30PM

Seniors (Year 8 - Year 10)

Brigaders (Year 11 -

Upper Sixth)

7:30PM - 9:00PM

Thursday

Mums and Tots

12th September

Babies to Pre-School

9:00AM - 11:00AM

Boys' Brigade

5th September

(Anchors, Juniors and Company)

Anchors (P1-P4)

6:45PM - 7:45PM

Juniors (P5 - P7)

6:45PM - 8:00PM

Company (Year 8 - Upper Sixth)

7:30PM - 10:00PM

Friday

Junior Youth

Club

13th September

Junior YC (P2-P7)

Fortnightly

7:00PM-8:30PM

