

# NEWSLETTER

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## Diary Dates

Parent Information Sessions	See below
Primary 5 swimming first day	Tuesday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> September
Blitz Day in school grounds	Friday, 5 <sup>th</sup> September
Book Fair Evening 6pm	Tuesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> September
Primary 7 Information Evening 6:30pm	Wednesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> September
Primary 1 in to 1:00pm	Monday, 15 <sup>th</sup> September
After School Activities commence (staff led)	Tuesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> September
PTA AGM 7:30pm	Tuesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> September
SEAG (P7 transfer test) registration closes *	Friday, 19 <sup>th</sup> September
School closed – Staff Development Day	Friday, 26 <sup>th</sup> September
Individual and Family Photos	Wednesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday, 16 <sup>th</sup> October

\*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. We were very fortunate to have so many sunny and warm days over the summer months 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 Tuesday and Wednesday.

Today, I talked to all our pupils in assembly about having a firm foundation. As we embed 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.

The infographic features a teal background with a white circular inset on the right showing a classroom scene with students and a teacher. The text is in white and yellow-green. The 'eaconnect' logo is in the top right, and the 'ea Education Authority' logo is in the bottom right. A globe icon is positioned above the website URL.

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- 2 Check your eligibility on EA Connect
- 3 Add each child you wish to claim for
- 4 Start your application
- 5 Upload supporting documentation
- 6 Confirm all info is correct and submit your application

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## 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'. 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 as soon as possible.

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.



## 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.

## Parent Information Sessions (2.15pm – 2.45pm):

Primary 3 Room 4 Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> September  
Primary 4 Room 18 Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September  
Primary 5 Room 9 Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September  
Primary 2 Room 6 Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> September

P1 P1 classrooms 16<sup>th</sup> September 1.15pm – 2.45pm  
P7 Assembly Hall 10<sup>th</sup> September 6.30pm

## 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 of all check your junk mail. If the correspondence is not there, please contact the office directly. The newsletter, and other school information, will be available on the school website and often through our Facebook page.

Please note emails will come from the principal's secretary [hcraig598@fairviewps.ballyclare.ni.sch.uk](mailto:hcraig598@fairviewps.ballyclare.ni.sch.uk).

## School Safeguarding

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

Designated Teacher -	Mrs Norris
Deputy Designated Teacher -	Miss Earls
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.





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# Who We Are

## Our Mission

Our mission is to be a nurturing, kind and respectful community where each person is valued and empowered to be the best they can be

## Our Vision

Our vision is to inspire creativity, support growth and achieve excellence through a wealth of opportunities in every student's journey

## Our Core Values



### Inclusive

Everyone is a valued and welcomed member of our whole school community



### Nurture

Our Fairview family cares for, supports and encourages one another



### Kindness

We treat others as we would like to be treated



### Respect

We show respect to ourselves, others and our environment



### Empower

We enable each other to achieve our full potential





# **BOOK FAIR EVENING**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September  
6–7:30pm**

**Children are welcome to come along in  
their pyjamas and bring their teddies to  
enjoy some bedtime stories**

**P4–7 can bring along a book to take part in  
a book swap**

**Teas and coffees provided along with  
supper for your little ones**



## EXTERNAL NEWS

📍 1st Ballyclare BB is back!!! 📍🔴

Join us as we resume our programme for the 25/26 session. We can't wait to welcome all of the company back!

Details of section start dates and times below:

Anchors (P1 - P4)  
Thursday 11th September  
6:45 - 7:45

Junior Section (P5 - P7)  
Thursday 11th September  
6:45 - 8:00

If you have a son who has moved on to big school, we would love to welcome him into our Company on Thursday night

Company Section (Year 8 +)  
Thursday 4th September  
7:30 - 10:00

👋 New members are always welcome! 🧑🎓

Please contact the page with any questions about returning to BB this year or if you'd be interested in joining us for the first time!

