



FAIRVIEW P.S.

Child Protection / Safeguarding

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Please remember that if you have any concerns about your own child or another child outside school, as well as in, you should share these concerns with:

Miss Earls

(Designated Teacher for Child Protection and Safeguarding)
or

Mrs Norris / Miss Bennett

(Deputy Designated Teachers)
or

Mrs Matthews

The Child Protection Policy can be accessed on the school website or via the school office.

PTA AGM Meeting

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A reminder that the Annual General Meeting will take place in the school grounds on Tuesday evening, 5th October at 7.30pm. 'Track and Trace' will be in place for the adults in attendance. Please bring a mask with you.

This will be our first face-to-face meeting in over a year and a half and we look forward to seeing many familiar faces along with lots of new ones!

Diary Dates 2021

Pupil of the Month Awards	Monday, 4th October
P1 pupils in school until 2pm	Monday, 4th October
PTA Annual General Meeting - 7.30pm	Tuesday, 5th October
World Mental Health Day	Friday, 8th October
P6 Forest Schools	Friday, 8th October
P6 trips to the Belfast War Museum	Wednesday 13th, Thursday 14th & Friday 15th October
Parent Teacher Interview Week	Monday, 18th October
Flu Vaccine Week	Monday, 18th - Wednesday 20th October
School closing early for Interviews (see below for times)	Wednesday, 20th & Thursday, 21st October
Normal 2pm finishing	Friday, 22nd October
School Closed for Half Term	Monday, 25th - Friday, 29th October (inclusive)

Covid-19

I would like to express our sincere gratitude to all our parents and carers. You have been incredibly supportive and understanding since the start of the new school year. This year is very different to last year and we are often navigating situations on a daily basis. You have all cooperated and supported school when we have asked for pupils to be tested or if you have had to take an unwell child home and for this we are most appreciative.

We continue to ask you to keep an eye on your child / children if they are displaying any of the recognised Covid symptoms:

- a high temperature
- a new and persistent cough
- a loss of taste or smell

If your child has any of the above then please ensure a PCR test is booked and results sent through to lcaldwell474@c2kni.net. Pupils should remain at home until a negative result is received.

Blitz Morning in School

Thank you so much to all the parents and grandparents - past and present - who came along on Saturday 18th to help tidy up the school grounds and particularly, the environmental garden! It really was quite a task but with a steady stream of helpers a tremendous job was done! Everyone had their role to play whether it was cutting back hedges, clearing weeds or doing numerous runs to Bruslee, we couldn't have done it without you! Thank you also to those parents who were unable to attend the day but donated to the school. The day was a huge success and is one we would like to repeat as we head into the Spring time. Thank you, all!

Parent Teacher Interviews

Once again this year we will be conducting our Parent Teacher Interviews over the telephone. Whilst it is always preferable to meet with parents and carers face-to-face, we are being mindful of Department of Education guidelines and will conduct the interviews over the phone. It was very successful last year and staff were able to chat to the vast majority of parents at the allotted time.

Staff are currently in the process of organising the calls in 15 minute time slots and you will receive your letter early next week. We would ask you to do your very best to be available for the call but if the time doesn't suit, then please contact the teacher to have it rescheduled at a mutually convenient time. Please note that the number will come up as 'No Caller ID' around your designated time.

As per normal practice, pupils will leave school early on Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st to facilitate the interviews.

P1 - 3 pupils will start to leave from 12.15pm

P4 & 5 pupils will leave at 12.25pm

P6 & 7 pupils will leave at 12.30pm

Please make sure that all pupils are collected promptly on these days. Thank you.

'One Kind Word'

This year in Fairview we have decided to tie in Northern Ireland Anti-Bullying week's theme, 'One Kind Word', into our school life. We held a competition to come up with one kind word that could be Fairview's theme for the year. Each class submitted an entry before the Peer Ambassadors had the difficult task to pick the winner! We are delighted to announce that Fairview's theme and our one kind word focus this year is... **encourage!** Well done to P7N on coming up with the winning word! Our theme will be incorporated into a range of monthly activities, competitions and wellbeing and mindfulness tasks for each class to complete. We look forward to seeing how we can encourage others in our class, school and those within the local community this year at Fairview!

Breakfast Club - Re-start

I am delighted to say that a parent responded to our plea for help and has offered to take on the Breakfast Club! This is great news for those of you who are needing childcare before school. We are waiting for the appropriate vetting checks to take place but I am hopeful that we will be in a position to start the Breakfast Club up again after the half term break.

It will be available from 7.50am until 8.45am. Pupils arriving before 8.15am will be charged £3.00 and those arriving from 8.15am will be charged £2.50. This includes a breakfast of cereal, toast, juice and fresh fruit.

Further details will follow closer to the time.

Mental Health in School

During Mental Health Week 2021, Miss Dickson encouraged the pupils and parents of Fairview to take part in activities that were good for their well-being through a series of videos. We, in Fairview, feel this is an important aspect of our children's development. As a school we are proud to hold the Carnegie Centre for Excellence Gold School Mental Health Award. This year the children will take part in a '**Friday Feeling**' activity on the last Friday of each month. Throughout the year the children will complete fun activities and challenges to help boost their mental, emotional and physical health. We hope they enjoy taking part in these activities and it helps to instil healthy habits for life.

On Friday, 8th October, our school is taking part in **World Mental Health Day**. The purpose of this day is to raise awareness of mental health and remind our school community of what we can do to keep our minds happy and healthy. Pupil wellbeing is at the forefront of school life and we want to encourage our pupils to look after their mental health. On this day our pupils will be participating in a range of indoor and outdoor activities which have been carefully planned to enable them to discuss their emotions, thoughts and feelings in a safe place. We plan to raise awareness by asking all our pupils to wear something yellow; a hairband, socks etc in line with Young Minds campaign #HelloYellow. By wearing a pop of yellow we hope not only to brighten up our school corridors and classrooms but to brighten up Ballyclare and raise awareness of the importance of keeping our minds happy and healthy.

House Captains 2021 / 22

Congratulations to our new house captains Lauren Kelly (Cogry), Harry Smyth (Collin), Isabel Gault (Rashee) and Maisy Houston (Ollar). We wish the House Captains the very best in their new role, we know they will make wonderful leaders who will encourage and support their fellow house mates throughout the rest of the year. We look forward to hearing their ideas for future house competitions. May the best house win!

Dogs on School Premises

Just a reminder to all parents and carers that dogs are not allowed on school premises, even if they are on a lead. The only exception to this is if it is a working dog for the visually impaired.

Board of Governors' Annual Report

The Board of Governors' Annual Report will be available until Friday 8th October from the school office. Please contact Mrs Craig if you would like a copy.