

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome Back!

It is with huge pride that I write this first newsletter of the school year as the newly appointed Principal of Fairview Primary School. I am very excited about what we can achieve as a school going forward, building on the well-established foundation so expertly put in place by Mrs Matthews in her 12 years as principal. It was lovely to see so many happy faces and warm smiles as pupils returned today, 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 today – we know you will enjoy being part of the Fairview family. Our Primary 1 pupils will join us next week, always an exciting and emotional time for all concerned!

Uniform

All our pupils are looking extremely smart at the start of the new school year. I would like to pass on my gratitude to all parents and carers for ensuring correct uniform is being worn as per school policy. If I could just remind you that boys should be in long trousers and not shorts. There are also a few children 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.

PE days will be confirmed next week. 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 some 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.

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 via Seesaw.

Parent Information Sessions

We will be having our normal afternoon Parent Information Sessions for parents with pupils in P2-P6. Please see details below. 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 separate sessions for P1 and 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 6	Room 22	Thursday, 31 st August
Primary 3	Room 4	Monday, 4 th September
Primary 4	Room 18	Tuesday, 5 th September
Primary 5	Room 9	Wednesday, 6 th September
Primary 2	Room 6	Thursday, 7 th September

P1	P1 classrooms	20 th September 2024	7pm
P7	Assembly Hall	13 th September 2024	7pm

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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 Thursday 7th 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! 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.

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. Please see the attached table for dates and details.

Canteen

Our canteen will run as normal from Tuesday 29th September, including Breakfast Club and Healthy Break. The new menu has been attached. One change to the menu is on Tuesday 29th September, our first full day, when Bolognese will be the only option.

Diary Dates September 2023

Parent Information Sessions	See above
Primary 5 swimming first day	Tuesday, 5 th September
Blitz Day in school grounds	Thursday, 7 th September
Active Travel Week	Monday, 11 th September – Friday 15 th September
Book Fair Evening 6pm	Tuesday, 12 th September
Primary 7 Information Evening 7pm	Wednesday, 13 th September
Primary 1 in to 1pm	Monday, 18 th September
PTA AGM 7.30pm	Tuesday, 19 th September
Public Consultation for school extension 4-8pm	Wednesday, 20 th September
Primary 1 Information Evening 7pm	Wednesday, 20 th September
SEAG (P7 transfer test) registration closes	Friday, 22 nd September



Email Communication

Last year, we started sending the majority of our communication to parents via email. 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. If you have not received the email, please first of all check your junk folder. If it is not there, please complete the form below and return to your child's class teacher.

FAIRVIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL

I have not received the Newsletter dated 25th August 2023.

Pupil Name:

Class:

Parent name:

Email Address:



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