



A happy place to have fun learning!

Phone (028 427 58350)

Website: www.victoriapsballyhalbert.co.uk

Summer Term week 3

Food in School

Our winter warmer project with St. Mary's has now come to an end. We send our thanks to the parent support group at St. Mary's for organising this and for securing the funding to enable it to happen. As we are now into the summer term, the Healthy Team are excited to announce that they will be opening the Healthy Tuck shop from next week.



They have been designing their advertising posters in school during the week and have submitted their order. They have decided that they will open the tuck shop on Tuesdays and Thursdays and will be selling a variety of

goodies. These will include items such as pancakes, cereal bars, mini cheeses, bread sticks, snack a jacks, mini cheddars and fruit pots. We hope the children will enjoy these healthy snacks and the experience of buying and selling in the shop.

Toast is still available in class for breakfast. We ask for a donation of £1 per week towards this and we also have a small selection of fruit available for those who are in need.

Office Arrangements

Thank you for your patience as we await the start of our new school secretary. Miss Sophie Anderson has now gone through all of the pre-employment checks and will be starting with us for her training period on 13th May. I will continue to keep working between the two offices until then, assisted by other members of the team. Please continue to make use of the answerphone and email systems during this time and I will get back to you as soon as possible. You have all been very patient with us and I really appreciate this.

thank you!

Once Miss Anderson begins, there will be a training period to go through for her to learn the admin and financial systems that we use and to get up to speed with who is who and what goes where. **The current arrangements for P3 and P4 will therefore remain in place until further notice.**



We are interested in your thoughts.

As you will be aware, there has been a pay and workload review going on with the teaching and non-teaching staff unions. We are looking into ways in which we can support our staff wellbeing and workload levels while also doing the best for the children in our care.



Pastoral care is one of the many strengths of our school and we wish to show our staff that they are valued and supported so that they can give your children the best educational opportunities and also support both children and staff to develop good mental health.

We have watched other schools making changes and have been discussing what would work best for us in Ballyhalbert. We will be sending home a short consultation questionnaire shortly and would really appreciate if as many of you as possible would fill in the simple form. The more responses we get, the more informed we will be about your opinions.

House Team Scores

Sunshine:	401
Earth:	363
Fire:	354
Water:	348

Upcoming Events

- w/b 29th April – CATs assessments
- 29th April – School Nurse visit for P1 pupils
- 30th April – Parent meeting for KS2 residential trip
- 6th May – school closed – bank holiday
- w/b 6th May – PTE assessments
- w/b 13th May – PTM assessments
- 13th May – Glaxty tournament
- 14th May – soccer 7s
- 15th May - Portavogie tournament
- 17th May – P6 Rugby with Regent House coach
- 20th May – Walk to school week
- 21st May – School trip to Dublin
- 24th May – school closed for half term break for pupils
- 27th May – school closed bank holiday
- 28th May – Sports day practice (weather permitting)
- 29th May – **SPORTS DAY** (weather permitting)
- 30th May – House team challenges
- 31st May – House team rounders tournament