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Thank you.

A huge thank you to our sports coaches for all the work put in to giving our children the best chance at the rounders and football tournaments. Your passion for the sport and for the success of our teams shone through and enabled our children to enjoy many successes this week. A first-place win for the rounders team at Glaslary and a third place for them at Portavogie and a third place for the footballers at Glaslary. We showed that Ballyhalbert are a force to be reckoned with. Thanks also to Miss Mawhinney and Mrs McClure for making it all possible.

Walk to school week.

As the summer term hopefully brings more dry weather, we would like to encourage the children to walk to school (or at least part of the way) more often. Next week is walk to school week. We would love to see as many of you as possible leave the car at home and let the children enjoy the walk. If you are coming from outside the village maybe you could stop down on Harbour Road and allow the children to walk the last part of the journey. Let's see if we can get the number of cars parked outside the school in the morning down to zero! Your challenge has been set!!

Walking bus and coffee morning

To support the walk to school initiative, we will hold another walking bus on Wednesday morning. Teachers will meet you at either the green in the Moatlands, the clay pits or along the front on Harbour Road at 8.50am ready for the walking bus. All adults and children who walk with their children will be invited to join us for a short coffee morning in the hall as a reward.

SEAG phone calls

Parents of pupils sitting the SEAG entrance tests for post primary school should now be thinking about signing up for the test. I will be making phone calls to parents of P6 pupils next week to discuss their progress in school and to share the scores we hold to support you in making the decision about whether or not the entrance exam is right for your child. Look out for a call from the school number.

Shorts and shades day

The school council will hold their final non uniform day of the year on Thursday 25th May. This will be a "Shorts and Shades" day. If your child would like to bring in a small donation (suggested amount of £1) for the school council fund, then they will be excused from wearing the school uniform for the day. We do ask that football shirts are not worn as part of this day please.

Greenhill parents meeting

We can't wait to get the school residential trip reinstated again. Parents of pupils going on the trip should come to a short meeting with Mrs McClure and Mrs Atcheson at 2.15pm on Thursday 25th May.

Half term break.

School will be closed to pupils on Friday 26th May and Monday 29th May for the half term break. We are so disappointed that all these 4 days week are getting in the way of all our fun at VPS, but we recognise that everyone deserves a break. Fingers crossed for good weather for the long weekend.

Sports day plans

We have our annual healthy week planned for the week beginning 29th May. We ask that children come to school in their PE kit for the whole week as we have sporting activities each day. All events are weather dependent. Practice races are on Tuesday 30th May and Sports Day is on Wednesday 31st. Parents are invited to join us and offer support on Wednesday. The younger children will race in the morning and the older children will be racing in the afternoon. We will also be holding house team events on the Thursday including a house team rounders tournament.

Coming Up

25th May – Shorts n Shades non-uniform day
- Parents meeting for residential trip
26th -29th May – **School closed** – half term
31st May – Sports Day (weather permitting)
1st June – House team challenge day
7th – 9th June – Greenhill residential trip
16th June – Prize Giving Assembly / Summer fair
21st June – School Play
23rd June – House Team celebration day
28th June – P7 Leavers assembly and last day
29th June – transition day
30th June – half day and end of term

