



Buick Memorial Primary School Newsletter

Friday 21st September 2018



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we shared information regarding a Child Protection incident in Cullybackey. The correct procedures were strictly followed and we did not share this on our social media platforms. Parents should continue to ensure that their child travels safely to and from school. Buick Memorial remains a safe and happy learning environment.

Pantomime

Each year, we enjoy taking our pupils to watch a Christmas pantomime. Last year we ventured to the Grand Opera House in Belfast to watch Peter Pan. This year, we assessed a number of local options but unfortunately none were able to meet the needs of our whole school.

This week, we received an invitation to watch Mary Poppins at Green Pastures. This performance will take place on Friday 7th December. We are absolutely delighted to be able to take our P1-P7 pupils to a local performance and recognise the significant reduction in cost for parents. The performance itself will be free and you will only need to pay for transport to and from the event. Further details will follow over the next few weeks. **This new opportunity means that our Nursery, P1 and P2 performances will now take place on Thursday 6th December.** School will operate on this day as normal.

We anticipate that all pupils will then watch the performance of Mary Poppins on Friday 7th December and school will finish, as originally planned, at 12 noon. Please note there will be no buses in operation for this early finish.

Dining Centre

Pupils who enter the playground between 8:30am and 8:45am should make their way to the Dining Centre and not stand in the playground. The Breakfast Club is open from 8:30am to all pupils from P2-P7. This week we embark upon the Week 4 Menu at lunch time.

Permission Slips

Please return all data collection sheets and internet permission slips to allow us to update SIMs and share photographs with you on newsletters and on our website. Thank you in advance.

P7 Trip

Each year we encourage our children to develop their independence by organising a school residential trip. **We are delighted to inform you that this year's trip will be to Scarborough!** As part of this, the pupils will spend time in York and engage in many of the same activities as previous years.

This wonderful experience has been scheduled for Tuesday 30th April - Friday 3rd May 2019 and the trip will be led by Mr Beattie. A deposit of £50 is required to secure a place and this should be returned to school by Friday 12th October.

100% Attendance Tea Party

Pupils who achieved 100% Attendance throughout 2017/18 have been invited to a Tea Party with Miss Peters on 27th September. As a school, we regularly monitor attendance. It is essential that every child attends 85% or more. We are delighted to share with you that Buick's average attendance rate for 2017/18 was 97%. Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support.

Child Protection

If you have any concerns about your child's safety in school, you can speak to Mr Beattie, (Designated Teacher for Child Protection), or to Mrs McCluggage, (Deputy Designated Teacher). If you are still concerned, you may contact the Acting Principal, Miss R Peters, who oversees the Safeguarding Team within Buick Memorial Primary School. Additionally, you may contact the Board of Governors. The Governor responsible for Child Protection and Safeguarding is Mrs Courtney. At any time, you may talk to a Social Worker at the Social Services Gateway Team on 0300 1234 333.

Dates for Your Diary - Term 1

September 2018

Monday 24th September
Tuesday 25th September

Primary 1 pupils in till 2pm
Jo Jingles in Nursery/P1/P2

October

Thursday 4th October
Friday 5th October
Wednesday 17th October
Friday 19th October
Wednesday 24th October
Thursday 25th October
Friday 26th October

La Fayette to take individual and family photographs
Owen Daly Football Tournament
Harvest Service in school for pupils
Feet First Families - Silly Socks Day!
Parental Interviews - pupils finish at 1pm
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Non-Uniform Day - Harvest Hoedown in Dining Centre
Parental Interviews - pupils finish at 1pm

Monday 29th October - Friday 2nd November - School Closed

November

Wednesday 7th November
Saturday 10th November
Friday 23rd November
Saturday 24th November

School Nurse conducting Flu Vaccinations
AQE Paper 1
Christmas Jumper Day for Ballymena's 'Jingle All the Way' Charity
AQE Paper 2

December

Saturday 1st December
Thursday 6th December
Friday 7th December
Wednesday 12th December
Thursday 13th December

AQE Paper 3
Nursery, P1 & P2 Christmas Performances.
Mary Poppins Pantomime at Green Pastures with a 12 noon finish
Christmas Dinner
Choir and musicians performing at Cuningham Church's Young at Heart Event

Tuesday 18th December
Wednesday 19th December

Carol Service at Cuningham Church at 10am
Buick Choir to Radio Cracker at 10am
Buick Choir to Creative Gardens, Galgorm at 11am

Thursday 20th December
Friday 21st December

P1-P3 Christmas Parties
P4-P7 Christmas Parties
P6 & P7 Christmas Parties
Non-Uniform Day and 12 noon finish for all pupils

*Dates are provisional and subject to change.

****Amendments and new additions are in bold**

Social media can be utilised as a wonderful tool for communication. Parents are reminded, however, that they should not mention Buick Memorial Primary School or specific pupils or members of staff in their personal posts. Should you have any queries, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school in the first instance. Your co-operation in this matter is essential.

Kind regards,

R. Peters (Acting Principal)