



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a beautiful morning in Cullybackey! Many of our pupils cycled to school in their pyjamas today as part of 'The Big Pedal'. This initiative promotes the wellbeing of our pupils and we hope that our pupils will continue to use their bicycles and scooters safely in the approach to the summer. Thank you to for your continued support.



P3 Trip

Our P3 and P3/2 pupils are learning all about food in Term 3. This week they sampled some delicious Italian food at Fratelli's in Galgorm Manor.



Buick After School Programme w/c 30/04/2018

Monday - Miniversity & Little Gladiators
Thursday - Rugby

Tuesday - Buick Ju-Jitsu
Friday - Hockey

Buick Ju-Jitsu Club will be holding an 'Open Day' on Tuesday 15th May to allow new pupils to try a free class! There will also be games and fun activities on offer. If interested, children should come along at 2pm, or 3pm, on 15th May to see what the club entails.

Dining Centre

Next Monday (30th April) will be Week 3 menu.

AQE Registration and Parental Information Evenings

Registration for the 2018/2019 AQE Transfer cycle will open on Wednesday 2nd May 2018. Parents should register their P6 child now for the transfer assessment in November/December 2018. Please visit www.aqe.org.uk for further registration information.

As a school, we will prepare P6 /7 children for the assessments. However, parental support and partnership working is essential. During Parental Interviews in February, most P6 parents discussed 'Transfer' with their child's class teacher.

Should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school for further information. We will not be holding an information event at Buick. Local Grammar Schools are now holding these Information Evenings with parents and so we will not be.

Cambridge House - Wednesday 2nd May at 7:30pm

Ballymena Academy - Thursday 3rd May at 7pm

Phones in School

Buick Memorial Primary is a safe learning environment for all pupils. **We do not allow children to bring mobile phones into school.** This is to protect all children and we must ensure that Education Authority guidelines are complied with. Your co-operation in this matter is essential.

Education City

We have managed to acquire a free trial on Education City. This fantastic online learning site for children will allow you and your child to revise their learning.

As we approach our annual assessments (PTE/PTM), we would actively encourage parents to log on with their child to revise literacy and numeracy questions. Enjoy!

Please visit www.educationcity.com

Log in - 886BuickAdmin

Password - irrxqj

Water Bottles

As the warmer weather approaches, many children bring water bottles into the classroom. This is absolutely essential to keep them hydrated. However, we have recently noticed that some children are bringing in diluted juice in their bottles. This will impact on their teeth. **Please send only water in these bottles.** Thank you.

Zoe's Craniopharyngioma Journey

Many of you will have seen fundraising in the local community for a local girl called Zoe who, following treatment at Great Ormond Street, now requires Proton Beam Therapy in America.

From Monday 30th April, we will be selling quiz sheets at £1 to support this wonderful quest. You can follow Zoe's journey on Facebook.

Yew Tree Feis 2018

This year the feis will run from 17th May until 19th May at the Acorn Centre in Ahoghill. For more information on how to enter your child please telephone 02825 871588 or visit their website at www.crda-online.com

2018/19 Holidays

Today we have attached a copy of the School Calendar for next session. We would encourage parents to book family holidays during these scheduled holiday times. Attendance at school during term time is essential for children's development.

May & June Key Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 1 st May	P6 Bryson House (recycling)
Tuesday 1 st May	Shared Education - P1 pupils to Braidside for Gathering Drums
Thursday 3 rd May	Ballymena Academy Transfer Information Evening at 7:30pm for P6 Parents
Monday 7 th May	May Day - School closed
Tuesday 8 th May	NSPCC in school to meet with P1-P7
Wednesday 9 th May	Shared Education - P2 pupils in Buick for Music and Movement
Wednesday 9 th May	P6 trip to the Wind Farm
Friday 11 th May	P1 'Ditch the Stabilisers'
Monday 14 th May	Shared Education - P2 Trip to Belfast Zoo
Tuesday 15 th May	Shared Education - P1 pupils to Braidside for Sports
Friday 18 th May	Buick Choir / dancers to Castle Tower School to perform
Saturday 19 th May	Post Primary Schools confirmed
Friday 25 th May	Staff Development Day - Pupils off
Monday 28 th May	Bank Holiday - School Closed
Tuesday 29 th May	Staff Development Day -Pupils Off
Thursday 31 st May	Sports Day
Friday 1 st June	Shared Education - P1 trip to the farm
Monday 4 th June	P1 Induction Day
Wednesday 6 th June	Shared Education - P1 Celebration Day at Braidside for pupils and parents
Thursday 7 th June	Shared Education - P2 Celebration Day at Buick for pupils and parents
Friday 8 th June	Primary 7 Equaliteas Event 1:30pm - 3pm
Tuesday 12 th June	Nursery Induction Evening at 7pm
Tuesday 12 th June	Nursery Graduation at 9:30am
Thursday 14 th June	P6 pupils to Ballymena Academy Taster Day
Friday 15 th June	P1 Trip to Drumramer Farm
Friday 15 th June	P5 Trip to Drumramer Farm - Competition prize for Ella Nicholl & P5B
Friday 15 th June	Ballymena Academy Year 8 Induction Day
Monday 18 th June	Love for Life for P7 pupils with Fourtowns Primary and The Diamond Primary
Friday 22 nd June	Activ 8 for P6 Pupils at Cullybackey College
Wednesday 27 th June	P7 pupils finish
Wednesday 27 th June	P7 Prom in the Evening
Thursday 28 th June	'Bump Up Day' to new classes
Friday 29 th June	End of Term at 12:15pm (No buses or Breakfast Club / Dining Centre)

***Please note that some dates have changed since last week!**

Additional Information

*Smile Club

*P6/5 Letter

*Buick Holidays for 2018/19

On Monday morning at 5:30am, 41 Primary 7 pupils and 5 staff will set off on the residential trip to York. This is a very exciting time for the children as they continue to develop their independence in the lead up to post primary education.

Please keep up to date with their adventures on the Buick Memorial Facebook page and website www.buickmemorial.org

R. Peters,
(Acting Principal)



BUICK MEMORIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY UNIT

School Calendar 2018 - 2019

Term 1 begins: Wednesday 29th August 12 noon finish NO BUSES
Thursday 30th August 12 noon finish NO BUSES
Friday 31st August 12 noon finish NO BUSES

Monday 3rd September - School bus service (Ulsterbus & Causeway) commences at normal finishing times - 2pm/3pm

Monday 29th October to Friday 2nd November (inclusive) - Half-Term holiday

Friday 21st December 12 noon finish NO BUSES

Christmas Holidays: Monday 24th December to Friday 4th January 2019 (inclusive)

Term 2 begins : Monday 7th January 2019

Monday 18th to Friday 22nd February (inclusive) - Half Term

Friday 12th April 12 noon finish (NO BUSES)

Easter Holidays: Monday 15th April to Friday 26th April (inclusive)

Term 3 begins: Monday 29th April

Monday 6th May - May bank holiday

Friday 24th May - Monday 27th May (inclusive)

Friday 28th June 12 noon finish (NO BUSES)