



e-ZINE June 2017 Update

Please refer to the School Holiday Calendar section of this e-Zine for all closure dates

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

School Lunches

There will be **NO** lunch delivery on last day of term – 30th June – as school will be closed at 12noon; please ensure you send in a snack/drink or beaker with each child for morning break.

Book Rental/Book Lists

Book lists have been issued to all classes. All those wishing to participate in the Book Rental Scheme, please return order forms and full payment by **Friday 16th June**, to ensure inclusion in the scheme.

e-Payments/Online Banking

Our school is delighted to announce that we are rolling out the Aladdin e-Payment system to parents/guardians of children in our school; to take effect from September 2017. Full details to follow shortly.

School Start Time

School start time is 9.20am. Please be reminded that children should not be dropped at school before 9.10am for the safety of your children as there is no staff supervision before this time. There will be adult supervision on the front yard from 9.10-9.20am each morning for health and safety reasons. There are children being dropped off from as early as 8.30am, we cannot take responsibility for children from such an early time and strongly advise that this practice is discontinued.

Mobile Phones and other Electronic Devices Incl Cameras

If a mobile phone or other device is brought to school it must be handed up to the class teacher in the morning upon entry to class. The class teacher will store the phone/device in a locked cabinet. The teacher will return the phone/device to the child at the end of the day.

Students **DO NOT** have permission to use mobile phones or other device during social times e.g. breaks. They may take phones on school outings if they have specific permission from the teacher(s) in charge of the outing.



Uniforms

Reminder that uniforms should be worn by all children from 1st to 6th class everyday other than PE days, when school tracksuits should be worn.



Michael McNicholas, a fire officer from Kiltimagh Fire Station came to our school recently to give a talk on fire safety in the home. Second and third class found the talk very interesting and educational. Each child in the class received a fire safety folder with lots of information on ways to prevent fires in their homes.



Junior Entrepreneur Programme

6th class have been participating in the JEP and recently attended a local showcase in the McWilliam Park Hotel; where they presented their JEP Project to the attending audience and were also interviewed by Tommy Marren from Midwest Radio. They all had a thoroughly enjoyable day.

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Athletics

2nd/3rd class will attend: Thursday 15th June.

Cost is €5 per child please, which includes transport to and from venue and €2 into the track.



SPORTS week will take place during the week of 19th June; a different activity will be arranged for each day and any relevant details will follow; all children should wear their tracksuits during sports week.



School Tours

Senior Infants and 1st class: Wednesday 14th June: Trip to Westport House and McDonalds, Castlebar. Bus leaves school at 9am sharp; estimated time of arrival back to school is approximately 3-3.15pm.

Junior Infants and The Haven: Thursday 15th June: Trip to Wild, Wild, West, Westport, including train journey from Claremorris. Bus leaves school at 9.30am sharp; estimated time of arrival back to school is approximately 2pm.

5th and 6th class: Tuesday 20th June: Trip to Dublin. Bus leaves school at 5am sharp; estimated time of arrival back to school is approximately 8pm.

2nd and 3rd class: Thursday 22nd June: Trip to Galway. Bus leaves school at 9am sharp; estimated time of arrival back to school is approximately 4pm.

4th class: Friday 23rd June: Trip to Lough Key Forest Park and Arigna Mining Experience. Bus leaves school at 8.30am sharp; estimated time of arrival back to school is approximately 5.30pm.



New Infants

We welcome all newly enrolled Junior Infant children to attend school on Tuesday 27th June from 9.20am to 12.30pm. Notification and details have been sent out to all respective parents.



Graduation Mass

Graduation Mass for 6th class will be held in school on Wednesday 28th June at 7.30pm.



Assemblies at 12noon

Thursday 29th June: for End of Year – **Please note change of date** (not Wednesday 21st June).

As always, parents, grandparents and family members are invited to join us for our assemblies.

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

All after school clubs and activities have now ended for this year.

Fundraising



Calendars

2018 calendars commemorating the school's 50th anniversary are still available for sale in school at €5 each. One of the photos on the calendar is of all the school children in the formation of a 50. Please contact the school secretary.



Miscellaneous

Payments (Until roll out of e-Payments)

Most lodgements are now made via the lodgement machine at the bank; therefore we please request that all bank notes sent into the school, where possible, are not crumpled and are kept as flat and straight as possible. Notes with crumpled corners etc are usually rejected by the machines. **Please ALWAYS ensure all monies are presented to the class teacher in an envelope marked with child's name and reason for payment; this is to eliminate errors and ensure payments are recorded correctly.** Please make any cheques payable to Knock National School (unless advised otherwise); it is a bank requirement that staples are NOT used on cheques please. Payments for families can be made together in one envelope, should you find it more convenient; if making family payments, please ensure the envelope is clearly marked with children's names and reason for payment, not just addressed to class teacher.



Summer Camps

Please see the school website and the leaflet holder in reception for details of summer camps.



School Calendar 2016-2017:

Summer Holidays: School closes at 12noon on Friday 30th June 2017. **No lunch delivery this day; please bring in snack for morning break.**

School Calendar 2017-2018:

Return to School: Thursday 31st August at 9.20am

October Mid-Term: Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November.

Christmas: Monday 25th December to Friday 5th January 2018. School closes at 12noon Friday 22nd December and re-opens at 9.20am Monday 8th January 2018.

St Patrick's Day: School closed Monday 19th March.

Easter: Monday 26th March to Friday 6th April. School closes at 3pm on Friday 23rd March and re-opens at 9.20am on Monday 9th April.

May Bank Holiday: School closed Monday 7th to Friday 11th May. School re-opens at 9.20am on Monday 14th May

June Bank Holiday: School closed Monday 4th June.

Summer Holidays: School closes at 12noon on Friday 29th June.

As always, we would invite you all to refer to the school website, www.knockns.ie, for news and regular updates from the school, including pictures, videos etc from our various events and class activities. Email queries should be directed to admin@knockns.ie