



e-ZINE December 2017

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



Christmas Plays

Christmas Plays at 7.30pm sharp, in the school hall:

Tuesday 12th December – Ms Sarsfield's, Ms McNeive's and Ms Nally's classes

Thursday 14th December – Ms Coyne's and Ms Horkan's classes

All children participating in the plays should be in school by 7pm to ensure we start promptly.

After each play, the children will return to their classroom, from where they can be collected and brought home.

Please note that due to shortage of space in the school hall, no other children attending the school can be accommodated in the audience at any of the shows. It is very important that this rule is adhered to please, for the health, safety and comfort of everyone. The children will get the opportunity to see all the plays before the night(s). We would also ask that spectators refrain from sitting in the seats marked RESERVED – which are for children participating in the plays.



Athletics

The following classes will be attending athletics in Claremorris:

Thursday 14th December: Ms Nally (3rd b and 4th)

Monday 18th December: Ms Sarsfield (J1 and S1 a)

Tuesday 19th December: Ms McNeive (2nd and 3rd a) and Ms Boyle (The Haven)

Wednesday 20th December: Ms Coyne (S1 b and 1st)

The cost per child is €5.50, which covers the cost of transport and €2 each into the track. Only those who have paid in advance will be allowed to attend. This payment is available on e-payments for which payment requests have been emailed. Please advise school secretary if you are not receiving e-payment requests.



Our Carol Service will be held on Friday 22nd December at 11.15am in the Basilica, all are welcome to join us. We will return to school immediately following the carol service, from where all children MUST be collected from school at 12noon please.



Swimming

Swimming lessons will resume as follows:

4th to 6th classes: Tuesdays 9th January to 13th February 2018; 1st to 3rd classes: Mondays 19th February to 9th April 2018 (last lesson is on the day we return from the Easter holidays). Full payment for 4th to 6th classes required by 15th December please. Payments for 1st to 3rd classes can be made after Christmas, by 9th February 2018.



Sacraments

Please note the Parish Church and Apparition Chapel will be closed for refurbishment from October 2017 to April 2018.

Do this in Memory masses at 7.30pm in the Basilica: 10th February; 24th March.

First Confessions: Tuesday 6th March 2018 at 7.30pm in the Reconciliation Chapel.

First Holy Communion Retreat: Thursday 26th April 2018.

First Holy Communion: Saturday 5th May 2018 at 11am in the Parish Church.

Confirmation: No Confirmation in the Parish this year.

Extra-Curricular Activities



Grupa Cheoil: each Monday until Christmas from 3-3.45pm, for 3rd to 6th classes.



Irish Dancing: No dancing on 13th December. Last dancing session this term is on 20th December.



Football Training: will resume after Christmas.

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

When there are payments due to the school that can be paid online, you will receive an email/text message with the details of what is due and how to pay. Wherever possible we ask parents to pay online as per the instructions in the payment messages and not to send payment in to the school; this is for a more streamlined and effective payment system, in turn reducing the amount of money held in the school, number of trips required to lodge at the bank etc. However, there will still be some payments that cannot be paid through e-payments such as amounts that are for less than €5, in such cases payments (wherever possible in the correct amount only) should be sent into the school. Going forward, the school will be holding less and less cash, which in turn means it will become more difficult to produce change for future cash payments. The following payments are now very overdue or have become due to the school and you will continue to receive e-payment requests until payment is received: **Supplementary Resources: €20 per child in the school. Mathematics: €8 per child in 1st to 6th classes.** Thank you to those who have made payments to date. For outstanding payments, we would be obliged if these payments could be made to the school immediately please, to ensure these services are made available to your children.

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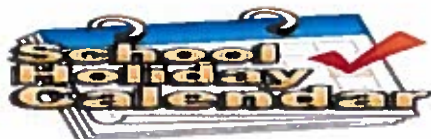
Cost is €45 per child attending please, e-payment requests have been sent via email or text. Wherever possible, please make e-payments, rather than sending into the school. Payments may be made online by instalments (minimum €5); however, full payments for 4th to 6th classes are required by 15th December and for 1st to 3rd classes by 9th February 2018 please. Also, payments for 1st to 3rd classes can be deferred and paid after Christmas. Please note if you have previously advised that your child/ren will attend swimming and they then do not attend the course, you will still be required to pay the cost of transport, as this cost is divided equally between the number of children using the transport.

All queries regarding payments should be directed to the school secretary and not the class teachers.

School Office Opening Hours

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays: 10am to 3.30pm; Wednesdays: 11.30am-3.30pm.

Closed for lunch 12.30pm to 1.30pm.



School Calendar 2017-2018:

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.

In Service Training: School closed Thursday 19th April 2018 to facilitate Teacher training.

May Bank Holiday: School closed Monday 7th to Friday 11th May. (First Holy Communion is Saturday 5th 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