



e-ZINE February 2019

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Headlice

There are continuing outbreaks of head lice throughout the school. We request that you should please check and treat (if necessary) all the family to prevent it from spreading. Please refer to HSE information sheet on school website. Thank you.



Uniforms

Reminder that uniforms should be worn by **all** children from 1st to 6th class **everyday** throughout the year, other than PE days, when school tracksuits should be worn or unless otherwise advised.

Set Down Area/Parking/Access

Please be reminded that the set down area **MUST** be kept clear at all times for the safety of all children and other pedestrians. We strongly advise that the **NO PARKING** signs are strictly adhered at all times please. It is an area meant only for vehicles to pull up for a minute or two whilst collecting or dropping off children. Parents and guardians are reminded to use the car park adjacent to the school when dropping off and collecting children and **NOT** to park in the set down area. If you will be in the set down area for more than a minute or two, then you must wait in the car park provided. If parents and guardians choose to use the car park across the road from the school, then they are required to cross the road with the children at all times, in the interest of child safety.

Vehicles **MUST NOT** be parked in the set down area; drivers must not leave their vehicle at any time. **We have had a few occasions recently where drivers have left their vehicles in front of the school gates leaving the school bus having to wait until this area is clear before the bus can pull up to allow children to alight.** We would be obliged if parents could relay this information to all family members, friends, childminders etc who drop off and collect children from the school. Please also be reminded that the school lane must be kept clear at all times; this is an area for staff parking only and access to the private farm/land; other vehicles are strictly prohibited from using the lane under any circumstances. Please also be informed that the gates at the front school entrance (the set down area) must be kept closed at all times, again in the interests of the Health & Safety of all children. Please ensure the gates are closed behind you on entry and exit.



All enrolment applications should be returned to the school by Thursday 14th February.



Aldi Play Rugby Stickers



If you shop in Aldi we would be very grateful if you could take part in this on behalf of the school. Aldi customers who spend €30.00 or more in one transaction will receive an Aldi Play Rugby sticker in store. If the single transaction amounts to or exceeds €60.00 the customer will receive two stickers and so on. We ask that should you receive any stickers in Aldi, to send them into the school to add to our collection. If we manage to collect 300 stickers the school will have a chance to win sports equipment and enter a draw to win a possible €50,000.



Music

Music lessons, with Anne McLoughlin, for 3rd to 6th class pupils resume on Thursday 7th March, for 6 alternate weeks (Mar 7th, 21st; Apr 3rd; May 2nd; 16th and 30th). Details have been sent out; payment of €18 is required by 26th February please. Unfortunately, due to time and space constraints, Anne is still unable to offer lessons to 2nd class.



Sacraments

Do this in Memory of me masses at 7.30pm on Saturday: 13th April in the Parish Church. Meetings held in St John's Rest and Care Centre at 7.30pm on the Thursday before each mass.

Confirmation Retreat: 7th February.

First Confessions: Tuesday 5th March at 7.30pm in the Confessional Chapel.

Confirmation: Friday 8th March at 12noon in the Basilica.

Communion Retreat: 11th April.

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

Hurling Blitz



4th to 6th classes will participate in a hurling blitz at Tooreen Pitch on Thursday 14th March. Details to follow.

Vinny Judge Memorial Hurling Tournament



4th to 6th class will participate in this tournament in Tooreen on Monday 17th June. Details to follow.



Kenny Folliard Memorial Cup

This will take place in Aghamore on a date to be confirmed in June. Further details of the event and training sessions will be advised in due course.

School Tours



Class tours will take place as follows:

Ms Coyne's 1st and 2nd and Ms Sarsfield's 2nd: Wednesday 22nd May to 'Let's Go' at Breaffy House Sports Arena.

Ms Gorman's 5th and Ms Horkan's 5th and 6th: Thursday 20th June to Dublin. Trip will include visit to GPO Museum, Croke Park Stadium Tour and Viking Splash Tour.

All other class tours will be announced as they are arranged and details of all tours will be issued in due course.

Confirmation slips will be sent out to each class as appropriate, to be returned promptly by the date(s) given, this is to confirm numbers of pupils who will be attending each tour so that we can work out costs as economically as possible.



Graduation Mass

Graduation Mass for 6th class will be held in school on Tuesday 25th June at 7.30pm.



Stay Safe Programme

This programme Continues each Wednesday. Parents will receive information regarding each week's topic.



GAA Football Training

For 4th to 6th class pupils continues each Thursday between 2pm-3pm (weather permitting), All participants must remember to bring their full training gear, including gum shields/mouth guards.

Swimming



Swimming lessons for 1st to 3rd classes continue every Tuesday until 12th February.



Hurling

Training for 4th to 6th classes continues each Tuesday during school. Please remember to bring training gear including helmets and hurleys if you have them.

'Knock it Off'



Knock Walking Group are holding Operation Transformation walks every Saturday at 11am from Pope Francis Square.



Schedule of our School Assemblies at 11.30am, dates to be advised

March: Lenten/St Patrick's

April: Easter

May: Mary's month

June: End of Year

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

After School



Irish Dancing: For all age group children, each Wednesday from 2pm to 4pm, €3 per child please, payable directly to the dancing teacher.



Handball Training: For signed up pupils from 6th class, each Thursday from 3pm to 4pm. Group A training: begins 24th January for 6 weeks Group B training: begins 21st March for 6 weeks.

Fundraising



Odd Socks and Shoes Day

We are delighted to announce that we raised **€448.25** for 'Regina's Fight for Life' fundraising day we held recently. Thank you so much to everyone who took part and who donated so generously.



Payments, e-Payments/Online Banking

We would like to encourage you to make e-payments wherever possible please. Should you be unable to do so, you may send in cash – **in the exact amounts please** (the school no longer holds cash and may be unable to provide change) or cheques made payable to Knock National School. All payments sent into the school must be placed in an envelope or money bag with child's name on and reason for payment, thank you.

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

Lost Property



The lost property box is held in the school office which will have items of lost uniform. Should your child have mislaid an item, the lost property box may be checked during office opening hours. Parents are reminded to please ensure all items of clothing are labelled with their child's name.



School Office Hours: The school office will be open daily from 9.20am, closing **SHARPLY** at 3pm. Closed for lunch 1pm to 1.30pm.



School Calendar 2018-2019

February Mid-Term: Monday 18th to Friday 22nd February.

School closes at **3pm** on Friday 15th February and re-opens at 9.20am on Monday 25th February.

In Service Training: School closed Friday 15th March to facilitate Teacher training.

St Patrick's Day: School closed Monday 18th March.

Easter: Monday 15th to Friday 26th April.

School closes at **3pm** on Friday 12th April and re-opens at 9.20am on Monday 29th April.

May Bank Holiday: School closed Monday 6th May.

European Elections: Friday 24th May. It is yet to be confirmed whether or not the school will be closed.

June Bank Holiday: School closed Monday 3rd June.

Summer Holidays: School closes at **12noon** on Friday 28th 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