



e-ZINE October November 2018

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



Parent Teacher Meetings

The parent teacher meetings are taking place today (Tuesday 23rd) and tomorrow, Wednesday 24th October. It is vital that parents attend these very important meetings. **All children from 1st to 6th classes will go home at 2.30pm on both these days in order to facilitate the parent teacher meetings; please ensure all children are collected promptly at 2.30pm to ensure the meetings start on time.** Infant children will go home as normal at 2pm.

Presidential Elections

School closed on Friday 26th October.

Developing Schools Status

The Department has decided to sanction the retention of our 6th mainstream teacher on a provisional basis until 31st December 2018. The Principal will keep parents informed of any change to this status and of any changes to the classes.

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. They should bring a change of gear for training sessions that fall on days other than PE days. Please also be reminded to ensure all items of clothing have child's name on.



Hallowe'en Fancy Dress Sponsored Walk



Our annual sponsored walk takes place on Thursday 25th October in order to raise funds for our school; all children should dress up in their favourite Hallowe'en costume; sponsorship cards have been issued and money collected should be returned to the school as soon as possible; many thanks to those who have already done so. All sponsorship cards returned will be entered into a draw, for a prize in each classroom. As always, your continued support in our school fundraising efforts is very much appreciated.



Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Once again the school will be participating in this appeal for children less fortunate than ours. Leaflets have been distributed. Please visit www.teamhope.ie/csa for further information and ideas on what to place in the shoeboxes. **Please follow the instructions on the leaflet very carefully; all shoeboxes should be returned to school by Wednesday 7th November please (the Wednesday after mid-term).** There is absolutely no obligation for you to participate in this appeal if you do not wish to. Please see the school website for an update on the 2017 appeal.



Mass

Our November mass for all souls/the deceased will be held in school at 11.15am on Thursday 8th November. As always, parents, grandparents and family members are welcome to attend the mass and join us for refreshments afterwards.

Athletics

Athletics in Claremorris continues as follows:

Ms J Coyne (5thb & 6th): Monday 5th November (day we return from mid-term)

Mrs Gorman (4th & 5tha): Friday 9th November

Ms S Coyne (1st & 2nda): Monday 12th November

Ms Sarsfield (2ndb & 3rd): Monday 19th November

The cost will be €5.50 per child, to cover transport and entry into the venue, available on e-payments (our preferred method of payment). If in cash, please ensure the correct amount is sent in an envelope/money bag with child's name on and reason for payment. Full payment is due the day before the event please.



Christmas Annuals

Order forms have been issued, with forms and payment (in the correct amounts) required to be returned to school by **Friday 16th November**, any orders/monies received after this date will be returned. This will not be available on the e-payments system for individual payments; however if you wish to make family payments online, please let the school secretary know and we can issue family e-payment requests.



Futsal

This will take place in Barnacarroll Sports Hall as follows:

Girls on Thursday 15th November; Boys on Thursday 22nd November. Details to follow



Christmas Plays

This year's plays will be held on Tuesday 11th and Thursday 13th December; further details to follow.



Our Carol Service will be held on Friday 21st 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 for 1st to 3rd classes will commence on Monday 7th January (the day we are back from Christmas break) for 6 weeks. Cost is €45 per child attending please, e-payment requests have been sent via email or text. Payments may be made online by instalments (minimum €10); however, full payments are required by 14th December. 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.



Sacraments

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

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

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



Rugby Coaching

For 3rd to 6th classes continues each Monday during school.



Music

Music lessons, during school, for 3rd to 6th class pupils continue on Nov 15th, 29th. Please ensure your child has their instruments with them on each day of lessons.

After School



Futsal (soccer) Training (weather permitting): each Thursday 3-4pm for those who have registered to take part.

No training on Thursday 25th October.



Irish Dancing: For all age group children, each Wednesday from 2pm to 4pm, €3 per child please, payable directly to the dancing teacher. **No Dancing after school on Wednesday 24th October.**

Miscellaneous



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 cash sent in must be placed in an envelope or money bag with child's name on and reason for payment, thank you.

Payments currently **overdue: Supplementary Resources: €20 per child in the school. Athletics: €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.**

Currently due: Athletics: €5.50 per child. Christmas Annuals: €4 per annual, for those placing an order.

Swimming for 1st to 3rd classes - €45 per child

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

Lost Property



The lost property box is now 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.



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

Presidential Elections: School closed on Friday 26th October.

October Mid-Term: Monday 29th October to Friday 2nd November.

Christmas: Monday 24th December to Friday 4th January.

School closes at 12noon Friday 21st December and re-opens at 9.20am Monday 7th January 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.

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.

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