

# Knock National School

## March 2020

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### NEWS

#### Temporary Accommodation

Work has begun on the installation of our new portacabin; the foundations are being laid and we expect it to be ready within the next few weeks. We hope to have our school hall back in use for Easter. We intend to hold the following assemblies and events:

Month	Event
April	Easter Assembly
May	May Assembly
	Talent Show
	School Book Fair
June	Summer Assembly
	Graduation Mass

Parents and children will be informed of exact dates for assemblies/events once they have been finalised.

#### First Penance

Congratulations to the children in second class who celebrated the Sacrament of First Penance on Tuesday evening. Sincere thank you to Ms McHale, Ms Noonan and Laura for their work over the past few weeks. Thanks to Fr Richard and Fr Paul for their support while preparing the children for the sacrament and to the Parents' Association for providing refreshments on the evening.

#### Coronavirus

We will continue to keep you informed of developments with regard to the Coronavirus. At the moment we are encouraging children to wash their hands correctly using anti-bacterial soap and reminding them of correct hygiene practices with regard to sneezing and coughing. There is an information video available on the school website and you can click on the links below to access the information posters that teachers are using with the children.

[https://www.education.ie/en/Schools-Colleges/Information/National-Emergencies-Public-Health-Issues/covid\\_19-poster-advice-for-schools.pdf](https://www.education.ie/en/Schools-Colleges/Information/National-Emergencies-Public-Health-Issues/covid_19-poster-advice-for-schools.pdf)

<https://www.education.ie/en/Schools-Colleges/Information/National-Emergencies-Public-Health-Issues/primary-poster.pdf>

<https://www.education.ie/en/Schools-Colleges/Information/National-Emergencies-Public-Health-Issues/post-primary-poster.pdf>

## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

### **Athletics**

Schedule for remaining athletics sessions as follows (all dates are Wednesdays):

4<sup>th</sup> March – Mrs Cryan

11<sup>th</sup> March – Ms Sarsfield

18<sup>th</sup> March – Mr Costello

25<sup>th</sup> March – Ms Horkan

1<sup>st</sup> April – Mrs Tansey and Mrs Martin

The cost is €5.50 per child please, to be paid prior to date of attendance please. Should payment not be received in time for the event, your child will not be allowed to attend.

### **Mini 7s Hurling**

This tournament is due to take place on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March, details to follow.

### **SPAR 5s**

This tournament is due to take place on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March, for those pupils who have already signed up; details to follow.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **World Book Day**

Reminder World Book Day is on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March and this is a dress up day in school. All the children may dress up as their favourite book character. They will be given free book tokens, which can be redeemed at participating book shops. Each token entitles the holder to one free book from the list.

### **Scór na bPáistí**

This will take place in Kilmovee Community Centre on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March, starting at 7pm.

### **Primary Language Curriculum**

Reminder that the school will close for a half day on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> March at 12pm in order to facilitate staff training.

### **Sacraments**

**First Holy Communion:** Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 11am in the Parish church.

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### **Jiving Juniors**

A 4 week course of Jiving Juniors for 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> classes will commence on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March. The cost is €8 per child please, payable ahead of the start of the course. All pupils from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class will be expected to participate without exceptions.

### **'Discover Science' the Wonders of Bats and Dispelling the Myths**

This workshop will now go ahead on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March. This will be a fun day and all the children can dress up in costumes with a bat theme on the day.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

Month	Closure
February	Monday, 17th February - Friday, 21st February (inclusive)
March	Friday, 13th March. School will close at 12pm to facilitate staff training for Primary Language Curriculum
	Monday, 16th & Tuesday, 17th March
April	Monday, 6th April - Friday, 17th April (inclusive)
May	Monday, 4th June
June	Monday, 1st June
	Friday, 26th June <i>School will close at 12pm for Summer Holidays</i>

## Do This in Memory 2019 - 2020

Masses take place on Saturday evening , at 7.30pm, in the Parish Church. Masses will take place on:

*14th March 2020  
Third Sunday of Lent*

On Sunday, 14th June 2020, Feast of Corpus Christi the First Communion children are invited to take part in the procession