

Knockmore Junior School



September 2022



Welcome back to
Knockmore Junior School !

We are looking forward to another great year In Knockmore JNS - The whole school renovation is completed and we can't wait for you to see it in the coming weeks!

Parent Teacher Class Meetings

Now that we can have parents back in school we will reinstate our informal parent teacher meetings.

Parents will first meet with Principal, Ms Byrne and Home School Liaison Ms O'Driscoll in the hall and then go down to meet their child's teacher as a group.

This gives you an opportunity as a parent to see your child's class and talk to their teacher. Look out for an email.

Junior Infants Tuesday 20th September 12.45

Senior Infants Tuesday 13th September 12.45

First Class Wednesday 14th September 1.45

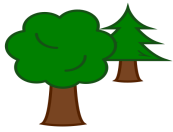
Second class Thursday 15th September 1.45

One on one parent/teacher meetings will take place in November.

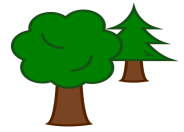


 **Dance with Bernie**  **is back after a long break! We look forward to welcoming her back next Friday!**

Please keep an eye out for notes in school bags regarding after-school clubs and in school activities starting shortly. We're looking forward to such opportunities such as Forest School, Tennis, Soccer, Dance with Bernie, Tennis, Cricket.



FOREST SCHOOL & WET GEAR



Forest School will be starting for 1st & 2nd class on Monday 12th September. Cost €10 to teacher

Send in wet gear (wellies, waterproof jacket and trousers) Wet gear will be kept in school for forest school and rainy days. Keep an eye out in Lidl for gear!





WILD FLOWER GARDEN

The children from the 1st & 2nd Classes planted a wildflower meadow which blossomed over the summer. It has gone to seed now, the bees really enjoyed it during July & August



We provide healthy & nutritious **hot school lunch** including snacks free of charge. We would encourage you to avail of these lunches for your child every day. If your child has a dietary issue, please discuss it with his/her teacher.

Sugary foods, chocolate, chocolate spread, crisps and fizzy/high-sugar drinks are not permitted in school.

 **School books**  can be paid for at Antoinette's office. **Please remember that children will not receive their books until full payment is made.** We recommend that books are paid for as soon as possible as it delays your child's participation in their school day.

Please note: as insurance is part of the book payment package, **children who have not paid for their books cannot go on school trips, including swimming and school tours** as they are not insured.



CREATIVE ARTS



The school has applied to be part of the Creative Schools Programme and we are delighted to have been accepted by the Arts Council. We will be sending out some more information relating to this programme in the near future.

Parent's course and Activities in Parents Room

Thursdays - Weekly Crochet group 10-11.30 If you enjoy a chat and are interested in crochet or knitting please come along. No experience necessary and new members welcome. Begins Thursday 22nd September

Other courses for parents planned this year

- History group- termly trips to Historic sites in Ireland including Newgrange more news about this later in the term
- Parent/child trip to Library for Junior Infants at Halloween
- Homework Help- learn ways to help your child
- Wellbeing group - after Easter
- Christmas Cooking, Christmas Crafts, Easter Crafts, Lego group

Valerie O'Driscoll is our Home School Liaison Teacher
Call her on 0867009010 or hscl@knockmorejns.ie

Please ensure your child is in their correct **uniform** i.e. tracksuit top and grey trousers/skirt and full tracksuit on P.E. days. **Label everything!**

Holidays / Closures for 2022/2023

Halloween Mid-term	31st October - 4th November
Christmas Holidays	Half day 21st December - Carol service in Church Reopen 5th January 2023
February Bank holiday February Mid-term	Monday 6th February 13th -17th February
St Patrick's Day	17th March
Easter holidays	3rd-14th April
May Bank Holiday	1st & 2nd May
June Bank Holiday Summer Holidays	5th & 6th June, Sports Day 7th June Close 29th June

Important Points

- **School starts at 8.40 sharp. Don't be late as your child will miss out on morning activities!**
- Absences *must* be explained. Use Aladdin Connect & send in a doctors cert.
- Only collect children early in exceptional circumstances. Parents/Guardians must inform teachers in writing of such an occurrence.
- Jewellery is not to be worn in school for safety reasons
- Please send in an old shirt to protect uniforms during art.
- The school car park is for staff cars only.
- Keep hair tied up to minimise risk of headlice.

