



# KNOCKLOUGHRIM SCHOOL NEWS



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Welcome to our first newsletter of the new school term. With the lovely weather we had in July its amazing just how quickly the holidays seem to have flown in. This is an extra large version so that we can communicate to you all our news and timetables etc. We have a busy year planned so I would ask you to keep our little learning community in all your thoughts and prayers over the first few weeks of term.

**New Faces to KPS:** We are delighted this year to welcome nineteen new faces to P1, one to P2, one to P3, one to P4 and two new faces to P6. We also welcome Miss Glasgow to our school on placement from the University of Ulster. Miss Glasgow is taking on the role as an ICT Learning Assistant and will be a most welcome addition to our staff for this school year. Our growing enrollment of 108 children means we as a school are now full unless the Department of Education lifts restrictions on our enrollment numbers.

## **New Website:**

Our website has been renewed over the summer with a distinctly "Knockloughrim" theme. We hope you find it easy to access and informative. A Parent Area can give you access to a wide variety of information and within the Pupil Area each class has a website with key information and documents unique to their class. As it is new I hope the errors are few and far between but if any are detected we would appreciate you letting us know.



**Modern Languages:** We are delighted to be able to continue to offer Spanish lessons to our children this year. They continue to be funded and are free of charge during classtime.

**PTA:** Our school has an active and vital Parent & Teachers Association who organize community activities and raise much needed funds for our school. They are meeting for the first time this year on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September in the school staff room at 2pm. As this is during school time Windmill Club will be provided free of charge between 2pm and 3pm for children of parents attending. All families new and old are encouraged to send someone along and support the great work of our PTA as they support ALL our children. Plans are already well underway for our annual Curran Duck Race on the River Moyola. More details to follow.

## **Dinner Menu Week 1 from Monday**

## **Dates for the diary:**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Sept.** NEELB Bus as normal.  
**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Sept.** - PTA Meeting @ 2pm-3pm (Free Windmill Club available for children of parents attending this meeting).  
**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Sept.** - P1 stay until 2pm  
**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Sept.** - After School Clubs Commence  
**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Sept.** - School Photographer



## **Starting times & absence notes:**

School bus transport will commence on Monday. To facilitate school transport provision our classes start at 8.50am. I would encourage parents and children to be punctual this year as we have assemblies three times per week and it is distracting for speakers and teachers alike to have children arriving later when lessons or assembly have already commenced. I would ask parents to also remember to send a note to the office if your child is sick **on the day of their return.** We are required by law to record absences and the reasons given.

## **Credit Union Savings:**

Magherafelt Credit Union savings programme will continue to operate on Mondays through the school office. Children new to the school can apply for a regular junior savings account through the office and bring the little red envelope in as often as you choose.



## **Our Breakfast Club:**

This week the Windmill Breakfast Club started back. The cost of 75p per child covers supervision, juice, toast and cereal. Each day there will be a fun and interesting activity. Children can come into school anytime after 8am. I must emphasize that all children in school at any stage before 8.45am will be expected to go to the Windmill Club in the assembly hall for supervision, breakfast and activity and parents will be billed accordingly.

## **Milk, Break & School Dinners:**

Milk is 20p per day, so this half term will cost £6.60 from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Sept. Please return slip on replies page if you wish to order. Our school is very fortunate to have Dorinda who is a superb cook & our school dinners remain a most popular option. School dinners cost £2.35 per day and should be ordered and paid in advance on a Monday through the office. A menu has been enclosed with this newsletter for next week only and hopefully next week we will be able to send home our normal four week canteen menu that rotates. I will update you in the newsletter as to which week of the menu we will be going on to in school. Also enclosed is a menu for breaktimes.

Windmill Club Extended Child Care For Week Commencing: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Sept. - (Costs: Up to 1hr = £2.50 or Longer than 1 hr up to 6pm = £8)

Names of Child/ren:	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
Days Required:	Monday <input type="checkbox"/>	Tuesday <input type="checkbox"/>	Wednesday <input type="checkbox"/>	Thursday <input type="checkbox"/>	Friday <input type="checkbox"/>
Pick Up Time:	_____pm.	_____pm.	_____pm.	_____pm.	_____pm.

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**School Uniform:** Can I thank parents for how well our children look in their new school uniform. As a staff we want to help them stay that way and we would ask all our parents to PLEASE ensure your child's uniform and belongings have names on them. Coats, all parts of the uniform, PE kit and even lunch bags should have your child's name clearly marked on them. Towards the end of September we will have a "Name Check Day" to try and have as many of our children's belongings correctly labeled as possible. Children are allowed to change into trainers at playtime if you wish.

**Contact Details:** Can I ask that parents update our office with any contact arrangements that may have changed over the summer holidays. Please let us know if your mobile, email or Emergency Contacts have changed. Can I especially ask parents of new children to our school to send in their email address to our school as we normally email our weekly school newsletter and other information letters home rather than running the risk of losing them in school bags etc.



### **P7 Swimming:**

From Friday 5th September our P6/7 children will be taking part in swimming lessons as part of their PE at Greenvale Leisure Centre. We ask for a £2 contribution each week to cover costs of transport & coaching. More details are going home soon to the children involved.

### **Friday Parent & Fellowship Group:**

Our Friday Parent & Fellowship group started again today in school after the summer break. A very warm invitation goes out to all our parents and grandparents to come along on a Friday morning from 9am to 9.30am for coffee and a time of fellowship and prayer for our school.

**First Few Days at K.P.S:** Here are some of our little learners settling back into life at school. There are lots more photographs posted on our website and Facebook page.

