



KNOCKLOUGHRIM SCHOOL NEWS



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Welcome to this week's Parents' News. We have all had a very busy week in school preparing for our Harvest Thanksgiving, our Parent Teacher Interviews next week and pupil workbooks being sent home today. P2-7 had a wonderful few days in the Creative Shop in Magherafelt and lots of photographs have already been uploaded with more to come really soon.

October Parent Teacher Meetings:

These take place from Monday afternoon and as a result school will close every day next week from 2pm. Children can be accommodated in Windmill Club if they are booked in as normal using the form below. Children will be taking home their literacy and numeracy today for you to look over before your Parent Teacher meetings. Can I **please** ask that these are returned to school on Monday morning so that work can continue as normal. Education Authority Transport is sadly not available at 2pm any afternoon this week.

Creative Shops Week, Magherafelt:

Our Year 2-7 children all had a fantastically creative time in the *Creative Shop* in Meadowlane Shopping Centre, Magherafelt. Many thanks to you all for organizing the transportation of your children, it was very much appreciated by everyone involved.

Harvest

Thanksgiving:

On Monday morning at 9.30am we will be holding to hold our Harvest Thanksgiving Service in Termonkeeney Church of Ireland. Unfortunately due to the pressure of growing numbers we are again only inviting parents of P1 or P7 children to attend. Children are encouraged to bring **one** item of donation for Magherafelt Foodbank who are this year's beneficiary of a small collection made at the end of the service. A list of currently needed Foodbank items have been included above. Many thanks for your support in advance.

Milk (UHT or powdered)
Fruit juice (carton)
Diluted Juice
Sponge pudding (tinned)
Rice pudding (tinned)
Custard
Instant mash potato
Tinned meat
Tinned fish
Tinned fruit
Strawberry Jam
Biscuits or snack bars
Tinned veg

Dates for the diary:

Monday 19th Oct. 9.30am: - Harvest in Knockloughrim Church of Ireland. Parents of children in P1 & P7 welcome to join us and enjoy coffee in our school hall afterwards.

Monday 19th Oct-Friday 23rd Oct: Parent Interviews school finishes at 2pm for everyone. No Education Authority bus available at 2pm.

Monday 26th Oct.- Fri 30th Oct. Half Term - School Closed

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Dinner Menu Week 3 from Monday

Shoe Box Appeal:

Once again this year we are giving our children the opportunity to send a filled shoe box to a child who wouldn't normally receive anything at Christmas. We know that many organisations like churches, GB, BB etc do organize these collections so please don't feel you need to send us a shoe box if you are already supporting another organisation's collection. A leaflet was sent home a few weeks ago with each child and more are available from our school office. But can we please ask that the shoe boxes are returned this Tuesday.

Year 6/7 Residential: This year as mentioned in previous newsletters, our P6 and P7 children will be going to Bushmills Residential Centre on Monday 16th to Thursday 19th November. This is always a very enjoyable trip for our children and this year it will be even better as the cost to our children will only be £30. We plan to go as part of our Shared Education Project and for this reason it is heavily subsidised to less than half price !!

Milk Money: Milk needs to be ordered for next term on Monday at the latest. Cost is £7.00 for Nov-Dec. Due to pressures in the dairy admin it is VERY difficult to change orders at a later date so if required, please do make the order this week.

Christmas Card Design & Orders:

Many beautiful Christmas card designs have been made this week and returned to school. If your children haven't done so please return everyone's design on Monday. As in previous years purchases are not necessary of the cards but we do like everyone to participate as they make a beautiful wall display in our school assembly hall.

Clothing Bank: Parents are reminded that when they are putting away their summer clothes if they have any unwanted items of shoes, clothing, handbags etc. to donate them to the school clothing bank situated at the carpark entrance of the school. By doing this we can all help the environment and school funds.

Screens Before Bedtime Causes

Sleep Disruption: Parents may have noticed in the press and in the news about how the use of 'tablets' and other electronic devices prior to bed can disrupt children's sleep - indeed adults' sleep will also be affected by what is known as "Blue Light" that screen based products emit.

There is a strong link between tablets or any type of small screen that emits what is known as 'blue light' and sleep disruption as it awakens the brains functioning.

Brains are being stimulated before bedtime in a way that books don't do. Exciting games just before bedtime are not a good idea and current research is promoting a daily two hour maximum use of screens of any type for our children of primary school age. Electronic devices should be switched off at least an hour and a half before bedtime to give our mind time to relax and unwind and prepare for the physically vital time of sleep.

Windmill Club Extended Child Care For Week Commencing: Monday 19th Oct. - (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.