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Week beginning Thursday 31st August 2017

Welcome to a new year! We hope that everyone's summer was relaxing and you were able to make your own sunshine. We are looking forward to another great year. No doubt it will be busy!

Thur 31 st Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y1&7: 9.15-12, no breakfast club or afterschools club, canteen break/dinner Children should bring a healthy snack (fruit, small sandwich, pancake etc.) for break
Fri 1 st Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Normal school day for all Y2-7 Y1 intake Group A 9.30-1pm (including break and dinner) – collect from front door Breakfast Club (from 8.15am, £1). No Afterschools until Mon 4th Sept Canteen break money due for Sept: £6 in an envelope payable to Marie in kitchen School Dinners available: £2.60 (payable to office) Milk money due (£4 for Sept or £16 for Term 1, £40 for year) payable to office School closes for all Y2-7 pupils at 2pm (this week only)
Mon 4 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y1 intake group B 9.30-1pm (including break and dinner) – collect from front door No Parent & Toddler Group. Back Mon 11th Sept - spread the word! Milk deliveries begin – get ordering before then! Swimming begins (Y6). £2 pw & £1 (returnable) for lockers. Bring gear, goggles, bag. Afterschool Club (2-4pm, £2 per hr.) begins again McNicholl School of Dancing classes resume in school hall, 6pm
Tues 5 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y1 intake Group C 9.30-1pm (including break and dinner) – collect from front door
Wed 6 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Y1 pupils attend from 9am until 1pm (until Fri 29th Sept) Violin, Clarinet & Flute lessons resume. Remember your instrument!
Thurs 7 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Piloxing with Bernie starts again in hall. Free tonight then £30 for 7 week block
Fri 8 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly mass in St Patrick's Church 9.45am. Everyone very welcome. Guitar lessons resume. Remember your instrument!
Mon 11 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent & Toddler Group begins again 9.15-11am – everyone welcome!

Dates for your diary:

Fri 29 th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff Training – School closes at 1pm
Mon 2 nd Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y1 pupils attend all day (9am-2pm)
W/B 9 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent Teacher meetings – school closes at 1pm all week

- Consent forms (general) & up to date info.** Annually we ensure that all information we have for Y2-7 is correct. Please check the *Data Collection Form*, amend as appropriate, sign and return to *class teacher*. Also complete the relevant consent sections. Remember we need one for *every* child in the family.
- Money in September:** There are a lot of arrangements to be made in September via the office. Please ensure that all monies are in an envelope with the child's name and amount clearly marked on the front. We really appreciate your cooperation in helping the office run smoothly.

Dinner prices	1 dinner	2 dinners	3 dinners	4 Dinners	5 Dinners
	£2.60	£5.20	£7.80	£10.40	£13.00

- Canteen Break** continues and is paid monthly. The cost for September is £6, payable to Marie in the kitchen. Years 1 & 2 have toast every day. Years 3-7 have a choice. This is a very popular scheme and a great way of monitoring what children eat as part of their mid-morning energy boost.
- There is a lot of information at this time of year. I will continue to send out a weekly note every Monday and keep other letters to a minimum. So check the bags, website and parent board weekly. Many thanks for your continued support

Staffing:

We bid a fond farewell to Mr Micheal McIver who has been appointed as principal of Knocknagin PS (subject to ratification). This is an excellent opportunity for Micheal and we wish him every success. We sincerely thank Mr McIver for all his efforts over the years. Micheal will be joining us for our monthly mass on Fri 6th October at 9.45am. Parents & friends of NR are very welcome to come along too and take the opportunity to pass on their wishes at the end of mass.

Arrangements for Term 1 2017/18

Year 1	Miss O Gribbin	remain in existing room
Year 2	Miss C Walls	remain in existing mobile
Year 3	Mrs M Murphy	remain in existing room – bottom of corridor
Year 4	Miss N McVey	middle room within main building (previously Y5)
Year 5	Mrs K McElroy	first room within main building (previously Y6)
Year 6	Miss S Dillon	second mobile (previously Y4)
Year 7	Mr R O’Kane	first mobile (same as last year)

The school day

Reminder: Children should arrive in school no earlier than 8.50am unless they are attending the breakfast club (available from 8.15am). Only those at breakfast club are supervised in the hall. There is no supervision for children arriving before 8.50am and not attending breakfast club. Class starts at 9am. Other information about the school day is available online in our new *Parent Information for 2017/18* booklet.

After school Club

We continue to run a one pick-up club (2-3pm) & homework club 3-4pm daily. (£2 p/hr. Booking required).

Building update

Our major building project finally began during the summer. This will include a new staffroom, classroom provision revamped in the main building, a new reception area (with offices) and toilets refurbished throughout. This will be an exciting project and we look forward to improving the facilities for our children. This project is expected to take 5 months with a completion date of December.

The contractors are working very hard to ensure the school is operational at all times. However, we will have reduced access to the hall and other areas at times. To enable this work to continue, it will require other activities to be temporarily scaled back, including afterschool activities and assemblies. We hope that the Parent and Toddlers can continue, beginning next week.

Safety in the school grounds

Please be careful when entering/leaving the school premises. There is scaffolding around the building with safety railings attached. However, it is important that children are supervised at all times and all children (including younger siblings and toddlers) and adults should keep a safe distance at all times. If you are concerned about the safety being compromised in any way, please speak immediately to Kevin (building supervisor) or myself as principal.

Parking around the school should be kept to a minimum - parents should not drive up the lane.

Important Dates 2017-18

The calendar on the website has been updated to show all school closures and other important dates.

Parent & Teacher interviews: (Schedules will follow)

Autumn: Mon 9th – Fri 13th October 2017, Spring: Mon 5th – Fri 9th March 2018

Please note: School will close for all pupils at 1pm for each of these weeks.

Places will be available in our afterschools club but will have to be pre-booked to allow us to organise staff.

Class assemblies 2017-18 – Advance notice for your diary.

Due to building work, these have been scheduled for Term 2 & 3. All will begin at **9.30am** in the assembly hall. Y4 will share their First Confession/Communion plays for the whole school community at dates tbc.

Tue 30th Jan	Fri 23rd Feb	Fri 23rd March	Fri 27th April	Fri 11th May	Fri 15th June
Year 6	Year 5	Year 3	Year 7	Year 2	Year 1

An updated Parent Information Booklet will be uploaded to the website shortly.