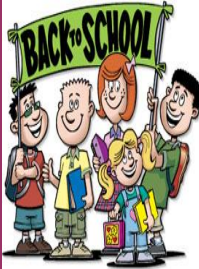




KNOCKLOUGHRIM SCHOOL NEWS



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Welcome to our first newsletter of the new school term. It's amazing just how quickly the holidays seem to have flown in even with very little sunshine. This is an extra large version of our newsletter 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 fifteen new faces to P1, one new face to P3 and one to P5. We also welcome Mrs Houston to our school as a Learning Assistant. Our growing enrollment of 113 children means we as a school are now full unless the Department of Education lifts restrictions on our enrollment numbers.

Website & Social Media: Our website continues to be a valuable resource and source of information for our whole learning community. We will do our best to keep it updated and the Parent Area can give you access to a wide variety of information. Within the Pupil Area each class has a website with key information and documents unique to their class. As a school we are also on Facebook & Twitter for the use of our parents and wider community and not our children.

Modern Languages: Sadly due to government cut backs in the assembly the Department of Education no longer pays for modern language provision in our school. We are delighted however as a school to be able to continue to offer Spanish lessons to our children this year on a Friday. These will remain free to our pupils and are funded directly from our schools own budget as we see them to be a valuable addition to our little learners life skills. They will continue as long as funding permits.

PTA: Our school has an active and vital Parent & Teachers Association (PTA) who organize community activities and raise much needed funds for our school. They have plans already well underway for our annual Curran Duck Race on the River Moyola on Saturday 12th September. Families who have already sold tickets that went home in June are encouraged to return monies and the ticket stubs to the office as soon as possible.

Dates for the diary:

- Saturday 12th Sept.** Curran Duck Race
- Monday 14th Sept.** - P1 stay until 2pm
- Monday 21st Sept.** - After School Clubs Commence
- Tuesday 15th Sept.** - School Photographer

Dinner Menu Week 1 from Monday

Starting times & absence notes:

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.



Congratulations to Corey in P2:

Congratulations go out early in the school year to Corey Campbell in P2 who will have his farm picture, drawn in P1, included in the 2016 Health & Safety Executive Farm Calendar!! We will all get a chance to see it as copies of the calendar will be sent home as always to all our families towards the end of the year!!

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 7th 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 £2.50 per day and should be ordered and paid in advance on a Monday through the office. A menu has been enclosed with this newsletter and sent home today 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.

Clubs: Clubs start back on 21st Sept. however a timetable has and clubs booking slip is enclosed below. Please return to office.

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Windmill Club Extended Child Care For Week Commencing: Monday 1st 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.

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 today 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 will start again next Friday 11th September. 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.



CLUBS REPLY SLIP

Complete as many child slots as required for clubs starting on Monday 21st September and return to office with the required monies. Please cut off and keep the timetable below for future records:

1 My child _____ (P_) will be attending the following clubs.

_____ (Mon) _____ (Tues) _____ (Wed) _____ (Thurs)

2 My child _____ (P_) will be attending the following clubs.

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I enclose £_____ to cover the cost of clubs that require a contribution for the term (please refer to time-table). To ensure your child has a place, and that we have the correct amount of materials for each child, this must be returned and paid by Thursday 10th September. School bus available at 2.50pm only.

Signed: _____ (Parent)



KPS Clubs



Day	P1/2 2:00-2:50	P3 2:00-2:50	P3 2:50-3:45	P4/5 2:50-3:45	P6/7 2:50-3:45
Monday	Scripture Union*		Home	Scripture Union*	
Tuesday	Outdoor Play & Art	Class	Hockey (until 13 th November) Drama Club		P7 Study Club*
Wednesday	Games		Home	Volley Ball & Movie Club	
Thursday	Cool Kids Chill Out Club**	Class	Cool Kids Chill Out Club**		P7 Study Club*

All clubs cost £10 each for the full term, with the exception of:

* There is no charge for attending this club.

** This club costs £15 per term.

Please send this fee before 11th September to book your place. Please note that money paid is non-refundable.

Clubs will run from 21st September to 3rd December.