

KNOCKMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL



25th June 2021



School Closures and New Term Sept 21

School will be closed on Monday 28th June for a Staff Development Day.

School finishes for the summer holidays on Wednesday 30th June and it will be a non-uniform day. We would ask for a contribution of £1 per child towards school funds. **All pupils finish at 12 noon and EA transport has confirmed 12 noon pick-up.** No school meals available.

School reopens on Wednesday 1st September and we plan to revert to normal start and finish times. School gates open at 8.40 am and school commences at 8.45 am. Finish times will return to 2 pm and 3 pm (all pupils finish at 2pm on Fridays). Further details and any updates will be posted on our website. The school office will be closed during July and August and please do not Dojo staff.



Year 7 Leavers' Assembly

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions, we are unable to invite parents to a Leavers' Assembly this year. However, the children will be completing some activities in class to mark their final days in Knockmore Primary. We would be grateful if parents could call at the school on Tuesday morning, 29th June, at the arranged times to collect records of achievement, etc.

Sports Day



Although we were unable to hold this in the usual format, each class enjoyed their own 'Sports Day'. Well done to all the children who competed and thank you to all staff for making this possible.



Are you entitled?

Free School Meals

All free school meal entitlements automatically end on 30th June each year. Parents with a child already in receipt of free school meals will receive a reminder from the Education Authority to reapply for September 2021. New applications for September 2021 should be made on the EA website, www.eani.org.uk, as soon as possible. Please apply in good time as the Education Authority may take some weeks to approve your application and we cannot provide a free meal for your child until we have confirmation of entitlement.

Annual Reports

An Annual Report will be issued via Dojo. If you have not received your child's report via Dojo by 28th June, please contact the office or your child's teacher.

Staff changes

A number of permanent members of staff have left us during the school year and there will also be changes to our temporary staff.

We wish everyone well in their new posts and will keep you informed regarding any staff changes which impact your child.

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School Uniform

Due to lockdown and to make washing easier, we have made allowances with regard to school uniform for the summer term. However, we wish to remind parents that from September 2021 all pupils will be expected to wear the correct school uniform, including shoes. Information on our school uniform can be found on our website in the 'Parent Hub'. Our local supplier is 'McCalls of Lisburn'

Information for September 2021 - Communication from the Education Authority re COVID-19

Schools have received information from the Education Authority regarding reopening in September 2021. *"The Covid19 Virus will still be present and circulating in Northern Ireland and we will continue to implement current mitigations to reduce its transmission."* Therefore, at this time we are unable to confirm if Breakfast/After-School Clubs, extra-curricular activities, healthy break or school milk will be available in September 2021.

We realise that this uncertainty may cause anxiety or inconvenience to parents, but we need to be led by the information from the Education Authority. We would suggest that, if necessary, you may wish to make arrangements regarding childcare for your child outside normal school hours. Please be assured that we plan to restart activities as soon as possible.

These measures are in place to help prevent outbreaks in our school/community and therefore reduce the likelihood of children/classes needing to isolate. Thank you for your co-operation and please monitor our website for any updated information.

Items required for September 2021

Further information will be available on the website. Please remember to put your child's name on all their individual belongings, including uniform. Please do not send any valuable items into school. We cannot take responsibility for these.



Procedures for concerns

If you have any concerns, the first point of contact is your child's teacher or classroom assistant. An appointment can be made through the school office.

If you have any concerns regarding safeguarding, an appointment can be made through the school office with one of our two DDTs, Mrs Burrows or Mrs Armstrong. If necessary, an appointment can also be made with Miss Hardwick.

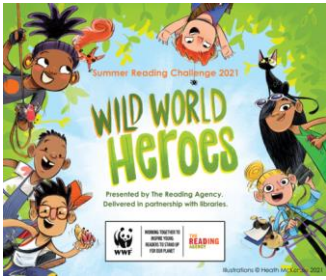


Mrs Burrows
Deputy Designated Teacher
Mainstream



Mrs Armstrong
Deputy Designated Teacher
Units

Northern Ireland Libraries – We would encourage all our pupils to take part in the ‘Big Summer Read’.



We're so excited to reveal the theme for the Summer Reading Challenge 2021!

Get ready for **Wild World Heroes**, arriving **online** and in your **local library** this summer.

Pack your bags, we're headed for Wilderville!
It's a pretty cool place, but there are lots of things that the Wild World Heroes can do to make their town even better for the people and animals that live there.

Contact your local library for further information.



As you know, we are still in a changing situation as we move forward from lockdown.

Remember to check our website and Facebook group for any updates, especially before we start the Autumn Term



Thank you . . .

- ✓ To all the pupils for doing their best;
- ✓ To Mums, Dads, Grannies, Granddads and Guardians for making sure the children got to school and for all the ‘home learning’ during lockdown;
- ✓ To the staff for their continued hard work throughout the year;
- ✓ To the PSA for supporting the school;
- ✓ To the Board of Governors for their support and giving of their time in managing the school.



We wish everyone a great summer holiday and our leavers every success in their new schools.