



Knockmore Primary School

May 2018



THIS IS A VERY BUSY TIME FOR OUR SCHOOL – PLEASE KEEP THIS AS A REFERENCE.



Closures

School will be closed on Monday 28th for the bank holiday and Tuesday 29th May for a staff development day. Term finishes for the summer holidays on Friday 29th June at 12:15 for all pupils. There will be no dinners available on the 29th June and it will be a non-uniform day. School commences again on Monday 3rd September.

Sports Day

Our schools Sports Day will be held on Friday 1st June on the grass area. Sports for Year 1 - Year 3 will be held 9.15am - 10.30am, and Year 4 - Year 7 will be held 11am - 12.00. Parents who wish to take children directly home after the sports may do so, but please inform the class teacher in writing or via the class dojo app by 19th May. On Sports Day school dinners will be available as packed lunches only. They must be ordered by week ending 18th May. If it is wet, a decision on whether or not to hold Sports Day will be made as early as possible and parents will be informed by text message, dojo and via the school website.



School Fete

PSA Community Fete will be held Friday 1st June 5.00pm - 7.00pm. We are looking for your help to make this event bigger and better than ever. Details will follow shortly.

Annual Reports

Annual Reports will be sent home in June. This will update you on your child's progress during the year in all areas of the curriculum.



Leavers' Service

Y7 parents are invited to attend the Leavers' Service on Thursday 28th June in the Assembly Hall. Details to follow.

Free School Meals



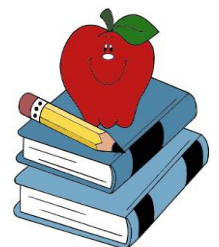
If your child already receives free meals, you will be contacted by the Education Authority. Forms for **new applicants** should be available from the school office from 18th June and should be returned to the Education Authority before the end of June. We encourage you to apply for Free School Meals even if you think you may not actually use them. This directly helps to raise the school budget!

School Uniform

Please continue to ensure that full school uniform is worn daily, especially regarding school shoes. We encourage pupils to take pride in their work, their school and their uniform.

Homework

We ask parents to continue to monitor their children's homework to ensure that they are signed, are completed to an acceptable standard and that reading/learning homework's are completed.



School Website and Twitter

Our school website, www.Knockmoreps.co.uk is a great way for parents to keep up-to-date with what is happening. You can also follow us on Twitter for regular updates on all that is going on in Knockmore @Knockmore_ps



Sun Protection

We are actively encouraging all children to wear a hat and sunglasses when they play outside. On sunny days please send your child to school wearing a comfortable wide brimmed hat or legionnaire style cap. Please apply a high factor sunscreen to your child before he/she comes to school. Please also send a bottle of high factor sunscreen to school clearly labelled with your child's name. It is also helpful if you teach your child how to apply the sunscreen independently.



Procedures for Concerns

If you have any concerns, the first point of contact is your child's teacher. An appointment can be made through the school office. If necessary, a follow-up appointment can be made with the Vice-Principal (Head of Units and SENCO) or the Principal.



Punctuality and Attendance

We would like to thank all of the parents who diligently send their children to school on time each day and encourage excellent attendance. All of the educational research clearly shows that excellent attendance and punctuality are factors in enhancing educational performance and success in later life. We would also encourage any families who are having difficulties in this area to come in and speak to Ms Hardwick and Mr Cunningham.

Child Protection



The pupils are the foundation of Knockmore, and their protection is paramount.

We aim to provide everyone within our school community the opportunity to work and learn in a safe, happy, secure and caring environment.

The Designated Officer for Child Protection is Mr David Cunningham and the Deputy Designated Officer is Ms Andrea Hardwick.



Holiday Dates 2018-2019 (All dates are inclusive)

Mon 29 Oct 2018 - Fri 2 Nov 2018	(5 days)	Halloween Holidays includes 1 staff development day
Mon 24 Dec 2018 - Fri 4 Jan 2019	(10 days)	Christmas Holidays includes 2 staff development days
Mon 18 Feb 2019 - Tues 19 Feb 2019	(2 days)	Spring Half Term
Mon 15 April 2019 - Fri 26 Apr 2019	(10 days)	Easter Holidays includes 1 staff development day
Mon 6 May 2019	(1 day)	May Day
Mon 27 May 2019	(1 day)	Spring Bank Holiday
Fri 21 June 2019	(1day)	Staff development day
<i>School Year Ends: Fri 28 June 2019</i>		
<i>End of each term we finish at 12:15 (Fri 21 Dec/Fri 12 Mar/Fri 21 Jun) No Dinners are served</i>		

