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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to all our students. We hope you all enjoyed a happy and restful summer. We welcome our new students Dara, Marc, Ellie, Olivia, Aideen, Kaylee Mae, Ryan, Bella and Cian. We wish them every success and hope their time here will be happy and filled with good memories.

NEW STAFF

We welcome Mr. Bryan Roche Welcome to our school community we're happy to have you join our team and he will be teaching 1st & 2nd class up to Christmas. We welcome back Ms. Stagg & Ms. Fitzgerald.

PUPIL PERSONAL ACCIDENT

This year the pupil personal accident insurance is part of the photocopying/arts & crafts contribution which all families pay at the beginning of the school year.

DROP OFF AND COLLECTION ROUTINES

School begins at 9.15am. We ask that children are dropped off **no sooner than 9.05am**. School finishes at **2.55pm (1.55pm for Junior and Senior Infants)** The school authority will not be responsible for the children on the school grounds outside of these times. Children are not allowed to leave the school grounds unless an adult is there to collect them.

PARENTS WHO NEED TO COME INTO THE SCHOOL FOR ANY REASON

If you need to meet a teacher at any time, please make an appointment by emailing the teacher or ringing the school beforehand. Please note, you can contact individual teachers through their individual school email or by using the contact form All email addresses which was sent out through Aladdin earlier on this month. Contact School. **The school mobile is: 085 2698022.**

IF A CHILD IS SICK

It is imperative that parents do not send children to school if they are showing symptoms of any illness whatsoever. Any child who is sick will have to be sent home. It is vital that parents/guardians are contactable at all times throughout the school day in case of children becoming ill.

CHANGE OF PERSONAL DETAILS

If any of your child/children's details have changed e.g. address, contact details, illness, allergies etc. please contact the school as soon as possible. Thank You.

E-PAYMENT SYSTEM / ALADDIN CONNECT

Payment requests for photocopying, art and insurance etc. were requested by email and could be paid through the Aladdin app. We ask that all payments are completed asap. If you are finding it difficult to make payments because of financial difficulty, please contact the principal directly by email eleonor.oconnell@knocknagreens.ie or by phone on 064-7756237.

UNIFORM

Our normal crested half zip is required. Plain navy unbranded tracksuit /plain navy shorts and a blue polo shirt. Children can occasionally mislay their zip tops and jackets during the school day. **Please ensure that zip tops and jackets are marked with child's name.**

ATTENDANCE

If your child has to leave school for part of the day, please update the school on the Aladdin app informing the class teacher of his/her absence. Children must be signed out by whoever is collecting them, if they leave for part of the day they must be signed back in when they return. All absences must be accounted for. Now and then parents will be asked to reply to a notification on Aladdin Connect, **please reply promptly.**

HEALTHY LUNCHES AND FOOD ALLERGIES

We encourage a healthy lunch for children who are not getting school meals.. **Chewing gum, fizzy drinks, chocolate, sweets and crisps are not allowed.** We have pupils in the school with nut allergies. **It is very important that pupils do not bring items to school that contain nuts. We ask parents and children to be vigilant as some products contain traces of nuts.** Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

SCHOOL LOTTO

The school lotto continues to run on a weekly basis. This enables the school to raise much needed funds. By joining the school lotto you are helping your child and the school to obtain more benefits. You can contribute €2.50 for one line or €5.00 for three lines. The lotto can be accessed on:

<http://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/knocknagreens>

LEE STRAND

A big thank you to all the parents who collected Lee Strand tokens. We got 80 FREE HOMEWORK JOURNALS. Tokens are required for each homework journal. It is a whole school effort and we are asking you to start collecting the tokens from the 1 litre or 2 litre

Lee Strand Milk cartons. As you collect the tokens you can send them in with your child/children.

LIBRARY

The Mobile Library will visit our school every 2nd Tuesday. It will visit again on the 29th September. All classes can avail of this service. Please complete and send in the green registration card when your child receives this. We encourage parents to visit their local library as often as possible with their children. Visiting the Library will help in encouraging your children to read.

*"The more that you read,
The more things you will know.
The more that you learn.
The more places you will go."*
Dr Seuss

INITIATIVES

STUDENT COUNCIL

With the great success of the student council last year we are looking forward to the year ahead and listening to our students' voices. In the next few weeks we will hold a ballot to pick our new 2nd class representatives. Exciting times ahead!



GAELBHRATACH

We are delighted to be taking part in the Gaelbhratach scheme again this year. The aim of the scheme is to promote the Irish language within our school and our community. We will take part in training and receive lots of fun resources to help us promote Irish as a living language. We hope you will all join us to speak the cúpla focal during the year and we look forward to receiving the Gaelbhratach flag to display outside our school.

CURIOUS MINDS

This year, we are continuing the Curious Minds Initiative in the school. We successfully achieved our second gold award last year. We are working towards a platinum award this year. The pupils will participate in various STEM activities throughout the school year and continue to develop their skills across the following areas: Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. Ms Stagg will oversee this initiative this year.

SPIKE LEGO PROJECT

We are delighted to be chosen as one of six schools in Kerry dioceses who will take part in the project during 2026/2027 school year.

SCHOOL SELF EVALUATION

This year as part of our self- evaluation, we are focusing on embedding the curricular area of wellbeing as part of the new primary curriculum to improve concentration and create a happier and more supportive classroom environment.

Wellbeing time is increasing to 2 hours and 55 minutes weekly and will include more sphe and pe as well as mindfulness, gratitude circles, nature walks, feelings check-ins, activities and art & creativity. The overall advantages of extra wellbeing activities include building confidence, coping with stress, and develop friendships.

HALLOWEEN DRESS UP

The children can participate in a dress up for Halloween on Thursday 22nd October. This will be a fundraiser for Paediatric Diabetes services in CUH.

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

Parent teacher meetings will take place on the 17th November. School will close at 1.55pm on the 17th November However, we are happy to accommodate parents who may not be able to make the specified day and we will be available from 8:30am on the mornings of that week also.

CHRISTMAS

We plan to have a Christmas play again this year. There will be two performances of this on 16th December one during the school day and the other that night.

SWIMMING LESSONS

Children from 1st to 6th class will have the opportunity to go swimming. (This is on instruction from the pool as they will not facilitate infant classes) Swimming will begin on Monday 5th April and conclude on Monday 17th May.

FIRST COMMUNION

First Communion will be held on Saturday 24th April, at 11am. We encourage pupils from 3rd to 6th class to attend and to sing as part of our school choir.

LISA'S LITTLE LIONS

Children can avail of breakfast club in the school which begins at 7.30am every morning. Afterschool service is also available five days a week until 6pm for those wishing to attend. Please contact Lisa for further information.

DATES TO REMEMBER 2026 2027

- 10th to 18th October Maths week
- 19th October school closure (wellbeing training)
- 22nd October Halloween dress up
- 8th to 15th November Science week
- 17th November PT Meetings @1:55pm
- 16th December Christmas play- Day show and evening show.
- 13th January 2027 Closed- staff training.
- 26th of January Grandparents day..
- 1st of February closed for Bank holiday
- 9th of February staff meeting @1:55pm
- 18th and 19th February Midterm break
- 15th March bake sale
- 16th March Lá glas
- 17th March St Patricks
- 19th March Easter Hols
- Back Monday 5th from Easter Holidays.
- 5th of April first day of swimming
- 3rd of May bank holiday
- 17th May Last day of swimming
- 12th May staff meeting @1:55pm
- 28th May School Tour
- 31st May school closure (wellbeing training)
- 7th of June bank holiday
- 21st June Summer holidays $\frac{1}{2}$ day
- 22nd June summer provision starting day.