

# KNOCKMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL



7<sup>th</sup> December 2020



## Cash for Kids

Thank you to everyone who donated cash or items for our 'Cash for Kids' fundraiser. We raised an amazing £11,016.50. A special thank you to Mrs McCann and her team of helpers. We hope the winners of our raffle prizes enjoy their treats!

## Break-time

Thank you for ensuring that your child comes to school with an appropriate snack. Unfortunately, we are still unable to offer Healthy Break or School Milk. This will be kept under review.



## Payment for School Meals and Free School Meals

Remember, to help reduce the risk of Covid transmission, meals should be booked and paid for on a MONDAY with the correct amount of money sent in – change is not being sent home. Any surplus will be carried forward. Money should be in a clearly marked envelope. If your child will arrive in school any day after 9.45 am, you need to provide a packed lunch (both paying and free meal pupils) as dinners are ordered with the kitchen by this time. Alternatively, please let school know that your child will be late and require dinner to be ordered.



## Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner will be served on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December. If you have not book a dinner (this includes both paying and free meal pupils), please make sure you provide a packed lunch for your child on 9<sup>th</sup> December. 'Spare' dinners are not available. For paying pupils, all payment should have been made by today. **If you pay for dinners and forgot to send in £2.60 for dinner on Wednesday, please send it in tomorrow (Tuesday).** All children can wear a Christmas Jumper/Accessory on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December.



## Christmas Gifts and Cards

We remind you not to send presents into school for teachers and classroom assistants. The staff would be delighted to receive a Christmas message or child's drawing on Dojo or Seesaw. Can we also ask that Christmas cards are not sent to staff or other children through school this year. We sincerely apologise for any disappointment this may bring, but we are very keen to reduce the spread of Covid across the school.

## Primary Year 1 Admissions September 2021

The Education Authority (EA) operates an online system for applications to pre-school and primary school places. The Portal can be found at [www.eani.org.uk](http://www.eani.org.uk). The Portal will go-live at 12 noon on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021 and remain open until 12 noon on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021.



After submitting an application on the Portal, the parent will receive a confirmation email. Within 3 days the parent will then receive another email with a unique link where they can securely upload their child's birth certificate and supporting documents if they have been requested by any of the schools to which they have applied.

Normally, prospective parents of pupils beginning Year 1 are invited to come along to our Open Afternoon to view the school, meet staff and receive further information on the EA admission process. However, due to COVID-19 restrictions, we cannot hold our Open Afternoon at this time. We trust that our website and Prospectus will provide the information you require. We also plan to produce a video to show prospective

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parents around the school. However, if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us. It would be helpful if you could please let any neighbours or friends know these arrangements.

## **Post-Primary Admissions September 2021**

Admissions to post-primary will be via the EA admissions portal. Further details to follow.



### **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 Mrs Burrows or Mrs Armstrong.



Mrs Burrows  
Deputy Designated Teacher  
Mainstream



Mr Cunningham  
Designated Teacher



Mrs Armstrong  
Deputy Designated Teacher  
Units

## **Term Ends**

**School will finish on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December at the normal time.** This is a non-uniform day – no donations requested. School will be closed from Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December until Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January inclusive for Christmas holidays and will reopen on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

## **Updated Information**

We have always encouraged parents to keep up-to-date with what is happening in school through our website and Dojo. This has been especially important during the last number of months as we receive updated information from the Department of Education regarding Covid-19. If we receive any new information during the Christmas holidays, it will be posted on our website, sent on Dojo and a brief note posted on our Facebook group. Please keep an eye on the website, [www.knockmoreps.co.uk](http://www.knockmoreps.co.uk). Please do not Dojo teachers over the Christmas break.

## **Dates to Remember:**

Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	-	Final day for Christmas Dinner payment for pre-booked dinners
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	-	Christmas Dinner. Christmas Jumper/Accessories may be worn.
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	-	School finishes for Christmas Holidays
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	-	School reopens
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	-	Applications open for admission to Year 1, September 2021
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	-	Applications close for admission
to Year 1, September 2021		

**And finally ..... I would just like to wish you and your family a safe and merry Christmas and a happy New Year.**

**A Hardwick**

