



Family Note 8 (25th April 2024)

Dear parents,

Below are some points of information for you including some important dates for your diaries:

- **Staff Meeting:** Our Term 3 Staff Meeting is taking place on Monday next, 29th April. **School will finish at 1:30pm for all pupils.** Infants and siblings can be collected from 1:20pm. Thank you for your cooperation here.
- **Other dates to note:**
School is closed on Monday & Tuesday, 6th & 7th May (May Bank Holiday)
First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Saturday, 11th May.
End of Year Mass & 6th Class Graduation: Thursday, 20th June at 11am.
- **Attendance:** It is essential that all absences recorded on the Aladdin app are explained by parents. This is vital for our attendance records that are uploaded termly. Under section 21(6) of the Education(Welfare) Act,2000, all schools in the state are obliged to submit a report to Tusla on the levels of attendance for each school year. Thank you for your support here.
- **Summer Programme 2024:** We are delighted to host the Summer Programme in Knockanes N.S. this year. This programme is designed and developed to ensure supports are targeted to assist pupils with additional learning needs thus helping to bridge the gap between two instructional school years during the summer holidays. The programme will run for 2 weeks commencing on: Thursday, 27th June until Wednesday, 11th July. We look forward to rolling out this programme in our school. Should parents have any queries, please email: summerprogrammeknockanes@gmail.com
- **Summer Uniform:** Pupils are welcome to wear school tracksuit shorts (burgundy jogger style) in May & June as per our uniform policy.

Activities & Sporting Events:



- **Active Schools Week:** We will celebrate Active Schools Week next week with lots of fun activities and sports planned for all class levels. Our Student Council has organised a school soccer tournament and we welcome our weekly coaches also for Camogie, Basketball and GAA. Week 3 of swimming will be on Thursday. No written homework will be assigned next week. Pupils will receive some reading, spelling and a piece of Active Homework! Looking forward to an action-packed week!
- **Swimming:** Weekly lessons have commenced and all pupils from 1st-6th Classes are participating very well. The epayments facility is enabled on the Aladdin App for your convenience. Fee for bussing and lessons is €50 due by Friday, 10th May. Thank you.
- **Girls Football:** Well done to our girls' team who recently competed well at the Mini-7s tournament in Firies. We look forward to competing in the 3-teacher East Kerry Cumann na mBunscol competition next Friday, 3rd May. Best of luck girls!

- **Primary Game Trials:** Well done to Dara O Sullivan and Emma Kelly (sixth class) who represented the school at recent Primary Game Football trials. You did yourselves proud and performed very well on these days.
- **Super Sevens Slam:** We are currently competing in this annual basketball tournament in Killarney each week. We are proud to have Junior and Senior teams participating this year. Thank you to Ms M.A. O Connor, Tony O Sullivan (parent) and Mr P O Connor for their time and training with our teams.
- **Camogie:** Girls from our senior classes train weekly with Karen Herlihy (parent & Killarney Camogie Club) in preparation for the upcoming camogie tournament in May. Well done to all on their excellent participation each week.

Thank you for your ongoing support and positive feedback regarding many aspects of school life here in Knockanes N.S. We appreciate this and look forward to an enjoyable summer term ahead.

Kind regards,

L O Sullivan.