

SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

Kilanerin National School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

On behalf of all the staff of Kilanerin National School I am happy to welcome you to the 2023/2024 school year. We hope you all had a relaxing summer and are ready to get back into the routine of school. We are all looking forward to another successful year at Kilanerin National School.

We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential. We recognise that to be successful our children need support from both home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a significant difference in your child's education.

This is our first newsletter of the academic year 2023/2024. I encourage you to please take the time to read it carefully as it contains important information about the beginning of our new school term. We have information on in-school activities, after school activities and a copy of the school calendar.

Best wishes for the year ahead,

Mary C. Byrne

SCHOOL ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

SCHOOL ARRIVAL:

School gates will open at 8:50am (it should be noted that pupils will only be supervised from this time). **The children will assemble in the yard for collection by their class teacher at 9am.**

On wet days, pupils will go directly to their respective classrooms from 8:50am, using the doors indicated below. 2nd class children, whose classroom is in the hall, will go to the School Lobby at the basketball court and will be escorted down to the hall by their teacher.

School will start at 9am for all pupils.

Now that everyone is settled back in to school life, we would ask Junior and Senior Infants' parents to leave the school grounds as soon as your child has arrived safely onto the yard. This will make it less intimidating for other small children and allow them to play among their peers.

All late arrivals to the school (after 9:20am) should go straight to the red school door where they will need to sign in.

SCHOOL DISMISSAL:

Junior infants will have an earlier finishing time of 12pm through to Friday 8th September.

1:40pm Dismissal: Senior Infants and from 11th September Junior Infants

Junior and Senior Infants will be accompanied by their teacher.

Junior Infants: front of the school

Senior infants: main door - leading onto the basketball court

2:40pm Dismissal: 1st Class through to 6th Class

Teachers of 1st Class through to 6th Class will accompany their pupils to the school boundary at 2:40pm.

To eliminate confusion please ensure your child knows where they are to meet you at collection time.

CLASS	TEACHER	ROOM	ENTRANCE/EXIT DOOR
Junior Infants	Ms. A. Deegan	No. 8	Second door on pitch side of the school
Senior Infants	Ms. E. Carty	No. 7	Second door on pitch side of the school
First Class	Mr. D. Doyle	No. 2	First door on pitch side of the school
Second Class	Ms. M. Forrest	Billiard Room Shamrock Hall	Pupils meet in the school lobby – enter through the door leading onto the basketball court and will be escorted to the hall by their teacher
Third Class	Ms. S. Hickey	No. 5	Door leading onto the basketball court
Fourth Class	Ms. S. Hennessy	No. 1	First door on pitch side of the school
Fifth Class	Ms. S. Carty	No. 6	Main Door- leading onto the basketball court
Sixth Class	Ms. C. Roben	No.4	Main Door- leading onto the basketball court

COMMUNICATING WITH SCHOOL

The best way to communicate with the school is via the Aladdin Connect App with your class teacher.

Messages can be sent directly to the class teacher and the office via this app, just go to the Attendance & Notes section. There, you can also communicate absences, early collections and late arrival times.

For urgent communication please send a text to the school phone 086 7767114 or leave a message on the answer machine and a member of staff will be in contact with you in due course.

Office Opening Hours:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9:00am to 3:00pm

The office is closed on Tuesdays and Thursdays

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

HOMEWORK

Homework will commence for all pupils on Monday 2nd October. There are no homework journals this year. Essentials needed for homework will be sent home in their folders/bags.

HEALTHY LUNCH POLICY/CLASS TREATS

Kilanerin NS supports a healthy lunch policy. Treats are allowed on a Friday but they must never include nuts, crisps, popcorn or chewing gum.

Parents are asked **not to send in birthday treats to class** as there are a number of classrooms with children with food allergies.

PE TIMETABLE & UNIFORM

Weekly Schedule: PE - Astro Slots

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00AM-10:00AM			9:00AM - 9:30AM J. Infants - Ms. A Deegan	9:00AM - 9:30AM J. Infants - Ms. A Deegan	
			9:30AM - 10:00AM 2nd Class - Ms. M Forrest	9:30AM - 10:00AM 2nd Class - Ms. M Forrest	
10:00AM-11:00AM				10:00AM - 11:00AM 3rd Class - Ms. S Hickey	
11:00 AM	B	R	E	A	K
11:10AM-12:10PM			11:10AM - 12:10PM 5th Class - Ms. S Carty	11:10AM - 12:10PM 4th Class - Ms. S Hennessy	
12:10PM-1:00PM			12:10PM - 12:40PM S. Infants - Ms. E Carty	12:10PM - 12:40PM S. Infants - Ms. E Carty	
1:00PM	L	U	N	C	H
1:30PM-2:30PM			1:30PM - 2:30PM 1st Class - Mr. D Doyle	1:30PM - 2:30PM 6th Class - Ms. C Roben	

All children can wear their PE uniform on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Tracksuit bottoms can be grey or navy this year.

Full school uniform is to be worn on all other school days. This is subject to change when outside coaching takes place.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

JUNIOR ACTIVITY CLUB & HOMEWORK CLUB

Junior Activity Club for Junior & Senior Infants will commence on Monday 11th September 2023. Activity Club will run from first pickup at 1.40pm until senior class pickup at 2.40pm. One clubroom in the Junior Infant classroom and one in the Senior Infant classroom. Further details and sign up will be sent out next week.

CHESS

Chess club will return this term, more details to follow later.

CHOIR

Choir will commence on Thursday 21st September 2023. More details to follow shortly.

PUPIL PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Kilanerin NS is again offering discounted Pupil Personal Accident Insurance through Allianz Insurance. We would recommend that all families avail of this discounted pupil insurance as in addition to the cover for "School Activities Only" the 24-Hour Cover also applies to social, domestic and leisure, 24/7, 365 days a year. We will use our online payment system to make this as easy and paper-free as possible.

If you wish your child/children to avail of this insurance, just click on the payment link you received earlier this week. Admission onto the scheme will close on **Monday 25th September 2023**. By paying the agreed subscription you are availing of this 24 hour pupil insurance cover. Further information will be available via Aladdin along with the payment option next week.

SCHOOL CALENDAR/CLOSINGS

Please keep this carefully as a reference point for the year. School Closings are always available on your Aladdin app.

School Closings 2023 / 2024

First day of school	Mon 28 August 2023
Halloween Break	Mon 30 October 2023 - Fri 03 November 2023
Christmas	Mon 25 December 2023 - Fri 05 January 2024
St. Brigid's Day	Mon 05 February 2024
Mid Term Break	Thu 15 February 2024 - Fri 16 February 2024
St. Patrick's Day	Mon 18 March 2024
Easter	Mon 25 March 2024 - Fri 05 April 2024
May Bank Holiday	Mon 06 May 2024
Mid-Term Break	Tue 07 May 2024 - Fri 10 May 2024
June Bank Holiday	Mon 03 June 2024
June Weekend	Tue 04 June 2024
Last day of school	Wed 26 June 2024