

N.K.E.T.N.S. NEWS

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Welcome back everyone. This is just a short newsletter to bring some items to your attention before our bi-monthly edition.

We wish to remind parents that ALL NUT PRODUCTS ARE BANNED FROM THE SCHOOL, due to a number of pupils having life threatening nut allergies – this includes Nutella!

TOWELS

Please ensure that your **child's individual hand towel** is labelled, cleaned and replaced regularly.

SCHOOL DAY

School opens at **8.35am**. **Parents are asked to ensure that their child does not arrive unaccompanied before 8.35am as there is no supervision available and the children are not insured before official opening hours.**

Please note the school day for Junior and Senior Infants children ends at 1.20pm. The children in these classes must be collected at this time as there is no facility for teachers to supervise them after this time. (Hopscotch Afterschool is available) Classes for all other children end at 2.20pm.

DROPPING CHILDREN TO SCHOOL

We would ask parents to be mindful of the increase of vehicular and pedestrian traffic coming into school.

- **Parents and children walking in from the carpark must keep the path at all times.**
- Cars driving in to drop off children should move away as soon as your child has alighted from the car.
- **All parents and pupils must enter the school through the main front door only (with the exception of our Outreach pupils).**

PICK-UP ARRANGEMENTS

As usual we will need to know your child's travel arrangements for the year.

Also, if there is a change to this, or if someone is collecting your child other than the person who usually collects him/her, **please let your child's teacher know by school bag note – NO phone calls please.** This is for your child's safety.

Before your child leaves for school each morning, please make sure that he/she knows how they are getting home again i.e. bus, picked up by parent/ minder etc.

We would like to ask parents from 3rd to 6th classes that if you are delayed, and not here on time to pick up your child, you need to make your child aware of what to do should this happen e. g. if minder/parent is not at the car park at home time, the child should return to the school lobby and wait until they are collected. **Please do not ring Adrienne to ask her to forward a message to your child re: arrangements for going home as we cannot take responsibility for individuals' family arrangements.**

P.E. TIMETABLE

Monday:

Junior Infants (both classes)
1st Class 1 (Arlene); 2nd Class 2 (Niall)
3rd Class and 4th Class

Tuesday:

Outreach; Senior Infants (both classes)
1st Class 2 (Sharon); 2nd Class 1 (Lydia)
5th Class

Wednesday:

Outreach; Junior Infants (both classes)
1st Class 1 (Arlene); 2nd Class 2 (Niall)
3rd Class and 6th Class

Thursday:

Outreach; Senior Infants (both classes)
1st Class 2 (Sharon); 2nd Class 1 (Lydia)
4th Class and 5th Class

Friday:

Outreach; 6th Class

INFORMATION NIGHTS FOR

PARENTS

3rd Class – Tues 25th Sept. @ 7.30pm
5th Class – Tues 25th Sept. @ 8.30pm
1st Classes – Thurs 27th Sept. @ 7.30pm
Jnr. Inf. Classes – Mon 1st Oct @ 7.30pm
6th Class – Tues 2nd Oct @ 7.30pm (RSE)
Snr. Inf. Classes – Mon 8th Oct @ 7.30pm (Stay Safe Meeting)

ABSENCES

If your child is absent from school **please complete an 'Absence Slip' and give it to your child's teacher upon his/her return to school.** The school is required to have these notes for insurance purposes and for the National Education and Welfare Board. **There is no need to phone in a child's absence.**

HEAD LICE

Head lice generally make an appearance in the all schools. They can spread rapidly in the school unless all affected children are treated promptly. Head Lice do not reflect standards of hygiene in the home or in the school. We would advise that long hair is tied back at all times in school, and that you check your child's hair regularly. **If your child has Head Lice, please inform us immediately,** as it will be necessary for us to notify other parents of an outbreak in their child's class.

INFECTIONS

Should your child become infected with a contagious ailment e.g. chickenpox, impetigo etc., please advise the school office immediately so that we can inform the parents in your child's class.

TEXT-A-PARENT AND EMAIL

Our Text-a-Parent and Email communications systems work very efficiently as long as we have parents' up-to-date mobile numbers and email addresses. **If you have changed your mobile number within the past few months or you wish to clarify the mobile numbers we have on our records, please contact the school office. Likewise, if you have changed your email address recently, please contact the school office.** For those of you who are unfamiliar with the text-a-parent communication system, it is one way i.e. school to parent only – no response facility.

LABELLING

We cannot emphasise enough how important it is to **label everything belonging to your child (i.e. beakers, lunch boxes, tracksuits, jackets etc.)** We accumulate a large selection of lost property when children's belongings are not identifiable. Please check through the lost property box situated in the main lobby.

BIRTHDAY PARTY INVITATIONS

No birthday invitations to be distributed in the class. This to be done before or after school hours to avoid children getting upset.

MEDICATIONS

We would like to remind parents that children are not permitted to bring in strepsils, calpol melts and medicated creams into school to administer to themselves. Our policy is that medication of any kind is not allowed in school except in exceptional health circumstances and with permission of the Board of Management.

It is not possible for staff to monitor the consumption and possible sharing of over-the-counter medications and this is therefore a health and safety issue. Please do **NOT** send in any medicated products with your child to protect all our pupils.

BIRTHDAY TREATS

As we are an Active Flag School and in keeping with our Healthy Lunch Policy, no treats of any kind are permitted during school hours. Therefore, please do not send in cakes/sweets/treats on children's birthdays to classes. Please keep 'celebrations' to outside school.

SAFETY NOTICE

We ask all parents and guardians to use the pedestrian crossing and footpaths when coming to and from the school. Please do not block the main door entrance gate at going home time to facilitate the safe entry and exit of all pupils from the building. Also, **please ensure your children do not climb on the walls and railings of the school.** **Please ensure you supervise your child at all times as this can be a dangerous time with buses leaving the premises.**

The Board of Management is again requesting parents **NOT to park on the double-yellow lines outside the school gate.** Please use the car park provided or alternatively park in the parking-bays on the road to St. Wolstan's. **This is for your child's safety.**

Pupils and parents who cycle to our school are **not permitted to cycle through the staff car park of St. Wolstan's.** Please remain on the official cycle path at all times.

Please also note that **parents from our school cannot use the staff carpark in St. Wolstan's to drop off their children on their way to school in the morning.**

RECYCLING

Don't forget our two recycling banks that we have in the school

- Battery Bin for used batteries
- Clothes Recycling Bank for old clothes, linens etc. (beside main gate)
- Mobile Phone Bin for old/broken phones.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES HELD IN NKETNS – but not run by NKETNS

As you may be aware the Board of Management hire out rooms to various people, clubs, organisations etc. When an activity takes place at 1.20pm and involves children from our Junior and Senior Infants, the children will be given to their after-school teacher in the school lobby. Please ensure you collect your child from after- school activities **on time.** Letters, messages and payment relating to after-school classes must be given directly to the after-school teacher **NOT** your child's N.K.E.T.N.S. class teacher or the school office.

The following after- school classes will take place this school year. Details of dates and cost will be distributed by the organisers of these classes:

- Monday: Keyboard Lessons with Krishna McPhillips (Creative Keyboards); Speech & Drama with Geraldine O'Brien(Playacting)
- Tuesday: Soccer with Niall and Shane; Tennis with Michael Donaghy. Rhythmic Gymnastics with Kristina Pancheva.

- Wednesday: Science classes with Christine (Anyone4Science) and Children's Ark
- Thursdays: Art classes with Dermot (Artzone);
- Fridays: Little Gym with Kate Ryan (Stretch n' Grow).
- All week: Hopscotch Afterschool Club (Julie Myers)

NEXT N.K.E.T.N.S. NEWSLETTER

Our next newsletter will issue at the end of October, and this will items donated by parents, achievements by pupils, Board of Management news, PTA update,.....to list a few!

Subsequent newsletters will be available to read on our school website www.nketns.ie You will be notified when this occurs.