

KILMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL NEWS

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope that you had a nice Christmas and I would like to wish you a happy new year.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

PT meetings will take place on Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th January 2023 and will be held in person. School will close at 2pm on Wednesday and Thursday in order to facilitate meetings. Time slots for parents will be available to book on Aladdin from Monday 16th January at 9.30am.

Musical Memories

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of our school, we will host a special musical in our hall on February 10th and 11th. The show will relive musicals over the history of our school, with narration telling the history of Scoil Réalt na Mara. The show is being directed by Ms Moore and assisted by Liam Bates. It will re-live many memories including the highlight of our school being awarded the Best School Musical in Ireland in 2016. There will be performances by past pupils accompanied by our present students.

Friday 10th at 7pm

Saturday 11th at 2pm

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There will be a limit of 290 tickets for each show priced at €10 adults and €4 for U 18s. Tickets will be sold via an online link and will go on sale next Wednesday. A message will be sent to parents before they go on sale to the general public.

Health and Wellbeing: There is an ongoing spread of RSV, Covid and Flu among children at the moment and while we encourage full attendance, please do not send your child to school if they display any symptoms. Please ensure children wash hands thoroughly before leaving home. Hand hygiene will be promoted and encouraged, and parents/guardians are asked to support the school in reinforcing this message.

School Inspection: The Inspectorate of the Department of Education will conduct an inspection in our child's school next week entitled *Evaluating Inclusive Practices and Deployment of Additional Resources in Primary Schools*. The evaluation focuses on how well children are included in school life and on their learning outcomes and experiences. It also looks at how well the school uses the teaching resources it receives to support pupils.

GAA Games Promotion Officer: Kilmore GAA currently employ the excellent Al Monahan who visits our school every Wednesday.

Hurl €15 with grip (We have a limited stock as this price in €10 cheaper than shops)

Mycro Helmet: €30 to buy

Website: Our new school website can be viewed on www.kilmorens.ie

Lunches: Fresh Today provide hot school lunches and it is working very well for children in 3rd -6th classes. It is more of a challenge for children from infants to second as often a child may not eat the lunch or says that they do not like the lunch. We would request that parents of children in these classes spend some time discussing the selection of the lunch with their child and if they do not want a hot lunch to inform the teacher so that it can be cancelled.

All children should bring a water bottle and filtered water is available in the school.

Catholic Schools Week: Next Years

School Fees: We are making an effort to reduce costs and it is important to note that the costs in our school are significantly lower than on average. For families with a number of children a payment plan can be discussed with Mr Martin.

Art, Crafts, Photocopying & Printing is an important compulsory charge for all pupils and is due before September 30th.

School Fund - each family is asked to contribute €20 four times per year or €80. While this is a voluntary charge, our school cannot meet its costs without this important contribution.

Coats: Please ensure that all clothing (coats/jumpers) are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Dates for your Diary

January 25th/26th: PT Meetings (School Closes at 2pm both days)

February 6th: School closes for public holiday

February 16th and 17th: School Mid-Term Break

March 16th: Lá Glas to celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge

March 17th: St Patrick's Day

March 31st: Confirmation (School Closes at 12.30pm for Easter Holidays)