# Newsletter 17—Homebased Learning

10/01/2021



Thank you for all your support with our move to Homebased Learning. We know that this is very challenging. Together we are making it work.

### Weekly Services

**Zoom**—These meetings offer a chance to catch up with staff and pupils.

My School & Fronter—Work and activities are uploaded regularly here for Homebased Learning.

**Ballyhenry App**—Available free from Google Play and App Store, get updates and reminders from school and submit homework for feedback via the app.

**Email Contact**—Email your child's class teacher with questions or to submit work. Your child's teacher will reply.

**Paper Packs**—Packs have been prepared for every child. They can be collected on Fridays 2:00 to 3:30 and Mondays 8:00 to 10:30. You can drop off the work your child has completed to be marked. A courtesy phone call will be made if you haven't collected your child's pack. This is to support you in case you need us to drop it off to you because your family is isolating or needs help.

**Face-to-Face Supervise Learning**—School is open to support the pupils of Key Workers and vulnerable pupils. Emails are being sent directly to these families. Remember to complete the appropriate form to access this support. <a href="http://bit.ly/SupervisedLearn">http://bit.ly/SupervisedLearn</a> If you are in new to this service please email Mrs Knocker to confirm your participation <a href="https://bit.ly/SupervisedLearn">lknocker496@c2kni.net</a>

### Zoom Meetings

Zoom meetings allow pupils to connect with their teachers and classroom assistants. The conditions of these meeting will be dictated by circumstances. We are using zoom to connect with parents/pupils. There will be a theme to your zoom and your child's teacher will take the time to answer questions about their learning. Children will need a whiteboard and pen at every class zoom.

This week our schedule will be:

Monday

Wave-in 9:30 Meeting ID: 820 6575 1177 Passcode: School

P1 10.00 Meeting Code: 955 7058 7558 Password: School

Topic: Mental Maths and 2D Shapes

P2 10.45 Meeting Code: 969 9556 4216 Password: School

Topic: Reading Time (o'clock) — Please bring the learning clock from your pack.

P3 11.15 Meeting Code: 931 9882 7116 Password: School

Topic: Venn Diagrams

P4 11.45 Meeting Code: 997 6294 2400 Password: School

Topic: Mental Maths and symmetry. Please bring number fans

Tuesday

P5 10:00 Meeting Code: 848 1501 0282 Password: School

Topic: Mental Maths strategies for subtraction and partitioning

P6 10:45 Meeting Code: 835 7588 6574 Password: School

Topic: Averages (mean)

P7 11:15 Meeting Code: 842 0486 2764 Password: School

Topic: Treasure map compass work

AQE 11:45 Meeting Code: 814 0899 5282 Password: School

Topic: Test 9 will be reviewed during this session

Wednesday

P1 10.00 Meeting Code: 921 2134 0693 Password: School

Topic: Phonics and word building.

P2 10.45 Meeting Code: 926 5298 3374 Password: School

Topic: "eu" sound for phonics

P3 11.15 Meeting Code: 984 2254 9717 Password: School

Topic: Poetry

P4 11.45 Meeting Code: 985 4672 2593 Password: School

Topic: Sentence work

Thursday

P5 10:00 Meeting Code: 830 0973 9072 Password: School

Topic: Synonyms

P6 10:45 Meeting Code: 869 5246 4026 Password: School

Topic: Synonyms

P7 11:15 Meeting Code: 878 5790 2959 Password: School

Topic: Persuasive writing using "AFOREST".

AQE 11:45 Meeting Code: 814 3396 3465 Password: School

Topic: AQE 2009 Paper 2 will be reviewed.

Friday

Assembly 1:30 Meeting Code: 5 1171 4814 Password: School

### Carers' 700ms

We know that learning online can be really challenging! We would like to offer you're the opportunity to review strategies that might help you online, with your paper packs and on Zoom. These will be led by staff who have agreed to spend some time with you virtually on Tuesday evening as we know how busy your day is likely to be.

P1 & P2 Carers (Led by Mrs Ruddock)

P1 & P2 7:00 Meeting Code: 829 2432 4602 Password: School

P3 & P4 Carers (Led by Miss Collins)

P3 & P4 7:30 Meeting Code: 816 6973 5065 Password: School

P5 to P7 Parents (Led by Mr Adair)

P5-P7 8:00 Meeting Code: 836 8110 4343 Password: School

Note: If you have several children at school there is no need to attend all of the sessions if you do not want to do so. The information will be similar for all classes. If you are choosing one session it would be best to select the session relating to your youngest child. You should have your child's resources to hand during the zoom so that you can refer to them.

#### New P1 Parents

Primary School Registration for September 2021 is now open and closes at noon on 29th January 2021. There is unlikely to be an extension of this deadline. You can register online by going to <a href="Citizen Portal - Sign in (eani.org.uk">Citizen Portal - Sign in (eani.org.uk)</a>. There are several helpful guides on the website and a short video that gives you the step-by-step procedure. If you are having trouble with the electronic form, I am happy to support you through the process virtually. Simply email Iknocker496@c2kni.net and I will arrange a private zoom session and walk you through the process.

We know that choosing your child's primary school is an important decision. This year it is even more challenging!

We had hoped that we would have been able to have Face-to-Face Chats and tour. Unfortunately, we have been told by the Health and Safety Officers from the Education Authority that inviting parents onto school property would be in violation of EA Coronavirus Guidance. However, we still want to have an opportunity to talk to you about our school and answer any questions you might have! Email Iknocker496@c2kni.net and I will set up a private zoom session. This can either be during the day or in the evening. I know that you might want to chat after your child is in bed and I am happy to share a cup of tea with you (virtually) and chat about your child's next big step. I will

also be holding a virtual drop-in session on zoom on Thursday 14th January 2021 at 7:30 p.m. Join the Zoom call and I will answer any questions you might have.

New P1 Drop-in Zoom Meeting Thursday 14th January 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88395619530?pwd=b2lpcUtKajhtYkpQODBqNWZPNmh1QT09

Meeting ID: 883 9561 9530

Passcode: School



### Cosy Night In

We are so excited to be able to hold our Cosy Night In Virtually. The format will be similar to our usual event except we will be holding it online. Please put on your PJs and join us for stories, crafts and a virtual cup of something warm! We are creating "Cosy Night In" Packs that can be collected from school on Friday 15th January (2:00 to 3:30) or Monday 18th January (8:00 to 10:30 a.m.). It will contain everything you need to make the night a success. This evening is geared towards Pre-School to P2 pupils but everyone in the family is welcome to join in! This event is free!

Tuesday 19th January 2021

6:30 to 7:00

Book: http://bit.ly/21CosyIn

Meeting ID: 882 0366 3078 Passcode: School

# **Key Workers and Vulnerable Pupils**

The Department of Education has also directed schools to provide supervised learning for vulnerable children and the children of Key workers. In order to plan for this provision, it is essential that you book your child's attendance by completing this form. <a href="http://bit.ly/SupervisedLearn">http://bit.ly/SupervisedLearn</a> It is important that any parent that considers sending their child to school seriously considers the risks. If you feel you want to discuss your personal circumstance please feel free to call or email lknocker496@c2kni.net.

### Homebased Learning

Please take a look at the accompanying Survival Guide for Homebased Learning. It will give you some additional support for learning at home. We know that working from home can be difficult and we want to provide as much support as we can. Please email <a href="mailto:lknocker496@c2kni.net">lknocker496@c2kni.net</a> if you

need anything. There will be someone at school every week day from 8:15 to 3:30 p.m. (at least). The phones are busy so please be patient and we will get back to you.

Remember that we can only do our best and together we will get through this challenging time!

Stay safe,

Mrs Knocker

# Week at a Glance: Week Beginning 11th January 2021

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