

Newsletter 21—Homebased Learning

7th February 2021



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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. <http://bit.ly/SupervisedLearn> . If you are in new to this service please email Mrs Knocker to confirm your participation lknocker496@c2kni.net



Exceptional Closure & Half-Term

We are scheduled to have an exceptional closure for staff training on Friday 12th February. This training is essential in order to upskill staff for our new online learning platform. We hope that you will take the opportunity to look after your families' mental and physical health by doing something a little bit more fun! School will be closed for half-term from 15th February to 20th February (inclusively). There will be no remote learning or supervised learning. We all have earned a break! We will resume remote learning on 22nd February until at least 5th March.

School is closed to all pupils onsite and remotely on Friday 12th February 2021. Work packs should be collected on Monday 22nd February from 8:00 to 3:30 a.m.



Attendance

The Department of Education requires schools to mark attendance even when children are learning from home. The decision to mark a child present and learning at home is determined by their level of engagement. For us, this means answering these questions:

- Is your child's paper pack being collect and/or are they regularly on Fronter? Remember if you can't come to school we will arrange for someone to drop it off and collect your child's work to be mark.
- Is work being returned for marking either online or through our drop off system?
- Has your child engaged in any Zoom Sessions?
- Have you contributed to Facebook?
- Has there been any telephone/email contact?
- Is your child enrolled in face-to-face supervised learning?

There are a lot of options here and we don't expect everyone to do everything. Instead we are providing lots of choice so that you can choose what is best for your child and your family. Homebased learning is challenging and we have to work together. We just need a little bit of evidence that you and your child are doing your best to engage and do a little bit of work. Unfortunately, we are also being told that we still must make contact with the Education Welfare Service if a child is below 85%. We really need your help to ensure that their support is not necessary.



Zoom Meetings

We had between 30 to 70% of attendance at our Zoom Teaching Sessions. Well done everyone who attended! The teachers are trying to do more formal teaching sessions through zoom. Children should bring their whiteboard and pen to each session. If you haven't had a chance to join in, why not give it a go? Simply download Zoom on any device and enter the Meeting ID Number followed

by the Passcode: School (capital "S"). You will then be admitted to the waiting room. If your child is a little nervous keep the camera off and let them listen and participate with you. You can see more of the class at one time choose "gallery view" (click in the upper right corner).

Monday

Wave-In 9:30 Meeting ID: **820 6575 1177**

P1 Class Zoom 10:00 Meeting ID: **961 1840 3854**

- Topic: Mental Maths and addition

P2 Class Zoom 10:45 Meeting ID: **954 7788 8732**

- Topic: Mental Maths and weight

P3 Class Zoom 11:15 Meeting ID: **939 9789 3427**

- Topic: Mental Maths (Bring fraction page)

P4 Class Zoom 11:45 Meeting ID: **937 5321 5499**

- Topic: Mental Maths and Bar Charts

Children should bring their whiteboards and pens to all zoom meeting.

Password for all Zoom Session: School (Capital "S")

Tuesday

P5 Class Zoom 10:00 Meeting ID: **842 0656 5167**

- Topic: Multiplication (Bring worksheets)

P6 Class Zoom 10:45 Meeting ID: **851 5913 5506**

- Topic: Multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 (Bring Sliders)

P7 Class Zoom 11:15 Meeting ID: **847 7936 7773**

- Topic: Measuring angles (Bring protractor)

Children should bring their whiteboards and pens to all zoom meeting.

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Wednesday

P1 Class Zoom 10:00 Meeting ID: **948 1601 9094**

- Topic: Phonics and sentence building

P2 Class Zoom 10:45 Meeting ID: **984 2890 2088**

- Topic: Phonics

P3 Class Zoom 11:15 Meeting ID: **917 8933 8841**

- Topic: Story writing

P4 Class Zoom 11:45 Meeting ID: **910 3981 5732**

- Topic: Opinions

Children should bring their whiteboards and pens to all zoom meeting.

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Thursday

P5 Class Zoom 10:00 Meeting ID: **858 0643 4504**

- Topic: Shared Persuasive Writing (have ideas of what the “Big Bad Wolf” might object to children playing in the woods.)

P6 Class Zoom 10:45 Meeting ID: **853 3219 6695**

- Topic: Baking shortbread (Bring utensils and ingredients)

P7 Class Zoom 11:15 Meeting ID: **861 2339 2120**

- Topic: Persuasive sentence (Please complete these before the zoom meeting.)

School Assembly 1:30 Meeting ID: **885 1171 4814 (Note assembly will take place on Thursday)**

- Topic: Love—send photos of hearts and wear red to celebrate!

FOR ASSEMBLY PLEASE SEND IN PHOTOS OF YOUR HEARTS AT HOME OR IN THE COMMUNITY. YOU CAN ALSO SEND US LITTLE VIDEO ABOUT LOVE.

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Calling all Superheroes in P3 and P4

Building on the success of our Cosy Night in for our youngest pupils we are now offering a chance for our P3 and P4 pupils (and their families) to join in the fun!

Every hero has a story! Join us on Zoom to find out how Dex became a hero. Enjoy making a craft together and sharing a night time mug of hot chocolate before bed.

Tuesday 9th February at 6:30 p.m.

Book by following this link: <http://bit.ly/NeedaHeroStory>

Make sure you pick up your superhero pack on Friday 5th February or Monday 8th February!

Find out more by watching this video: <https://prezi.com/v/jl2jh-n8wnfp/>



Let's share the love in our Community!

Colour, paint, decorate or design your heart. Keep one for your window at home, share one with your neighbour and return one to school so we can display it in our window. We will provide heart shapes as part of your paper pack but you can get creative and make your own! Much like the rainbows....this is just another way to show we still care!



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. <http://bit.ly/SupervisedLearn>

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.



Technical Information about Fronter

C2K has decided not to renew the contact with Fronter. As such we will be moving from Fronter to Teams (Office 365) at the end of March. We have noticed that there have been a range of technical issues with My School and Fronter. Both programs were not available this weekend. Hopefully these issues have been resolved and we will continue to our transition without any other interruptions in service.

Even though we hope to be back to Face-to-Face learning by the time Fronter is withdrawn, there will still be a need to provide online support when pupils are self-isolating. Teachers are currently preparing for this change and are working hard to make Teams a little more family friendly. In the weeks ahead your child will receive an email asking them to logon to Teams and start the next part of their learning journey!

Primary 6 pupils are embarking on a pilot program ahead of the school's transition to TEAMS. Each child in P6 can now access their Teams account via their C2K email. We are also happy to add parents or grandparents to the TEAM if they are going to be supporting their child's learning. Simply send the relevant email address as well as whose email address it is to Mr Adair (radair487@c2kni.net) who will add you to the TEAM. Mr Adair is still upload material to Fronter too.

Online Learning

All teachers spend a significant amount of time uploading videos, websites and online activities to Fronter and/or Teams. These platforms are fundamental to your child's learning and provide guidance regarding some of the new skills they may be trying to learn. We are able to track who has accessed our site. Having this information helps us to understand what we need to do to further support your child.



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We know that working from home can be difficult and we want to provide as much support as we can. Please email lknocker496@c2kni.net 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

