

❖ P.E. Days for the Classes

Please ensure that the children are in appropriate footwear and P.E. uniform consisting of: plain navy tracksuit bottoms, light blue polo shirt and school jumper. See P.E. timetable below. Junior Infants P.E. time is broken into smaller sessions on two days.

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Junior Infants	Junior Rainbow Room	Senior Rainbow Room	Junior Infants	1 st Class
Senior Infants			3 rd Class	2 nd Class
Hurling 3 rd class 6 week block beginning Monday, 16 th September	Football 3 rd – 6 th classes		4 th /5 th Class	5 th /6 th Class

❖ School Photos

County Photos will come to the school on **Thursday, 19th September** to take photos during the school day, single and sibling photos will be taken.

❖ Music Generation

The school are delighted to have been chosen for a collaboration with Music Generation County Galway. This is a performance music education service for children which will provide access to high quality subsidised instrumental tuition from music tutors Ciara O'Connor and Sorcha Walsh.

Music will take place on Wednesdays beginning tomorrow, September 11th, each class from Junior Infants up to 6th class will enjoy a music workshop each Wednesday.

Students in 2nd, 3rd and 4th classes will continue their violin workshops. If you have access to a violin please send it into school with your child, however there is no pressure to have this violin immediately. You may have a family member, friend who could loan you an instrument in the coming weeks. Sorcha will size the children to check what size violin suits the children, some of the older children may need bigger violins and may be in a position to sell their smaller violins. If anyone needs help in sourcing an instrument, please let us know on info@kilcoonans.ie

❖ **Standardised Testing**

1st class to 6th class undergo standardised testing in Numeracy and Literacy each May. The dates for testing for 2020 are weeks beginning 18th and 25th May.

❖ **Absence from School**

Please ensure you send an absence note in to the school to explain an absence, a written note is required in order for the teacher to record the absence online. We can mark the student present for any dental appointments, hospital appointments or any healthcare appointments that are necessary for the child to attend during school, but again the teacher will need advance notice *in writing* of these absences.

❖ **Clothing Collection**

We are continuously collecting used clothing as part of a fundraising effort, if you are having any clear out of clothing at home we would be most grateful if you thought of the school. Black bags of second hand clothing can be left at the Sports Hall. Please note blankets, duvets and end of life clothing is not accepted.

❖ **Parents Association**

Many thanks to our P.A. who have bought P.E. supplies, classroom resources and fabulous new signage/murals for our school. We are very fortunate to have such an active Parents Association in the school. Please come along to their gathering in the school on **Thursday September 19th at 8p.m.** in the school hall. There are only a handful of meetings during the year and the students and school really benefit from the work of the P.A.

❖ **Library**

Our school library will re-open on **17th September**. We wish to sincerely thank Emma Halloran and Teresa O'Neill for organising the library time for the students each Tuesday.

❖ **Cyclists**

We encourage the children who are cycling to school to walk their bicycles on the school grounds and not to get on your bicycle until you reach the exit gate. There are health and safety concerns at drop off and pick up with cyclists weaving amongst the traffic. Thank you.

❖ **Save the Date**

23rd March 2020 – Confirmation 5th and 6th Classes

25th April 2020 – First Holy Communion