



Summer Term Newsletter 2020

Dear Parents,

We hope you have been able to enjoy some family time in the lovely weather we had over Easter. Yesterday was very strange for our team, as we would normally have been welcoming our pupils back to the summer term. Instead we held our first staff meeting on Zoom (which is a whole new learning experience for us) and continued to develop home learning for our pupils.

Following Mrs McKelvey's successful uploading of a video assembly during the Easter break, I would like to make this a more regular feature. I would also like to thank her for this extra connectivity and inspiration. I feel that pupils being able to see members of staff may help them to feel more connected with school. Therefore, I hope to upload or link you to a video assembly with me this Friday. Whilst you may wish to share these videos with family, permission to share outside of your immediate family must be sought from those videoed and videos must not be uploaded to social media.

We would usually be carrying out our Progress Tests in English and Maths during the month of May. These assessments will now be used to review progress when pupils return to school and to plan their next steps in learning. Sadly, I do not have any updates on when our return might be.

Thank you to everyone who is engaging with the online home learning platforms. All learning completed on Education City, Bug Club and Seesaw enable your child's class teacher to monitor their progress and adapt their learning activities to meet your child's needs. Anyone who is still not able to access home learning online please email me at emccaffery943@c2kni.net. Alternatively telephone school tomorrow, Wednesday 22nd April between 10am-2pm on 02825 644959.

Stay safe, Stay Home, Save lives.

Mrs McCaffery and the KPS Team

May Bank Holidays

Just a reminder about the bank holidays in May. It would be great if you could still change up your normal routines on these days for the children if possible.

Also a reminder that first bank holiday on Friday 7th May is a very special day, as it marks the 75th Anniversary of VE Day. This was the day that WWII ended and BBC Newsround has a great explanation about the day for pupils at:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/48201749>

KPS Schools NI App

Following Survey 2019 feedback, we have continued to explore the best way to improve our communication systems. We currently have a wide number of online systems including Seesaw, Facebook etc and this has led to our school website being neglected a little.

We will now be making a transition to share all whole school communications through the Schools NI App that is linked to our website.

After the transition period, paper copies of documents will no longer be sent out with every child. However, you will be able to request a paper copy from the office or in circumstances that prevent you accessing school information online.

Therefore, please download the app using the links on our school website <https://www.kirkinriolaps.co.uk/>



Safer Schools App

The Department of Education has now launched its Safer School App. The App can be downloaded from your usual App store or by using the QR code link on our school website.



Sun Safety

It's beginning to look a lot like Summer so we would encourage you to take as much of your home learning outside as you can. Often, sitting on the grass reading a book or playing with the Duplo feels a lot less like school work. If you are out enjoying the finer weather, please remind children to keep safe in the sun by:

- topping up sun cream regularly
- wearing a sun hat
- taking a bottle of water outside, if possible.

