

# Scoil Mhuire, Kiskeam Newsletter.

## WELCOME BACK

School will be reopening on Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> of August. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back. We are also very excited to welcome our 12 new Junior Infants.

The very best of luck to last year's 6<sup>th</sup> class as they begin life in the Comprehensive.

The class booklists are available on the website. All books and copies will be provided. Please look at the stationary list for each class and ensure your child will have what is required.

This year we have increased the Voluntary Contribution to €60 per pupil. This will cover Arts/Crafts, Photocopying, personal pupil insurance (24 hour) and also help make up the shortfall in the book grant.

I hope everyone enjoys the final days of the summer holiday. Looking forward to seeing you all.

*Mr. Kelliher*

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### School Year Calendar 2024-2025

**Term 1:** Junior Infants will go home at 12:20pm until Wednesday 11th September.

School opens Thursday 29th August

**Halloween Break:** Closing Friday 25th October

Return to school Monday 4th November

**Parent/Teacher Meetings:** To be decided. (Usually mid/late November)

**Christmas Holidays:** Half-day (12pm) Friday 20th December,

Return to school Monday 6<sup>th</sup> of January 2025.

## Latest News

The extension to the school is progressing well and we are hopeful of a handover at the end of October. As work is continuing every effort will be made to limit any disruption.

We are delighted to officially welcome Ms Dixon as a permanent member of staff. She has been with us one day a week for the last three years and during that time she has added greatly to our school.

Congratulations to Neila on her recent engagement. We wish her and Donagh every happiness in the future.

We ask any parents who wish to speak with a teacher to contact the school directly and arrange a suitable time.

**Any children being picked up early:** Please inform the teacher beforehand or alternatively ring the school to let the teacher know you wish to pick up your child at an earlier time.

### Cherryblossoms Kiskeam

Full daycare available for children 2 years and up.

7am-6:30pm (limited spaces available).

Breakfast Club and Afterschool available, 7am-6:30pm

Email: [cherryblossomskiskeam@gmail.com](mailto:cherryblossomskiskeam@gmail.com) for all enquiries



Tracy O'Shea making a presentation to Kathleen on behalf of the Parents' Association.



Tom Dennehy, Chairman of Kiskeam National School Board of Management, presenting a bouquet to Kathleen Denny, who retired last week after teaching at the school for the past 20 years.



Kathleen Denny with Kiskeam school principal Eugene Kelleher

# Kathleen retires from Kiskeam National School after 20 years

BY SHEILA FITZGERALD

STAFF and pupils at Kiskeam National School bade farewell to a much-loved colleague last week when Kathleen Denny retired after a 20-year teaching career at the school.

Presentations were made to Kathleen by Tom Dennehy on behalf of the Board of Management and by Tracy O'Shea from the Parents' Association.

After qualifying, Kathleen worked in schools in Waterford, Dublin and Kerry before taking up her post at Scoil Mhuire in Kiskeam.

School principal Eugene Kelleher, paying tribute to Kathleen, said:

"During her time in Kiskeam, Kathleen taught at every class level, and she has made an immense impact on the lives of all connected with Scoil Mhuire.

"As a teacher she was kind, caring and understanding. The needs of the pupil were always at the forefront of her thinking. Her calm approach with pupils is something all aspiring teachers strive for.

"She created a classroom where children felt comfortable and were allowed to be themselves.

Kathleen was always keen to provide children with opportunities to flourish.

"Over the years she was very involved with school football teams. She was also instrumental in preparing children for various Scór competitions. She should be very proud of the positive impact she made on the pupils under her care.

"As a colleague, Kathleen has been such an honest and dependable person to work with. Her knowledge and experience has been a real asset to our school. She forged strong relationships with staff, both past and present. She will certainly be missed in our staffroom.

"On behalf of all connected with Scoil Mhuire, I would like to thank Kathleen for all she has done for our school, and I want to wish her the very best as she begins a new and exciting chapter."

On the same morning, a graduation Mass was celebrated by Fr Jim Kennelly for sixth-class pupils Orlaith Cahill, Ellen O'Keefe and May O'Mahony.

"The entire school community wish the girls the very best as they transition to second level" Principal Eugene Kelleher added in conclusion.



Kathleen Denny, who retired from teaching at Kiskeam National School pictured with Board of Management and Parents Association members. Photography by Sheila Fitzgerald



Kiskeam National School pupils bid farewell to much loved teacher Kathleen Denny who retired last week.



Kathleen Denny, who retired from teaching at Kiskeam National School last week, is pictured with colleagues Eugene Kelleher, Eileen Herlihy, Sínead Dixon, Nelia Cronin and Siobhán O'Connor.

## PEANUT ALLERGY

WE ASK ALL PARENTS TO PLEASE BE VIGILANT WHEN PACKING OR PREPARING LUNCHES TO AVOID ANY PEANUT PRODUCTS OR ITEMS CONTAINING PEANUTS. PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE **POPCORN** IN LUNCHES AS THESE PRODUCTS VERY OFTEN CONTAIN TRACES OF PEANUTS.

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## Website

**Please keep an eye on the school website for links to the calendar, photos of recent school trips and other events happening in the school.**

[Scoilmhurekiskeam.ie](http://Scoilmhurekiskeam.ie)