



Meeting Minutes

Newtownmountkennedy Primary School PTA Meeting 8th January 2018

Attendees

Carmel Dempsey, Aoife McDermott, Ciara Perks, Loretto Martin, Michelle McDermott, Ruth Prenderville, Marilyn Fitzsimons, Sarah Ryan

Apologies

Anmarie Elliott, Debra Spillane

- Congratulations to Miss Nolan and Mr Keddy on their recent engagement and we welcome back Jo Power and Carol Wolohan who have returned after illnesses.
- School numbers are still rising. 50 places have already been accepted for junior infants for September 2018.
- Funding was received for St. Josephs Centre of Eur 16,000.
- School will be closing on Monday February 5th as it's a curriculum day for teachers. This isn't on the school calendars as the date was only recently decided.
- School staff will be doing an after school training course on Respect For Staff.
- Mr. O'Riordan has applied to Cumann Na mBunscol for School of the Year.
- Swimming classes are starting next week, there are a few places available. Mrs. Dempsey will talk to Shoreline about the amount of time that students are spending out of the pool.
- Midterm break is only two days this year on February 15th and 16th.
- A nutritionist will be coming in to speak to the senior school students about their lunches and how to change them.
- The Speech and Drama exams are on March 21st.

- Congratulations to everyone who received prizes for the Christmas Decoration Competition, all entries were excellent.
- 5th and 6th classes are practicing for the peace proms, which is on February 4th. Tickets can be purchased online on www.peaceproms.com, go to Buy Tickets and choose Dublin Sunday 8pm Tickets.
- Children in all classes are working on their entries to the Texaco Art Competition which need to be completed by the end of February. Senior classes are working on their entries for the Write a Book Competition.
- Assessment exams for secondary schools are on the last Saturday of January this year.
- The IEP (Individual Education Plan) review meetings are at the end of January.
- Planning permission has now gone in for the new school. The board of management will be available at their next board meeting on February 8th to answer any questions in relation to the new school.
- Parking in and around school building is for staff and busses only. Don't park on double yellow lines, the busses have been having difficulty swinging into St Josephs School due to bad parking.
- The Annual Report for the school year 2016/2017 is now available from the school offices and will be available online.
- Maths for Fun is starting up for 3rd class, volunteers will be needed, please contact Deirdre Lennon to help out.
- There will be an old clothes collection on January 25th. More details on this will be sent out. Money will go towards the school.
- Valentines Day Disco. The PTA are planning to organise an evening disco for school children in mid February, volunteers are needed, details to be confirmed.
- A Play Therapist will be doing a programme of sessions for siblings of children with autism.

Next Meeting: Monday 12th of February 2018