

## **ASD Parent Meeting, Monday October 1<sup>st</sup> 2018**

Apologies: Sinéad Dawson, Faye Tierney.

Present : Parents of children in Ms. Corcoran, Ms. Olivia Egan, Ms Maebh Egan & Ms. Russell's Classes

- 1. New Pupils :** Parents of Children who have joined the Early Intervention Class and Primary Class were welcomed to the meeting. Concerns around lack of Bus Transport and General School Organisation Arrangements were discussed.
- 2. Secondary Schools** –Parents should check enrolment policies of all schools in their area. Up to date psychological reports needed at 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> class level for transfer to secondary schools. Application forms for secondary schools should not ask re special needs. Parents face tough decisions about secondary school placement-mainstream or special school. Parents with children attending our school who do not live in the immediate area must apply for CCA when their child is in FIRST CLASS.
- 3. July Provision** 2018 School Summer Programme was very successful and enjoyable for all children. The Board of Management will consider 2019 Programme at its January Meeting.
- 4. School Transport :** Some Children are still waiting for Bus Transport even though sanction has been given by the DES
- 5. Swimming :** Primary Classes for Children with Autism are offered all three Swimming Programmes. Many Thanks to Richard and Natasha who have raised enough money to reduce costs considerably for swimming programmes.
- 6. Festina Lente :** Equine Assisted Learning Programme for All Children in our ASD Classes. Many Thanks to Peter and Orla for their sponsorship of this programme.
- 7. SLT, OT & Clinical Psychology Services can be accessed & funded through Private Health Insurance :** VHI : Golden Health Steps.
- 8. Family Carers' Card :** €20 from Irish Autism Action
- 9. ADHD Support Group :** Next Meeting : October 23<sup>rd</sup> Martello Hotel from 7.30pm to 8.30pm
- 10. FaceBook :** ntmkyautismmums or newtownprimaryparentsassociation
- 11. School Parents' Email :** [parents@newtownprimary.ie](mailto:parents@newtownprimary.ie)
- 12. Inclusion :** Wicklow Sailing Club run fantastic welcoming camps
- 13. Fun & Run :** Congratulations to Orla Reck, Ronan & Deirdre on a nomination for a Community Award for their Inclusive Game : GAA Fun & Run. Well done to the children from our ASD Classes who travelled to Croke Park in July with Parents & Teachers to meet Prince Harry & Princess Meghan.

- 14. Congratulations and Best Wishes to Ms. Donlon** on the occasion of her wedding.
- 15. Thank You from Parents to School Principal and Staff for all the great work to ensure that children with Autism are given every opportunity to reach their full potential in a happy contented environment.**
- 16. Dates to Remember :** Parent/Teacher Meetings : October 24<sup>th</sup>: School as Normal Times for ASD Classes : No PT Meetings unless parents wish to meet Mainstream Teachers.
- 17. Dates to Remember :** October 26<sup>th</sup> : NO SCHOOL : Presidential Election
- 18. Fundraising :** Clothes Collection : October 4<sup>th</sup>, Bag Pack : Dunnes Stores: December 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. Cake Sale & Non Uniform Day : December 14<sup>th</sup>
- 19. Parents' Association :** Debra represents Parents of Children with Autism at monthly meetings : Volunteers needed for : Gardening Club, School Library etc. All Volunteers must complete Vetting with the National Vetting Bureau.
- 20. Date of next meeting –FEBRUARY 4<sup>th</sup> 2019**