

## **NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY PRIMARY SCHOOL.**

### **Meeting of Parents of Children with Autism.**

**February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2015.**

#### **Parents of Children with Autism in Mainstream Classes and in ASD Classes were present.**

- **July Provision:** Parents are delighted that the Board of Management has approved the July Programme for Summer 2015, running from Wednesday July 1<sup>st</sup> to Friday July 10<sup>th</sup> inclusive. Sincere thanks to Teachers and SNA staff who have volunteered to work on the programme and to Mrs. Keyes and Mrs. Dempsey for organising and co-ordinating. Parents are reminded that registration of interest is now open on the DES website for Home Based July Provision for the rest of July 2015.
- **IEP Meetings:** All Individual Education Plans now form the basis of Class & Home Support Programmes. Parents can request a Review IEP meeting.
- **Services and External Agencies:** Beechpark continue to provide service to 10 children in our ASD Primary Classes and to 2 Children in our Early Intervention Class. There are now some children who have no access to Speech & Language, OT and Psychological Service. The new model of Service, Progressing Disabilities, designed to ensure that service and supports are delivered right through a person's life, has been postponed until 2016. We are working on Out of Date Psychological Reports for many children. Review Reports will be needed to determine Second Level School Placement.
- **Staff Changes:** We welcome back Ms. Lennon to the ASD Junior Primary Class and thank Ms. Healy for her very successful time teaching in the class. Sinead O'Mahony, SLT has resigned from Beechpark Services. A new appointment is expected to be announced shortly.
- **Home-School Communication:** The Communication Books provide an essential link between Home and School. At the end of every year, Communication Books will be given to parents for storage.
- **Extra Curricular Activities:** Given the need for OT and Sensory Activities, parents are very pleased with SWIMMING CLASSES and FESTINA LENTE. Baking, Cycling Programmes as well as Developmental Dance opportunities are really appreciated. Payment can be made for Swimming and Festina on a gradual basis, starting now for next year.
- **School Transport:** Please notify Transport Operator in good time if your child will not be travelling on the bus/ is late/ will not be going home on the bus/ change of person collecting your child from the bus. Also it is important to text/phone when your child is returning to school after illness or absence.**Date of Next Meeting: APRIL 27<sup>th</sup> 2015.**

