

NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Meeting of Parents of Children with Autism.

October 24th 2016.

Present: Parents of Children with Autism in Ms. Hurley's Class, Ms. Russell's Class, Ms. Donlon's Class, Ms. Egan's Class as well as Parents from Mainstream Classes.

Enrolments: We welcome Freddie and Jamie to our Early Intervention Class. We wish their families well on their Primary School Journey. Best Wishes to all our Teachers and SNA staff for a successful school year.

- **Secondary Schools:** Parents are still very concerned at the limited choice of Second Level Placement for Children with Autism. Parents are advised to consult School Websites re Admission Policies, Application process etc.
- **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.
- **Service Agencies:** Beechpark Services are accepting names on waiting lists for service. Michelle has started work with some children re OT. Plans are well advanced in Wicklow for new model of Service Provision which will see One Agency delivering OT, SLT, Psychology to all children with Special Education Needs.
- **CURRICULUM:** Not all children attending classes for children with Autism meet the criteria for Exemption from the study of Irish. All Children have a right as citizens of Ireland to spoken Irish, Irish Language & Culture. Applications for Assistive Technology to NCSE must have a recommendation from a recent OT report.
- **EXTRA CURRICULAR COURSES:** Developmental Dance, Swimming & Festina Lente at present. Yoga for all classes later in the year. Children are welcome to join After School Activities: Football, Art, Hurling, French at present with Music/Drama, Athletics & Basketball after Mid Term
- **CARA CENTRE TRALEE:** Development of Sports & Games for Children with Autism. Inclusion of Children with Autism in Mainstream Sports with Adaptation re Rules etc. One Parent is working closely with Mr. Keddy to develop Rounders style Game for GAA.
- **NON-UNIFORM DAY:** Friday October 28th: Children in SENIOR SCHOOL who link with Mainstream Classes in JUNIOR SCHOOL can bring fancy dress costumes & change for going to class.
- **PT MEETINGS:** Wednesday October 26th. School as usual for children in ASD Classes & for Children who travel home by bus. Bus Collection at 2.40pm .
- **Staff Inservice:** There will be NO SCHOOL for ALL Classes for children with Autism on MONDAY NOVEMBER 7th for Staff Inservice.
- **Date of Next Meeting: FEBRUARY 27th 2017.**

