

Parents Association Meeting

Date: Monday 12th June 2017. Venue: Junior School Time: 8pm

Present: Mrs Dempsey, Suzanne Breslin Ann-Marie Elliott, Bernie Power, Ruth Prenderville, Ciara Perks, Debra Spillane, Sarah Ryan, Ciarian Doyle, Aoife Mc Dermott, Sylvaine Doyle & Florence Anderson.

Fundraising:

5k Fun Run: Thank you to all the organisers, families and the community who supported the Family Fun Day. €2,963 was raised on the day. It was such a success we are hoping to run the event again next year. Some issues were discussed and new ideas are already being organised for the next time. We would like to thank Coillte, NMK Construction, Dwyer Nolan, Wicklow Hills, Sirio, ABL and Remedy Pilates for their sponsorship.

Copper Friday: Thank you to Ann-Marie Elliott for her continued support. This year €790.00 was collected.

Cake Sale: If parents are available on Friday 16th to attend a cake sale that Adrian Dunne (Pharmacy) is holding in aid of our ASD unit we would be very grateful.

Thank you to Adrian and his staff for their help and support. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Adrian for his generosity in supporting our new Football Jerseys.

Around €3,000 has also been donated by parents and friends in our community. We would like to thank them for their support and their commitment to our school.

Principal's Report:

A list of class teachers has been sent home. We have 5-7 learning resource teachers available next year, which means that we will have 2 teachers per level. Interviews for teaching posts will be held on the 28th of June.

Junior Infants - 1st Class will remain in the junior school and 2nd – 6th will use the senior school. Our ASD Unit will have full use of the Old Boys School.

Playschool: will move to the junior school and have 2 classrooms for the school year 2017-2018.

Regrettably Mrs Murphy will be retiring this year and we thank her for her service to our school and wish her all the best for her future. We will invite Mrs Murphy and her family to celebrate in our end of year prayer service, so if any parent would like to speak to her before she leaves you are very welcome to attend the service.

Maths: A new maths programme will be introduced this year to the junior students. It is called Maths Recovery. Instead of using traditional teaching methods such as books and workbooks all teaching will be done using visual aids. It is thought that it is a simpler way to teach as students have the physical evidence to work with which will improve division and multiplication.

School Reports: Will be available for collection from both school offices from the 19th of June. The ASD classes will now use the same report card system as mainstream.

Book Money: Monies are being collected at the moment for next year's books.

Swimming: Only 1 swimming session of 10 weeks will be offered

per child next year .. Teachers unfortunately have found that while it is a great opportunity for the children to swim for more sessions, it meant that a lot of learning time was missed.

Festina Lente classes will be 8 week sessions.

Sports Day: Monday the 26th. Timetables will be sent home. Parents are invited to attend and have their lunch with the children.

It had been decided that the green area between the community centre and the senior school will be used for lunch time, so that parents who have children in both buildings will be able to lunch with their family.

Sports day will finish for junior school at 12.30pm, except 2nd class and for the senior school at 1.30pm. Sports Day will finish with a Football Match between Staff and Sixth Class at 2.00pm.. We are looking for parents who have been Garda vetted (for the school) to help with moving the children from area to area following a timetable. If you are available to help out can you please contact the school at your earliest convenience.

Carambola Lunches: Carambola will finish on the 23rd so parents will have to send lunches for the remainder of the term.

Computers: An I.T. Grant has been secured for the junior school and the ASD Centre.

NPC: Have an article on the improvement in student's scores in designated disadvantaged urban primary schools. www.ncp.ie

Other News:

This year we will say goodbye to two parents from the Parents Association Committee. Thank you to Bernie Power & Sylvaine Doyle for all of their help, and support over the last 10 years. We wish you and your families well in their future endeavours.

Dates to Remember:

27th June Graduation Ceremony for 6th Class. Please send students to school as normal, and in their full school uniform. Ceremony will take place at 2.00pm.

23rd June: No more Carambola from this date

23rd June: Awards Ceremony. 10am for Junior School & 12pm for Senior School.

26th Sports Day

30th June **Uniform Sale.** If parents would like to donate their old school uniforms to the offices of the junior and senior offices before the sale we would be very grateful.

30th June Summer Prayer Service 10.30am 30th June School Closes at 12.30pm

We wish all of our Teaching Staff, SNA's Secretaries, Students, Caretakers, Parents who volunteered their time during the year and Families a Safe and Happy Summer Holidays. Enjoy the break and we look forward to meeting our new students in September.

To our existing 6th class we wish you all the best. Good Luck for the future.

Next Meeting: on Monday 11th September in the Junior School at 8pm.

