

## **Parents Association Meeting**

**Date: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016.      Venue: Junior School Time: 8pm**

Present: Mrs Dempsey, Suzanne Breslin, Gillian Garrett, & Anne-Marie Elliott

Apologies: Bernie Power & Catherine Forde.

**Fundraising:** Spring Time Draw: was a great success, final number will soon be published. Thank you to all supported from our school students, families & staff and the wider community.

Copper Friday: The final Copper Friday for this year will take place 27<sup>th</sup> of May, so send in all the coppers and Anne-Marie will make the final collection. Thank you to Anne-Marie for all of your help during the year.

### **Principal's Report:**

We are now at stage 2A of the school Build. Unfortunately our Consultants have looked for a 50% increase in fees, they will meet Mrs Dempsey on Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> for further talks.

Jim Jordan who is a Special Needs Organiser spoke to parents on the 25<sup>th</sup> of April. He stayed talking to parents until 10.30pm. Parents took this opportunity to speak to Jim about secondary schools and other topics. The meeting was very informative. Parents have been advised to enrol their child in good time to their choice of secondary schools and review their admissions policy. If their child is not offered a place they can contact Jim who may be able to offer parents support in getting their child into the schools.

School Tours are now being booked; monies can be paid into office. The 6<sup>th</sup> class tour has been organised with an overnight trip to Carlingford. Mr. Keddy & Mr. O Riordan have kindly volunteered to stay overnight with the boys while the girls will be supervised by female staff.

### Dates for Tours

Junior infants- 26<sup>th</sup> May  
Senior Infants- 2<sup>nd</sup> June  
1<sup>st</sup> Class : 16<sup>th</sup> June  
1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Class: 16<sup>th</sup> June  
2<sup>nd</sup> Class-27<sup>th</sup> May  
3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Class- 2<sup>nd</sup> June  
4<sup>th</sup> Class : 10<sup>th</sup> June  
5<sup>th</sup> Class-19<sup>th</sup> May  
6<sup>th</sup> Class: 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> May  
ASD Classes : 17<sup>th</sup> June

School Book Envelopes have been sent home with your child book list. The book list includes the prices of Arts & Crafts and Photocopying.

We would like to welcome all our new students for September and the new students who have transferred this year to our school. We hope they enjoy their time with us.

We have been appointed two extra teaching staff for September 2016. It has been decided to split 5<sup>th</sup> class Sept 2016 as this is class has large numbers. The split has worked well in the past.

**We would like to invite Ms Hurley to our last meeting of the school year for refreshments and a chat. Ms Hurley has been our Home School Coordinator for the past number of years and will be sad to leave this role. We would like to thank her for all her help in school and the community. All parents welcome.**

**Congratulations to Ms Lennon who will take over this role from September.**

**STAFFING:** We have been sanctioned TWO EXTRA CLASS TEACHERS for the School Year 2016-2017. We will have TWO FIFTH CLASSES as a result of these appointments. Current Fourth Class Pupils will probably be divided into the same groups as we had in 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> classes

Homework: Teachers felt that there was a lot more opportunity for learning when homework was being completed in class. The questionnaires that were completed by parents are being processed and a report will be published as soon as is possible.

**Other News:**

As the weather improves (hopefully) students can wear their shorts and their white tops.

Sports Day will be held on the 27<sup>th</sup> of June weather permitting.

Child Safety: If parents are concerned about another child safety they can seek advice. If you feel that a child is being supervised by an adult under the influence of alcohol/drugs you can contact a Duty Social Worker in Wicklow in complete confidence without no repercussion to yourself. Any member of the public can contact this service for advice or to report an incident.

Their Telephone Number is **0404-60800** Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm.

Congratulations to the 6<sup>th</sup> class students who made their confirmation recently. The ceremony was a great success. Thank you to Ms Cheevers and all the teaching staff who prepared the students and helped out on the day. Also thank you to the students who sang in the choir. Well done everyone involved.

**Dates to Remember:**

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May First Holy Communion. Good luck to all who are making the communion we wish you well and hope you have a beautiful day.

**Can parents of 3<sup>rd</sup> class students please remember to send in refreshments and help out with tea and coffee in the junior school for the occasion? You can contact the school and volunteer to help. Thank you.**

Charlesland Sports Day will be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June.

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The school calendar for 2016-2017 is being updated and will be sent home shortly.

School will reopen Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016.

**Next Meeting: on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2016 in the Junior School at 8pm. Everyone Welcome.**

