

Newtownmountkenedy National School Parents Association



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Newsletter

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Your Committee:

Secretary: Michelle McDermott, **Chairperson:** Sarah Ryan, **Treasurer:** Loretto Martin, **NPC:** Aoife McDermott, **Fundraising Coordinator:** Debra Spillane

Dear Parents,

We are very fortunate to have a fantastic Parents Association here at Newtownmountkenedy Primary School!

We'd like to start by thanking all the parents who have supported the school and the work of the Parents Association Committee to date. Without the committed, kind and caring parents, guardians, teachers & school staff who are so consistent with their support, our school would look and feel VERY different. You are VERY much appreciated. To all who have not yet been able to take the opportunity to play your role, we'd like to extend a welcoming invitation to call us, email us, or just turn up at our monthly meetings to offer your support in the easiest possible way for you, without any pressure.

New parents are actively encouraged to join the Committee every year. In order that the Parents' Association Committee be truly representative of all children from Junior Infants to 6th class, we need as many of you as possible to join. The Parent Association Committee meets every month on the second Monday at 8pm.

The aims of the Association are as follows: –

- To promote active involvement of parents within the Association.
- To foster effective communication between parents, teachers and the school's Board of Management.
- To keep parents in touch with current educational trends and in turn, through our affiliation with the National Parents Council (NPC), to draw up motions voicing our own concerns and proposals which could be considered when educational policies are being drafted up at Government level.
- To work on fund-raising events and provide opportunities for social / educational interaction between parents.

Important Dates Calendar

Thursday 20th Sept – Board of Management meeting and CCA Open Night

Wednesday 26th Sept – Last day for insurance payment.

Thursday 27th Sept – Whole school assembly

Friday 28th – Copper Friday

Saturday 29th September – Last day for registration for Communion and Confirmation – See Parish website

Tuesday 16th October – Preparation programme for First Reconciliation and First Communion

Thursday 24th October – Parent Teacher Meetings

Word from Board Of Management

The Board of Management would like to thank Ann Marie Kelly who has been the parents' representative on the Board of Management for the last 3 years. We welcome Rachel Lowe as the new parents' nominee.

Treasurers Highlights

Loretto Martin, our Treasurer, maintains a set of accounts for the Parent's Association. An updated set is available to view in the school office.

Facebook: Please keep an eye on our PA Facebook page for latest updates and news.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/161360527643260/>

Fundraising Calendar

October

- ❖ Clothing Collection 04th October
- ❖ Halloween Disco Sunday 28th October

November

- ❖ Sponsored Walk

December

- ❖ Dunnes Bag Packing 07th & 08th December (Volunteers needed for 2-hour slots)
- ❖ Christmas Hampers
- ❖ Non-Uniform Day & Cake Sale 14th December

Getting to know our teachers

We've been getting to know our wonderful teachers a little better by asking them some fun and interesting questions:

Ms O'Mahony - 5th Class

What is your favourite colour?
Blue
What is your favourite hobby?
Baking
What is your favourite place?
Cork
What food do you like best?
Pasta

Ms Cheevers - 6th Class

What is your favourite colour?
Orange
What is your favourite hobby?
Yoga
What is your favourite place?
The bookshop in Wicklow town
What food do you like best?
Lasagne

National Parents Council

Please refer to the website www.npc.ie for more information on the National Parents Council of Ireland.

There is a list of training and courses available to schools and the NPC are looking for trainers/facilitators for these including Internet Safety and Parents Association Parental Involvement Training.

Other Information

CDs:

There are still a large number of CDs available for purchase from the offices in the Junior and Senior schools. These CDs are a compilation of music sang by our very own children and all proceeds will go towards our new school.

Communion 2019 After Party:

2 Parents in 3rd class have kindly offered to arrange an after party for the 2019 Communion.

Annual Report:

The School Annual Report will be available by the end of September.

Christmas Tea towels:

In place of the Christmas Cards this year, the PA are looking into creating a class Tea towel.

School On-line Payment System:

Just a reminder to parents that school fees and swimming fees can now be paid online through the schools Aladdin payment system.