

Parents Association Meeting: Monday 10 October 2016 @8pm Venue: Junior School

Present: Ciaran Doyle, Natacha Joyce, Ciara Parks, Gemma Landwidge, Aoife McDermott, Grace Garde, Debra Spillane, Sarah Ryan, Suzanne Breslin, Orla Keyes, Josephine McDonald, Ann-Marie Elliott, Bernie Power, Ruth Prendeville, Bernadette Goff.

Apologies: Ann-Marie Kelly, Mrs. Dempsey

NPC: 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.

Non Uniform Day scheduled on Friday 28 October. Fancy Dress for classes Junior Infants to 2nd inclusive with small prizes for home made costumes. No Fancy Dress for classes 2nd/3rd to 6th classes. A donation of €2 per child will help to pay for resources associated with the school garden.

50th Anniversary & School Garden celebrations will take place on Wednesday 26 October from 9-1. A photo gallery with photos of pupils and teachers over the last 50 years will be displayed in the JUNIOR SCHOOL HALL. There will be a blessing of the school garden and a prayer service at 10.00am. A cake sale will be held with Tea/Coffee in the Junior school hall from 11.00am to coincide with the Photo Gallery and the Garden blessing. Parents are encouraged to attend.

Parent/Teacher meetings will be held in the Community Centre from 2-5pm on 26 October and classes will finish at 1:40pm on this date.

Fundraising: all fundraising ideas welcomed. Currently scheduled events include: non-uniform day at end of each term, Dunnes Stores bag packing in December, volunteers will be required, xmas cards - one card available to customise for all family members at a cost of €10 for 12 cards. Copper Friday will continue on last Friday of each month, the sponsored walk and the spring draw. It is hoped to bring some new initiatives on board in 2017.

Gardening: The gardening club has completed a major overhaul on the school grounds resulting in a lovely environment for all to enjoy. Our thanks again to all the parents, volunteers and donations made to achieve this. The group intend to meet once a month on a Friday to keep up with the general maintenance. If you'd like to help, please contact Reception.

Parent Volunteers: The school would welcome volunteers to assist with supervision in the playgrounds at both schools during lunch break. Garda vetting is not a requirement.

Parents Association Facebook page: Our thanks to Ciara Perks for setting up and maintaining this group which is available at: *Newtown Primary Parents Association*. This is a closed group and only available to current parents of children in the school. Please take a moment to join as we will be posting updates regularly.

New Road: It is anticipated the new road to the schools will be open after the midterm break.

For further updates please visit: www.newtownprimary.ie or the Parents Association Facebook page.

Date of next Meeting: **MONDAY 14TH NOVEMBER AT 8.00pm in JUNIOR SCHOOL STAFFROOM.**