

## **Parents Association Meeting: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021 @ 8pm**

**Venue:** Zoom due to current government restrictions

**Present:** Geraldine Keogh (Chair), Michelle McDermott (Secretary), Ciara Perks, Ruth Prenderville, Aoife McDermott, Guy Garrett, Grainne Fennell, Anne Marie Elliott, Ms Lennon

**Meeting Minutes:** Minutes from previous meetings approved

### **Principals Report:**

- Current pupil numbers 346
- Welcome back after the Easter break and many thanks to all who completed the Health Declaration
- We acknowledge that school tours cannot take place this year. We hope alternative activities can take place around the community
- Parents Association have agreed to fund some fun activities in lieu of tours etc. More details to follow
- Mr Keddy in running the Transition Programme with 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils. The Leave with Ease programme will go ahead with the parents information evening to take place over zoom. Further details in due course
- Mr. Keddy is looking to run a Duo Lingo programme for parents/guardians who wish to learn Irish. People would go through the course themselves, Mr Keddy will supervise and engage with anyone who may need some additional support. If anyone is interested, they can contact Mr Keddy for more information
- Carambola Hot Lunches are expected to commence after the May Bank Holiday. Pupils who currently do not receive a Carambola lunch can contact Fiona in the office to arrange to be put on the hot lunch list. Details of their menu and how to order will be provided in the coming weeks
- Many thanks to all who purchased tickets for the Spring Draw. The first draw will take place on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April. All winners will be notified by the office
- GAA with Jackie will recommence week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> April
- Music Generation will return this term
- We hope to be able to invite the incoming Junior Infants in to the school for the information day in June
- It is expected to have 2 Junior Infants classes next year
- Chrome Books for 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class have been ordered and are awaiting delivery of storage units
- PE uniform can continue to be worn as the windows will remain open to provide ventilation
- It is noted that agreement has been reached with secondary schools regarding pupils without a place
- There is no update on the progress of the new build project

### **Treasurers Report:**

- Current balance is €3,708.59
- A total of €1,555.50 was raised from the sale of Christmas Cards. Many thanks to all who purchased cards
- Many thanks to all who donated to the recent Non-Uniform Day. Funds will be lodged in the coming days
- Sponsored Walk will take place late May / early June
- Copper Friday will take place on 7<sup>th</sup> May. Parents are welcome to send in any loose change

### **NPC Report:**

- Helpline remains open Mon to Fri on 01-8874477 for parents with queries in relation to education
- Online Parents Association clinics are being held nightly at 8pm from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April
- Dept of Education & Skills are looking at a Digital Strategy; public consultation will commence shortly

### **AOB:**

- Pupils are reminded to bring Carambola lunch bags home. Do not litter the town and do not place bags in already full bins in the playground or around the town
- Parents, guardians and general road users are again asked to drive with extreme caution on what can be a very busy road at both drop off and pick up times. Also be mindful that classes often cross the road throughout the day when moving between school buildings. No cars should be parked or stop temporarily on any double yellow lines on the road at any time
- A reminder that this Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April is early close. Times will be staggered and notified via Aladdin

**Next Meeting will be held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm.**

**It is expected that meetings will be held via Zoom for the foreseeable future.**

**If any parent would like to raise any questions ahead of the next meeting or would like to attend the meeting please email [parents@newtownprimary.ie](mailto:parents@newtownprimary.ie)**