

Parents Association Meeting: Monday 10th December 2018 @8pm

Venue: Junior School

Present: Sarah Ryan (Chair), Michelle McDermott, Geraldine Keogh, Loretto Martin, Ann-Marie Elliott, Ciara Perks, Aoife McDermott, Mrs Dempsey, Ciara Perks, Ann-Marie Elliott

Apologies: Debora Spillane, Marilyn Fitzsimons, Ruth Prenderville

Principals Report:

- Non-uniform day Friday 14th Dec. Staff will wear Christmas jumpers. Donations in aid of Bray Lakers.
- Santa will visit the school on Monday 17th Dec. If there are any 'Elves' available to help out on the day can you please contact a member of the parents association or the office.
- School plays will take place on Tuesday 18th & Wednesday 19th.
- Stay & Play for Ms Corcoran's class will take place on Thursday 20th.
- 6th class will visit St. Catherine's on Thursday 20th at 10'clock for a carol service.
- Confession is taking place 11th Dec for 3rd to 6th class in St. Joseph's church.
- Christmas prayer service will be held Friday 21st Dec at 11:15 in St. Joseph's church, all are welcome to attend.
- School will finish at 12:30 On Friday 21st. Children can be collected from 12 o'clock from the school.
- 6th class will travel to Croke Park on Wednesday 12th Dec to attend the launch of the Children's Rights video that they took part in.
- Planning permission placed in local papers for the erection of 2 prefabs in the junior school yard to accommodate the 14th classroom for the school.
- The position of principal has been advertised for the school. Closing date is Monday 17th Dec with the successful candidate expected to take up the position straight after Easter.
- Thank you to all who donated & help put together the Christmas hampers. A particular note of thanks to Geraldine Keogh and Tom Nolan for arranging the raffle at Bingo on the night. It was a great success.
- **Bag Pack** taking place on Friday 14th & Saturday 15th in Dunnes Stores. We still need to fill some slots for Saturday from 12-2 & 2-4. If anyone can spare an hour that would be greatly appreciated. Please contact any member of the parents association or the office.
- **Aladdin:** Letters will be issued out to all parents regarding GDPR in advance of the implementation of the Aladdin web app. Further details will be provided in the New Year.
- New teaching interactive apps which interact with our current white boards will be trialed in the school from January

NPC Report:

- The creative schools programme is underway in schools around the country.
- Voting has commenced online for the patronage of any new schools across the country, including the school designated for Kilcoole/Newtownmountkennedy.
- Check website for full details.

SPHE Policy:

- Stay Safe programme has been covered in all classes in term 1.
- The Relationship & Sexuality Education (RSE) programme will be covered in all classes in February, with Accord visiting 5th & 6th classes. Following the Accord lesson 5th & 6th class will receive the Busy Body book with parents to discuss with the children. Stay Safe Programme is mandatory. If children are to be opted out from this programme parents will need to confirm in writing and agree to cover the topics with the children themselves.
- Very important for parents to use correct terminology with children at home. See Tusla website for support information
- There will be a focus on cyber safety with 4th – 6th classes. Important to remember that a stranger is now someone you meet online.
- IEP must now include the Stay Safe & RSE programmes.
- A review group with parents will be set up for the end of the school year.

Catholic School Ethos:

- The Department of Education believes there are too many Catholic schools across the country.
- The Diocese and parishes have been asked to consider, along with the local schools, if the number of Catholic schools in each parish should be reduced.
- Further discussions between all schools and the parish will be needed over the coming months on this matter and details will be provided once received.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 14th January 2018. All are welcome to attend.