

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

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

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

**Apologies:** Grainne Fennell

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

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

- Remote learning will continue for the foreseeable future
- We acknowledge that remote learning can be difficult at times. If any pupil is unable to complete any work, for any reason at all, we ask that the pupil takes a break and that the parent/guardian engage with the teacher to advise that the work cannot be completed. This is simply to allow the teacher pick up this work with the pupil once back in school
- We have opened our library in the school. If pupils would like a book or two from the school or need a new book to continue reading they can email the school to request a book be left out and it can be collected from the school porch and returned once finished. If the email could give an idea of the type of book that would help
- Teachers are providing feedback on work completed each day/week once submitted. If feedback cannot be seen please email the school and we will send on details of how to see the feedback as we are aware that there have been a few instances of the feedback not showing.
- Mid term break will take place from 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> February with no work required during that period
- We look forward to welcoming the ASD Classes back on 22<sup>nd</sup> February
- Ms Kiernan will continue in 1<sup>st</sup> Class until Easter
- Ms Dempsey will continue to teach Senior Infants as Ms Ní Laocha continues to recover from illness.
- Congratulations to Ms Healy and Daniel on the recent birth of their son Brody
- Parent Teacher meetings will take place via zoom over a phone call throughout February. Sessions will be for 10 minutes. If parents wish to discuss a particular issue with a teacher please email the teacher ahead of the meeting so the teacher can prepare for the meeting
- Class calendars are in and are being posted out at present
- 6<sup>th</sup> Class Hoodies have been ordered and are due into the school soon. They will be distributed as soon as we have received them
- Transition Programme for 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils moving to secondary school is expected to take place later in the year
- Open Day for the incoming Junior Infants is hoped to take place later in the year
- In person Supplementary Programme for children with complex needs will take place is available from February 11<sup>th</sup> until April 30<sup>th</sup>
- Sympathies to Maureen Connaughton on the sudden passing of her daughter in law.
- Sympathies to the Nolan family on the recent passing of Helen

### **Treasurers Report:**

- Current balance €2,153.09
- We are currently considering different ways of selling Spring Draw tickets in order to start selling tickets shortly

### **NPC Report:**

- A confidential helpline is open Monday to Friday on 01-8874477 if parents wish to 14<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> for parents who may have queries in relation to your child's primary education

### **AOB:**

- Ms Lennon advised that the majority of pupils have settled in very well since the start of the school year despite having missed so much school time last year.

**Next Meeting will be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 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)**