

Parents Association Meeting: Monday 8th March 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, Shaun Batstone, Ms Lennon

Meeting Minutes: Minutes from previous meetings approved

Principals Report:

- Current pupil numbers 346
- Thanks to all pupils, parents, and guardians in the Junior School for a highly successful re-opening
- We look forward to welcoming 3rd – 6th class back on Monday 15th March
- Chrome Books and other resources that 3rd – 6th class pupils have at home must be dropped back to the school no later than Friday 12th March to be quarantined over the weekend ahead of class next week
- Thanks to 3rd class for returning their Bodhrans last week
- Health Declarations will need to be completed for 3rd – 6th class pupils after 3pm on Sunday 14th March
- A health declaration must be completed for all pupils ahead of their return to school following any absence. The declaration can be found on Aladdin. Please contact the school if there are any difficulties in completing the Aladdin form
- Music Generation has recommenced in the school with Joan expected back shortly
- GAA with Jackie is due to restart shortly also with activities to take place outdoors in strict accordance with GAA Covid protocols
- Seachtain na Gaeilge runs until 17th March with prizes for great efforts. Mr Keddy has books for parents with helpful phrases that can be used at home. Please ring or email the school to arrange to get a copy
- A reminder that the school will be closed on Wednesday 17th March for St Patricks Day
- A reminder that this week is early closing. Please see Aladdin for details of staggered closing times
- It is hoped that the Community Centre can re-open when the school fully opens next week. We are very grateful to the Community Centre for allowing us to use their facilities
- We are holding off on welcoming the new Junior Infants in for their information day in the hope of having them in the school in term 3
- A meeting was held with various politicians recently regarding the lack of secondary school places for September. Mr Keddy continues to liaise with the various parents and schools in the area in this matter. It is noted that this is an area of concern for parents throughout the school

Treasurers Report:

- Current balance remains at €2,153.09
- Spring Draw will take place shortly. Tickets will be sent home as usual with an option to pay for tickets via Aladdin. We are working on setting up a system to allow for tickets to be also sold online
- Sponsored Walk will take place in term 3
- A non-uniform day will be held before the Easter break with a voluntary donation of €2 if parents wish to donate

NPC Report:

- A confidential helpline is open Monday to Friday on 01-8874477 for parents who may have queries in relation to your child's primary education

AOB:

- Confirmation classes from last year and this year have a meeting Tuesday 9th March regarding the confirmation. This will be an update meeting for those classes
- 6th Class pupils were delighted with their hoodies which were delivered over the last month

Next Meeting will be held on Monday 12th April 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