

Parents Association Meeting

Date 8th June 2015

Venue: Junior School

Present: Mrs Dempsey, Karen Carthy, Grace Garde, Ruth Prenderville, Bernie Power, AnnMarie Elliot.

Apologies: AnnMarie Kelly, Suzanne Breslin

Communion

Congratulations to second class on making their Holy Communion and thank you to all parents that helped out with tea and coffee afterwards in the school.

Confirmation

Congratulations to sixth class on making their confirmation and thank you to Miss Heggarty for all her hard work. Thank you to the choir who performed beautifully during the ceremony.

National Parents Council

The NPC education conference is on the 13th of June in the National College of Ireland. You need to register on the website to attend and there are a variety of guest speakers at the event.

Early Closing

The school will close early on Wednesday if possible could parents park in the village or walk home from school to ease the congestion in the car park.

We would like to offer our sympathies to Liz Gill for the sad loss of her husband.

Principals Report

School Reports: School reports will be ready for collection from next Wednesday. Parents need to collect the reports directly from the school office.

Standardised Test Results: The results overall have been good. Maths has been a bit spiky and work is being carried out to get to the root of the issue. Tests are being analysed to see what areas in maths we need to focus on. The initiative of bringing secondary school students from Craobh Abhann to speak Irish in the school has had positive results.

Sponsored Walk

The sponsored walk is happening on the 19th of June and sponsorship cards are going home this week. Parents are welcome to come along for the walk and the picnic afterwards. **No School Lunch will be provided that day.** Children are to bring their own lunch and can include a treat. If the children have a Hi-viz vest could you please send it in with them for the walk.

Sports Day

The timetable for sports day will be sent home and parents are welcome all day. The children move around all day enjoying different activities and it's a nice day to come up to the school and have a chat with other parents.

6th Class Graduation

The 6th class graduation is on Thursday the 25th of June. 6th class are finished that day at 12.30 and graduation in the church is at 1.30.

School Closing

School will finish on the 30th of June at 12.30. There will be a Prayer Service in the church at 10.30 and parents are very welcome to attend.

Teacher Appointments

Classes that have yet to be appointed a teacher will have one appointed before the end of the year. We welcome Mr O'Brien to the school.

Addition to the play area

A sincere thank you to Liam Clancy, who made a considerable donation to facilitate the addition of an activity trail to the play area. The generous donation was made in memory of Mr Clancy's mother Ann Clancy.

Booklists

Book money is due by the 19th of June. The craft and photocopying money for the year is included.

Website

There are new photos up on the website newtownprimary.ie.

Calendar changes

Friday the 26th Junior school awards at 12.00 and senior school awards at 11.00. The awards are held in the hall and Parents are welcome to attend.

Parents Association

A sincere thank you to Karen Carthy, Chairperson of the Parents Association. After 26 years of involvement with the school Karen will have no child attending in September. Karen has seen 5 principals go through the school and has been a fountain of knowledge and a friendly face for us newer members of the PA. You might leave us your mobile number for emergencies!

Best of luck to all 6th class students leaving for secondary school and to their families who have been involved in the school for so many years.

Nominations for Class Representatives

There will be a form going home for parents to nominate another parent to represent their class on the parents association. Two parents with the most votes from each class will be assigned the role. The meetings will still be open for all to attend. It is a quick meeting once a month and its a great way to know what is going on in the school. There is no obligation to take on jobs when you attend and you don't need to attend every month.

Second Hand Uniform Sale

On the 30th of June there will be a second hand uniform sale in the junior hall at 11am. If you would like to donate any clean uniforms please leave them in the office on the 29th. The children can wear their tracksuits on the Monday and Tuesday.

School Notes

Street Feast is happening in the centre of the village beside the Parkview Hotel Sunday the 14th of June 12.30 -4.00. Ger Vickers will be playing between 2 and 4. If you have left over loom bands get the kids to chain them together and bring them to street feast to "craft bomb" a park bench. Volunteers are needed to help set up before hand and clean up after. If anyone would like to help out please call Grace 0871477507 or Ruth 0877472682.

Next Meeting 14th September in Junior school – all welcome!