

## **Parents Association Meeting: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017 @8pm**

**Present:** Loretto Martin, Ruth Prendeville, Michelle McDermott, Sarah Ryan, Marilyn Fitzsimons, Ciara Perks, Ann-Marie Elliott, Aoife McDermott, Debra Spillane and Mrs. Dempsey.

**NPC:** Please refer to the website [www.npc.ie](http://www.npc.ie) for more information on the National Parents Council of Ireland. Recent news and events page has updates and information on the Department of Education and Skills circulars. There is also free online training courses available to parents for Internet Safety and supporting your child to build healthy friendships and relationships.

**Parents are reminded of traffic issues around the school and reminded to please slow down.**

**Garden clean-up** was very successful and thanks to all involved.

**School Sponsored Walk** will take place on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 11am. **Tea/Coffee and Cakes** will be available to purchase in the Junior school hall from 12-2, donation of any home bakes are welcomed. – Parents/guardians are welcome to attend both events.

**Parent-Teacher meetings** will take place from 2-5.30pm on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October in the Community Centre. **School Hurling Blitz** took place last week, thanks to all involved.

Planned **Nursery Gaelic** starting in 2018 for Junior Infants, more information to follow.

**School Calendars** will be ready before the end of November

**Kilcoole Music Festival** is taking place on the weekend of 9<sup>th</sup> November.

**Speech and Drama** classes will be provided by Fiona Keane

**Halloween dress-up** on the last day of term will be available in **Junior school only**, no donations required. Senior school will wear PE Uniform on Friday October 27<sup>th</sup>. **Copper Friday** on Friday 27<sup>th</sup>

Tidy Towns **Spooky Halloween in the Woods** will be on 29<sup>th</sup> October at 3.30pm, entrance is €2 per child and entrance is at Season Park access to the little woods.

**St Matthews Christmas Bazaar** – 2<sup>nd</sup> December, School Choir has been asked to sing and parents are encouraged to donate arts and crafts for the school table.

Community fundraiser for **“Strictly”** was declined with the suggestion for the school to put on a show involving pupils and parents together later in 2018.

**Family Fun Day & 5K** will proceed for May 2018 as previous year.

A new draft policy on **Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE)** was tabled for discussion, PA members will read and revert with any comments.

It was suggested **6<sup>th</sup> Class hoodies** could be ordered earlier in the year to maximise wear.

**Parents Association Facebook page:** available at: *Newtown Primary Parents Association*. This is a closed group and only available to current parents of children in the school. Please take a moment to join as we post updates regularly. For further updates please visit: [www.newtownprimary.ie](http://www.newtownprimary.ie) or the Parents Association Facebook page.

Date of next Meeting: **MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER AT 8.00pm in JUNIOR SCHOOL STAFFROOM.**  
**Parents are encouraged to attend.**

