

Parents Association Meeting

Date: Monday 11th April 2016. Venue: Junior School Time: 8pm

Present: Mrs Dempsey, Bernie Power, Ruth Penderville, Suzanne Breslin, Catherine Forde.

Apologies: Gillian Gillan, Ann-Marie Elliott & Grace Guarde.

Fundraising: Spring Time Draw: Draw 7 & 8 will take place on the 12th of April. Draw 9 will take place on the 19th and the final draw will take place on the 28th April (Thursday). Can all monies outstanding be forward to the school for the 19th of April. Thank you for your support.

Trocaire Boxes: Can all Trocaire boxes be returned for the week ending 22nd of April.

Principal's Report:

We are now at stage 2A of the school Build. Unfortunately our Consultants have looked for a 50% increase in fees. The Department have not agreed to these increases so we are now looking for a consultation team.

A letter has been drawn up and sent to the council re: building a pathway right around from the back of the school.

ASD Classes: Congratulations to the two students who will enter mainstream classes and to another student who will progress to secondary school this year. There will be two places available in the early intervention class in September. The students will be taken from the waiting list.

Jim Jordan who is a Special Needs Organiser will be available to speak to parents on the 25th of April. Parents can avail of this opportunity to speak to Jim about secondary schools and other topics.

School Tours are now being booked; monies can be paid into office. The 6th class tour has been organised with an overnight trip to Carlingford. Mr. Keddy & Mr. O Riordan have kindly volunteered to stay overnight with the boys while the girls will be supervised by female staff.

Book Grant Forms have now been returned and book money can be paid along with swimming if you would be prefer to be organised for next year.

NPC: The UNESCO child and family research centre are looking for families to fill out a survey online, exploring the research needs of Tusla now and into the future. If you have a few minutes to spare you can log onto our website address www.npc.ie and fill out the survey from there.

New Primary Language Curriculum. Mrs Dempsey has confirmed that there will be a new language curriculum for the junior infants straight through to second class and will be put into operation for the September term 2016. These new changes will be discussed over the next in Service Day. There will also be changes made to the religious curriculum. More details can also be found on the NPC website: www.npc.ie

Other News:

Certificates and Medals will be rewarded to students who took part in the Irish Board of Speech & Drama this week.

Sports Day will be held on the 27th of June weather permitting.

Swimming: Just a short note to confirm that parents of children taking part in swimming lessons **can go to the pool and take their child** into a separate dressing area to dress their own child and then return them to the line to return on the bus.

Dates to Remember:

Sunday 24th April: Commemoration Parade in Newtown. Our 6th Class along with the GAA, Soccer and the Scouts will take part. The Proclamation will be read out by 2 students from our school. Refreshments will be served in the Community Centre afterwards.

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