

Parents Association Meeting: Monday 12 September 2016 @ 8pm

Venue: Junior School

Present: Jeny Mathew, Sinead O'Toole, Carol Molloy, Ann-Marie Elliott, AnnMarie Kelly, Ciara Perks, Sarah Ryan, Debra Spillane, Aoife McDermott, Ruth Prenderville, Bernadette Goff, Ciaran Doyle, Mrs Dempsey

Apologies: Bernie Power, Suzanne Breslin, Grace Garde

NPC: Please refer to the website www.npc.ie for further information on the National Parents Council of Ireland. Currently there are some interesting articles and surveys regarding After School Care & an outbreak of Measles. Further to this we would ask all parents to ensure their children are up to date with all vaccinations and to not send your child to school with a rash until checked by your GP, as we have a number of children in our school with compromised immune systems.

Senior school: The roof was repaired during the holidays & the old Perspex ceiling has been replaced it is hoped that this will remedy the ongoing leak.

Car park & road safety: We would ask parents who have children going to the senior school to speak with them & ensure they are road safety aware as staff cars are turning into the carparks there.

While the situation with accessing the Community Centre carpark has improved with the widening of the entrance we always ask drivers to be aware of children crossing & to give way. We also ask parents not to park in the playgroup carpark or in the bus parking area (marked with yellow lines).

Confirmation & Communion dates have yet to be confirmed, however, 11th June has been mentioned by Fr. Daly as a possible date, and 13th May for the Communion.

Class photos were taken on Tuesday the 13th Sept. It is also hoped to get individual photos organised for the school (it can be arranged for older siblings to be also included to ensure all family members in both schools are photographed).

Carambola: Please note that the funding (from the Dept. of Social Protection) for Carambola lunches has been reduced in all schools countrywide. Also, note that a representative from Carambola is willing to meet parents with any concerns/issues regarding the lunches.

Parent-teacher meetings: it is expected that this will be the last week before the mid-term as per last year.

Recycling: we would ask that all children bring home their wrappers & associated food waste as we have just filled our 4th skip; this is at large cost to the school.

Swimming Term 1 to start Tuesday 13th Sept. We are looking for parents to volunteer with this activity. Note vetting is not required as you will not be in the changing rooms.

Lunchtime: We are also looking for volunteers to help with supervision in the yards at both schools during lunchbreak. The SNA's are child specific & cannot look after all children. Again vetting for this is not required.

Fundraising: Any and all ideas are welcome! Those of you who may be doing marathons/triathlons etc. please contact Reception for sponsorship cards. We shall be running the following again this year: Spring draw, Bag pack in Dunes, Sponsored walk, Xmas Cards. Copper Friday shall run this year, as it is has brought in much needed funds; any coppers & loose change shall be collected from each class on the last Friday of every month. Note the next Copper Friday is on the 30th September. All help is greatly appreciated.

A big thank you to all those who helped last Friday (9th) with the gardening/clean-up, another clean-up is scheduled for Tuesday 13th. We shall be organising more of these clean-up mornings throughout the year & if available please pass your number onto Reception, again all help is greatly appreciated.

Homework: Last term for the month of April, 4th Class took part in a pilot programme whereby they completed their homework in school, while the stats/findings have not been fully analysed, teachers involved found that less time was spent correcting work in class & more time was available in class for lessons.

Afterschool activities:

Monday: French 4th, 5th & 6th classes

Tuesday: Gaelic Football 3rd-6th classes

Wednesday: Art 4th, 5th, 6th classes

Thursday: Hurling 3rd-6th classes

Note children may wear tracksuits to school if participating in Football and Hurling.

Parents Association

Chairperson- Sarah Ryan

Secretary : Suzanne Breslin, sub Secretary: Debra Spillane

NPC rep - Ruth Prenderville

PR- Ciara Perks

For further updates please visit www.newtownprimary.ie

Date of next Meeting: MONDAY OCTOBER 10th at 8.00pm in JUNIOR SCHOOL STAFFROOM

