



Parents' Association Newsletter Autumn/Winter 2020



Hi Everyone, a warm welcome to those who are familiar to the school but especially those parents who are new to either the girls or boys school and are new to the area. We hope your little ones have settled in well and are enjoying being back at school. We have missed you all – seeing the familiar faces catching up with old friends meeting new ones – it's been a strange few months.

Role of the Parents Association

For those of you unfamiliar with the role of the PA we are a voluntary group of parents made up of a core group (chairperson, treasurer and secretary) and along with the support of our wonderful parents, principals and teachers we raise money to donate to the schools for various ongoing school projects. With over 900 students in our schools the role of the Parents association in fund raising is more important than ever. Our parents are always a wonderful support so we look forward to you support over the coming academic year.

This year the Chairperson and Treasurer have completed their 3 years on the PA and, in accordance with the National Parents association guidelines we should be standing down and electing 2 new people to both roles. We are aware of the challenges that this will cause due to the fact that we cannot hold our annual AGM where we present the statement of accounts and elect a new committee. In light of this we are happy to continue supporting the school as chairperson and treasurer if there are no objections from parents. If a parent feels that they would like to come forward to offer their time for either the chairperson or treasurer role we would be delighted to hear from you and would welcome your support. We ask that if you have an interest in either role if you could email the PA by Wed 27th Nov. If we don't have anyone who is interested for this year we have agreed to assume the role for another year. Ms Burke and Ms Mc Cloughan are happy with this approach. For those who would like a copy of our annual statement of accounts please email the PA address and we will be happy to supply a copy.

Annual Sponsored Beach Walk



Normally at this stage of the year we would be busy counting all of the money raised from our annual and biggest fundraiser of the year the 5km beach walk on the shores of our beautiful beach. To put it into context the beach walk has raised approx. €15,000 over the last few years so it's an important fundraising event, but also a great social event and a chance to go out get some exercise, meet up with friends have a chat and all the while raising funds for our great school. Unfortunately it was not possible this year but we live in hope that all is not lost and maybe it will happen in the summer term??

SAVE THE DATE! Christmas Jumper/Socks/Hat Day PA Fundraiser Dec 18th 2020



Last December we kicked off the festive season with our festive fun day and we encouraged all the children to wear their Christmas jumper, socks, hat, headband or all of the above to school on that day.

At a cost of €2 per child this is cheap at half the price to give the jumpers and novelty festive clothing their annual outing!



We welcome any parents who want to attend our meetings or get involved with the PA. This year is somewhat different as our meetings are somewhat restricted.

When life returns to normal for those would like to volunteer some time to help with our ongoing initiatives such as coffee mornings, communion tea /coffee on the day of the communion we would be delighted to hear from you via our email donacarneypa@gmail.com. We will keep you posted via our newsletter or Aladdin of upcoming dates for your diary.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped make last year such a success. We appreciate all your help and time- not just with fundraising but also for the community events in our schools and we look forward to continued success working with you all. We are blessed so have such an amazing school community

Kind regards, Eimear Ruth Gemma

Eimear Donnelly Chairperson

Ruth Sherry Treasurer

Gemma Carton Secretary

