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PARENTS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents & Guardians,

We have nearly completed term one of the school year and I hope your children have settled into the school environment and are now looking forward to their midterm break after all their hard work since September.

We started the first day of term by welcoming junior infant parents for tea and coffee while the children settled into their classes and met their new friends and teacher.

A special thank you to the parents who have volunteered to help with the library. We have an allotted time twice a week where we ensure the books are tidy and in their correct areas, thus allowing children to enjoy their library time even more. Anyone who would like to get involved please contact us and we would be delighted to have your help.



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Our upcoming AGM will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November. All parents are invited to attend especially if interested in learning more about the Parents Association and possibly joining the committee or even a subcommittee. Every Parent of a school going child is a member of the parents association. The committee members work on behalf of the Parents Association.

### **The Role of the Parents Association has 2 main roles within the school**

- To work in partnership with the Principal, Board Of Management and the whole school community for the betterment of the children in the school.
- To support and empower parents to be active in the best interests of their children's educational lives.

We held our first meeting on September 20<sup>th</sup> and welcomed some new members. We are already discussing and organising our events for the year ahead. We welcome any suggestions to help with fundraising. We would like to thank all the parents who volunteer to help at events.

### **BOM Nominations and Election**

As of December 1<sup>st</sup> a new Board of Management will be elected for a 4 year term. A special thanks to Mary Morell and Ronan Lafferty who have represented the parents on the current board. Nominations and election of the new parent representatives will be held at 7pm on



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Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November. Any parent seeking nomination and election must be in attendance at this meeting.

## Vehicles



We also ask for due care to be taken at the school gates as there is a pedestrian crossing. Pedestrians have the right of way to cross. We realise the pillar coming out of the school (left) can block vision but we ask that u slowly move towards the gate. This has been reported to Kildare County Council.

## Car Park



The Principal has recently emailed all parents about the ongoing issues in the car park. As per his email the car park is a one way system, no reversing out from spaces and no blocking cars. We ask that no one turn right once in the car park to park at the railings. This can cause an accident at the very worst and frustration at the very least. The church car park can also be used to help facilitate getting children to school, and has ample parking.

## Roundabout



No child should be dropped or indeed collected at the roundabout.



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## Fundraising

We are extremely lucky in that fact that we have a new school so we don't have to fundraise for school roofs etc however it is important for our children to keep funds available to help the school with other expenses not to mention PA events such as coffee mornings for parents. We are very active within the school and helping teachers and children with different activities. Last year was extremely busy between Halloween disco, book fair, Christmas choir, Santa, grandparents day and a lot more on top, not forgetting Graduation for 6<sup>th</sup> class and their families. I would like to note, this year costs have increased compared to other years, not forgetting, we are doing more events so more is being spent. We try and do everything within the funds we have, so we really appreciate your support with the Christmas cards and any other fundraising/requests we have.



## Halloween Disco

Last year saw the return of the disco for all children from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class. There was a small difference from previous years, in that, we broke it into 2 nights. We are doing the same this year and are currently in the middle of organising it. We hope all the children have a fun evening.



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Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to help us on both evenings. It is very much appreciated.

## Calendar of events



### *November*

- **Christmas card fundraiser**

As you know we are using a new company this year who have more selection. The children have been very busy drawing and colouring their cards. In the next few weeks the template will be coming home and you will be able to order directly what you want. We will provide more details once the templates arrive. Again thank you for your support.

- **Book Fair**

This has been confirmed for Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November. Details to follow nearer the time however I believe Junior and Senior Infant parents will be able to accompany their children to the book fair at their allotted time.

### *December*

- **Christmas concert**

The 7<sup>th</sup> is the evening when the choir will take to the stage to perform (usually for their families) their Christmas concert. A big thank you to the teachers involved and the choir children as an enormous amount of



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work goes into the choir and it is a very enjoyable evening for all. The PA will be on hand to provide some festive treats on the evening.

- **Santa**

Santa will arrive on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December to visit the children. This year we have changed things slightly and more will be revealed closer to the time, but we expect to see very happy faces going home that day....

- **Junior Nativity**

Details to be confirmed but again the PA will be there to help make it a little more festive for the parents and indeed the children themselves.

### **General information**

- **Social Media**

I would ask parents to join our Facebook group as there will be regular posts and information being posted. This is a completely private group for parents with children in the school. The page is called Scoil Bhride Kill Parents Association. The old pages will be deactivated shortly to avoid any confusion.

We have also created an Instagram page in the last few days and again we would ask you to follow it. Thank you to Siobhan Nolan for the time setting it up.

### **Email**





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The Parents Association email is [parentskns@gmail.com](mailto:parentskns@gmail.com). Please email if you have any queries, requests or suggestions.

We hope everyone enjoys their midterm break and has plenty of fun adventures. We wish everyone a safe and spooky Halloween.

Anne Marie, Sandra, Emer

