

# Newsletter

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St. Patrick's Junior School Parents' Association



## UPDATE ON 2015:

### JUNIOR INFANT PHOTOS:

Special word of thanks again to Denise Cannon who did an amazing job on the Junior Infant photos last year. The total raised from the photos was €306.10.

### CHRISTMAS NIGHT

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Fundraiser in Ollie's in December and also to the people who kindly donated spot prizes. A great night was had by all! Very sincere thanks also to Ollie Grimes and all his lovely staff for the finger food and great service ensuring everyone there had a great time. €432 was raised from the Christmas Fundraiser.

### 2016...YEAR OF THE YOGA!

Thanks to all the support that parents give, via the fundraisers, the children get to benefit directly through extra opportunities. This year, the children will benefit from - 'OM'.....YOGA!

The Parents' Association are delighted to confirm that each class will get four yoga classes in 2016. They will be given by Maria Wilde, a qualified Yoga Instructor with a special interest in yoga for children, who has kindly agreed to undertake this.

## ANNUAL CAKE SALE



Forget the Great Irish Bake Off...the much-anticipated St. Patrick's JNS Annual Cake Sale is taking place on **FRIDAY FEBRUARY 12<sup>TH</sup>** in the Halla from 8.30am onwards.

- Those who wish to bake cakes or buns for the cake sale can drop their goodies down to the Halla the night before (Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup>) between 7-8pm as the PA will be there setting up, or on the morning of the sale.
- Please clearly label any cake-tins/containers which you need returned. They can be picked up when the sale is over.
- The children will get a chance to buy something during the morning. They can pick up some nice treats by giving a donation on the day. (Might be worth including a spare sandwich bag/lunchbox in the schoolbag for purchases, to avoid any squidgy mess in the schoolbag!!)

### PARENTS ASSOCIATION:

The next meeting is on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> February@8pm in the School, if anyone is interested in coming along. We are a very small bunch and always open to new members and new fundraising ideas!

## Parents Association Members and Contact Numbers

Sinead Kilbride (Co-Chairperson)	087-2369526	John O'Connor	087-2185608
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## Notes from the Principal



### UNIFORM REMINDER

Parents are reminded that children should wear their school uniform every day.

Many thanks for your continuing co-operation in this matter.

**Girls:** Bottle green pinafore, cream shirt, bottle green cardigan, striped green and cream tie, black leather shoes.

**Boys:** Grey trousers, grey shirt, bottle green jumper,

striped green and cream tie, black leather shoes

**P.E:** Bottle green tracksuit, white polo shirt, runners.

### IS YOUR CHILD MISSING OUT?

**Yes,** if he or she arrives at school late on a regular basis.

The school opens to receive pupils at 8.50 am each morning. No responsibility is accepted for pupils arriving before that time.

Class assembly time is from 8.50am to 9.10 am and formal lessons begin at 9.10am.

No pupils should arrive later than 9.00am.

The 20 minutes from 8.50 – 9.10 a.m. are an extremely important part of the day.

You should aim to have your child in class no later than 9.00 am daily.

Your co-operation in this matter is deeply appreciated.

### ROAD SAFETY

Parents and guardians are asked to park away from Tennis Court Lane and to drop off and collect children on foot. Parents and siblings are also asked to stay behind the yellow line when collecting children. Please ensure that children in your care do not run or hide between behind cars parked on the lane where they may not be seen by drivers. Children's bicycles, scooters, etc. must be collected by parents or guardians before the bell goes. Children who collect their own will have to wait for a gap in pedestrian traffic (usually after their class has exited and before the next class has exited) before leaving. When making alternative collection arrangements (eg playdates, parties, contingency arrangements) for your child it is imperative that you inform the school ahead of time. These measures are to ensure the safety and security of all involved. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

### HEALTHY LUNCHES REMINDER

Our healthy lunch policy encourages parents to give their children sandwiches, fruit or vegetables (peeled if necessary) and a non-fizzy drink, preferably water.

The school does not allow any bars (including all cereal bars), sweets, chewing gum, biscuits, crisps, popcorn or peanuts.

Yoghurt products are not allowed because they have proven to be unmanageable in our junior school.

Parents are reminded that peanuts and all peanut products (peanut butter, etc.) are banned throughout the school because of the danger to children suffering from anaphylaxis.

