

Newsletter

MAY 2016

St. Patrick's Junior School Parents' Association



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We wish all the girls and boys in Second Class, their families and their Teachers, the very best for next Saturday 21st May. We hope you all have a wonderful day!

WE BID FAREWELL!

After 17 years in St Patricks Junior School, SNA Kathy Sheils is retiring!

Kathy will be greatly missed by her colleagues and indeed all the children. She has worked tirelessly, giving 110%, and has been a fantastic asset to the school. A lady of many talents, including her artistic flair, Kathy always gave generously of her time even for other school events e.g. First Holy Communion, the May Altar , The Christmas Plays and various Art displays too. Everyone loves Kathy's cheery nature and most notably, her kind and warm smile!

We would all like to wish Kathy and George every happiness for the future.

INCOMING JUNIOR INFANTS MEET & GREET

Incoming Junior Infants together with their parents are invited to meet their new Teacher and see their new classroom on Friday, **June 10th**.

IMPORTANT NOTE: LOOKING FOR HELP!

The Parents Association are down significantly in numbers now and are asking for help from any willing parents, in any shape or form.

'OK, SO WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO?'

Meet once a month for an hour to arrange fundraising ideas and help out at them **if** available. There are around 1 or 2 events per month. (Usually people take on only 1 or 2 of those events in the year and can work on them in pairs...but we **all** help!) We appreciate people are very busy, but we **really** do need help. Please get in touch.

'WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?'

Thanks to sheer parent-power, i.e. generous Mammies and Daddies digging into their pockets throughout the year, we all support various 'extras' for our children, e.g. Yoga, Halloween Disco, Fun-Walks, Fun-days, Food-Dudes, Book-Fair, Cake-sale....all of which they absolutely love! It would be a shame to lose these.....c'mon join up!

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Parents Association Members and Contact Numbers

Notes from the Principal



Summer Uniform

The summer uniform can be worn for the remainder of the school year, weather permitting.

Girls: White polo shirt and pinafore. Flat sandals or shoes.

Boys: White polo shirt and khaki shorts.

No Croc/flip flop type footwear is allowed. All long hair must be tied back. Please remember to apply sun protection cream when necessary to protect children's skin.

Waterproof coats are still needed in June in case of rain.

School Calendar

All pupils have received a copy of the school calendar for 2016/2017.

Health and Safety at the gate

Parents, guardians and siblings (older and younger) are once again asked to stay outside the yellow box at the gate when collecting children at 1.30 p.m. and 2.30 p.m. Please wait until your child's class is brought forward and your child has told the teacher that he or she has seen the person collecting them. **Under no circumstances are children to be let stand on top of the wall near the bicycle shelter at this or at any time.** These procedures are in place for the safety of all involved. Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Active Week :

Active Week will take place from **Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June**. There will be an assembly for the children on Monday to launch it. We will have Taekwon-Do sessions, skipping workshops, GAA, yoga and plenty more activities throughout the week.

Our annual **Sports for All day is on Tuesday 31st May**. As always we will need parent help with this. If you are free on this day and are willing to help out, please let your child's class teacher know. Let's hope it is not a washout this year!

Please keep up the Active Homework with your child! Especially now the weather is finally picking up. Get active and have fun! Remember our slogan: **Be Active Every Day, In a Fun & Healthy Way!**

Cake Tins and Containers

Still some left in the Halla to be collected!

Lost Property

Last chance to have a rummage to find that long lost glove ,hat etc.

