

# Newsletter

## JUNE 2016

St. Patrick's Junior School Parents' Association



### RECENT EVENTS:

#### **COMMUNION BREAKFAST**

Congratulations to all the boys and girls who made their Communion. We hope they and their families had a wonderful day. Thank you to parents of First Class children for all the lovely food, all of which was very gratefully received on the day, by all parents of the outgoing Second Class. Also, special thanks to everyone who helped decorate the Halla, especially Claire Holmes and Sarah Gahan, who put a lot of effort into making it look so lovely.

#### **ANNUAL FUNDAY**

The children absolutely love this event and this year was no exception. They had great fun with their classmates playing all the games and enjoying themselves. The day was rounded off with refreshments for everybody. The Parents' Association would sincerely like to thank John and Carol O'Connor for really putting the fun into the Annual Fun-day for the last few years, coming up with new ideas and games and for managing to make each year more successful than the previous one, but mostly for giving the children a 'fun-tastic' day to remember every year.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- **JUNIOR INFANT PARENT COFFEE MORNING: FRIDAY SEPT. 2<sup>ND</sup> IN THE HALLA**
- **SOUNDWAVES BOOK&DVD SALE: SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPT.**

#### **A SPECIAL THANK YOU....**

We could not end the year without thanking Kate Monaghan for her tireless work with the School garden, which is looking very nice indeed lately and also for all her tender loving care looking after the chicks every year too! Thankyou Kate.

**AND FINALLY....**Wishing you all happy and healthy summer holidays from all on the Parents' Association!



## Parents Association Members and Contact Numbers

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## Notes from the Principal



### PARENT HELPERS

Many thanks to the parents who accompanied classes from the school on class outings and on summer tours this year. For health and safety reasons, teachers cannot bring pupils outside the school unless they have enough parent helpers to give a ratio of one adult to every eight children. In this case, when we say we couldn't do it without you, we **really** mean it!!

### PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Our Parents' Association plays a very important part in the life of our school. All staff members of the school wish to thank all members of the PA, particularly the committee, who put so much effort into enhancing your children's enjoyment of school throughout the year.

If you have an hour or two to spare or can help out in any way, please ring any of the committee members. Their numbers are listed above and they will be very glad to hear from you!

### SLÁN AGUS BEANNACHT, KATHY!

After many years' service in our school we must sadly say good bye and thank you to Kathy Sheils who will be retiring at the end of this year. Kathy has been a wonderful SNA and colleague and the board of management, staff, pupils and parents of the school wish her a long and happy retirement. Go raibh céad míle maith agat as ucht do chuid oibre, Kathy, agus go n-eirí leat.

### GIFT POLICY

Parents are reminded that it is school policy **not** to give presents to the staff (teachers, SNAs, secretary, caretaker) at the end of any school term.

A card made, illustrated and signed by your child is always acceptable and indeed a treat in itself. Many thanks.

### ACTIVE FLAG

We have been working hard to make our school an Active School this year. We increased the range of sports and activities offered through the PE curriculum, and made more use of movement activities to transition between classes during the school day. As part of our continuing work towards achieving an Active Flag we held an **Active Week** in May and we piloted an after school activity club, **Be Active ASAP**, during May and June. Children in the school are members of our Active Schools Committee and they ensure that our Active School's Motto: "**Be Active Every Day, in a Fun and Healthy Way**" is taken seriously by everyone in the school community. A special thank you to Ms. Dungan, who has co-ordinated our work on the Active Flag and to all the teachers who gave of their time and energy to make it such a success.

### ACTIVE WEEK

"Taster" sessions of lots of different activities were provided for all our pupils. Everybody enjoyed trying the different activities. The sunny weather certainly helped too!!

### BE ACTIVE ASAP

This after school programme was very successfully piloted during May and June this year. The programme was delivered by teachers and parents after school on Wednesdays. Well done to the total of 20 parents and 11 teachers who helped deliver the programme, and the 50 + children who took part.

### SCHOOL REPORTS

Many thanks to those parents who provided a stamped self-addressed envelope for the secure delivery of their children's end of year report.

### BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The Board of management wishes to thank parents and teachers for your hard work and co-operation this year. Best wishes for a safe and sunny summer to all members of our school family.