

# Newsletter

September 2018

St. Patrick's Junior School Parents' Association

Scoil Phádraig  
Naofa Na Sceirí



## Welcome Back!

Welcome back to what we hope will be another great year at St. Patricks JNS. It is our intention to issue a monthly newsletter to keep everyone up to date.

A big welcome to all our new Junior Infant Parents, we hope your little ones have settled in nicely. Make sure to like our Facebook page – **St.Patrick's Junior School Parents Association, Skerries** – where you will see details of any upcoming events and any other information that needs to be communicated to parents.

## Update on P.E. / Yard Equipment

Last April we held a very successful fundraiser specifically to purchase new P.E. and Yard Equipment. We have to date purchased 2 new basketball nets with back board, new basketballs and Jerseys. We have also purchased 30 Yoga Mats. We are currently in discussions with the P.E. co-ordinator in the school to decide what else is needed. There are plans to provide a Mud Kitchen and Sand Box area and once all these are finalised we will let everyone know.

## Recent Events

### Junior Infant Coffee morning



As always this was a great success. Lovely to see so many parents getting together for a welcome cuppa and a chat this year. A great turnout!

### Junior Infant Photos

A very big thank you to Phillip O'Neill Photography for doing this year's school photos. Well done to all the Junior Infants and thanks also to the helpers on the day who made sure the 'shoot' ran very smoothly. All Junior Infants will receive order forms over the next few weeks.

## Upcoming Events

### Maths Week



This year Maths week is scheduled for 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018 inclusive.

Maths week is a lovely opportunity for parents to see their children at work. Parents from Senior Infants, First Class and Second Class are invited into the classroom each morning for 20 mins (9.10 – 9.30 am) to play maths related games with the children. The children really enjoy maths week. Notes will issue closer to the date requesting volunteers for each class.

### Hallowe'en Disco



We are delighted to welcome back the 'Halloween Disco' again this year. It will be on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018. For those new to the school this is a day where the children can come to school in their Halloween Costumes if they wish and we have a disco in the halla. It is always a great success and the children really enjoy it. As this is a Parents' Association fundraiser, children can bring in a voluntary donation of €1 on the day which will be collected by their teachers.

### Christmas Cards

Every year each class designs their own Christmas Card and the finished product is available to order. The children will soon be completing their pictures. Update and order forms will be issued shortly so keep an eye out for this note. This is always a great fundraiser for the Parents' Association.

### Fiver Fever

Last year at the request of a number of parents it was decided to suggest an optional initiative for birthday parties called 'Fiver Fever'. The idea is that the maximum value of all birthday presents is €5 whether in cash, voucher or present form. If you wish to opt in simply put 'Fiver Fever' on the party invitations so people are aware. This is entirely optional and if it is not for you feel free not to take part.

## Committee Members and Contact Numbers

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## Notes from the Principal



### Welcome back to School!

The Staff and Board of Management of St. Patrick's JNS welcome all our pupils, both new and returning, as well as their parents. We all look forward to a happy and busy year together.

### Active Schools

We continue our whole school 10@10 (10 minutes of exercise at 10 am) on the first Friday of the month this year. Please ensure all pupils are wearing the school tracksuit and runners on the day. Active homework is back with many suggestions displayed around the school. If your child has begun a new sport/gymnastics or other active hobby, or achieves a personal goal in their activity we are hoping to feature them on our Active Wall in the halla.

### Green Schools

Work continues on our application for the eighth green flag. For this flag, we will be focussing on Global Citizenship and Marine Life. Any parents who can contribute to our application for this Green Flag or who wish to help with Green School Activities are asked to contact Ms. Grimes or Ms. Spillane.

### Health & Safety Notice

Parents and guardians are reminded that they must wait in the mornings for a member of staff to open their door to the building.

Adults are kindly asked to closely supervise children with them at drop off and pick up times.

The school will open to receive pupils at 8.50 am each morning. **No responsibility is accepted for pupils arriving before that time.** Gates will close promptly at 9.10am. No pupils should arrive later than 9.00am. Your continued co-operation in this matter is deeply appreciated.