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School Community Newsletter

School Run and Colours Day

Thank you sincerely to all who helped organise the school run – the marshals, water boys, chefs, committee members, time officials, the race director, venue hosts, BBQ organisers, food and refreshment providers, Parents Association and participants. €2000 was raised for the astro-turf pitch. €504 was raised from the Colours Day for the astro-turf pitch. Construction of the astro-turf pitch has now started and is expected to take eight days.

Communion

Congratulations to all second class children who made their First Holy Communion recently. Thank you to Ms. Coughlan and Mr. Collins for preparing the children so well, Deirdre and Carmel for their support, Catherine for the booklet, the First Holy Communion Committee for their work all year, the Parents Association and volunteers who provided refreshments and Fr. Tom for the lovely ceremony.

School Reports

School reports will be issued before the end of the school year. Please note that the majority of children are 'managing comfortably'. For an understanding of STen scores, please see the following information note which is also in the Newsletter Section of this website:

http://www.ncca.ie/en/Curriculum_and_Assessment/Parents/Primary/Standardised_Tests/STenEng.pdf

Teachers for 2016/2017

Junior Infants: Ms Neville and Ms. Sheahan

Senior Infants: Ms. Quinn (Ms. Neville's current JI) and New Teacher (Ms. O' Dwyer's JI)

1st Class: New teacher

2nd Class: Mr. Collins (Ms. Quinn's current 1st) and Ms. Coughlan (Ms. Neylon's current 1st)

3rd Class: Ms. Parkinson (Ms. Coughlan's current 2nd) and Ms. Curtin (Mr. Collins' current 2nd)

4th Class: Ms. O' Keefe (Ms. Collins' current 3rd) and Ms. Collins (Ms. Parkinson's current 3rd)

5th: Ms. O' Donovan

6th: Ms. Ryan (Ms. O' Donovan's current 5th) and Mr. Crowe (Ms. Curtin's current 5th)

Support teachers: Ms. Guckian, Ms. Carey, Ms. O' Rourke, Ms. O' Dwyer and two new teachers.

Please note the recruitment process is underway and new teachers will be appointed before the end of the month.

Retirement

Ms. Quinlan will be retiring at the end of this school year. Ms. Quinlan has worked in Parteen since 2001. She had worked in different schools

before Parteen and brought a wealth of experience to this school. She has taught across the full range of classes and most recently worked in the support setting. She also was in charge of Numeracy and Attendance in the school. Ms. Quinlan has been a very dedicated and committed teacher and will be missed by staff and pupils alike. We wish her health and happiness in her retirement.

Appointment

Ms. Sheahan has been appointed as a permanent teacher in the school. We congratulate her on this and wish her well in her teaching career in Parteen N.S.

Clothing Recycling

There will be a clothing collection on Tuesday, June 14th. Shoes are allowed but please bag them separately. There will be a €100 prize for the class that collects the most bags. Money raised will go towards the astro-turf pitch. Bags can be dropped on Friday June 10th, Monday June 13th and on Tuesday, June 14th to the school hall between 8.30am and 9.30am.

Booklists

Booklists will be added to the website and you will be notified by text.

School Payments

School payments for September will be explained on the booklist. Like last year, you will receive a text with a link that will allow you to pay online. Please note that this text will relate to payments for the 2016/2017 school year. You will be able to pay in stages.

Uniform

Reminder – Limerick Sports Store will still provide the PE top next year and we are moving to Fennessy's after that. Please ensure you follow the uniform policy.

School T-shirts

The Parents Association are organising the sale of navy t-shirts with the school crest. They are a high quality sports material and they dry very quickly. They will be on sale at the school gate at 1.30pm and 2.30pm this evening and on Friday. They cost €7.50 for one and €20 for three. They can also be purchased in the school hall at 9am on Monday and Tuesday next and on Sports Day.

Play or Park

The Parents Association have registered us with Topaz Play or Park. If you are registered with this please log into your account and select Parteen NS Sports Club #3244. Please note that we are not encouraging anyone to shop in any particular shop – just if you happen to be with this company already we can benefit from your selection of us as a club to support.

Early Closing - Infants

Junior and Senior Infants will finish at 12.10 on Friday, June 17th. We are having the new infants in that afternoon and all the infant teachers are needed to assist.

French and Spanish

The Spanish and French club are delighted to announce that they will be hosting a breakfast morning, Thursday 16th of June at 9.40am in the school hall. The children who participated in the Spanish and French club will get the opportunity to taste Spanish and French cuisine. Well done to all the children that participated in Spanish and French club.

Adiós, Au revoir,

Ms. O'Kelly & Ms. O'Rourke

Early Closing

On Friday, June 24th J1-2nd will finish at 12.10 and 3rd-6th will finish at 12.15 as we have staff training on the new Primary School Language Curriculum.

Nursing Home Link

The Pupils of Parteen N.S. are getting involved in 'Nursing Home Ireland Week' in conjunction with Athlunkard Nursing home. The pupils were invited to be part of this special week by the activities coordinator in the nursing home. They will be writing essays and poems and also creating art pieces that will bring a smile to the elderly people who reside in Athlunkard Nursing Home. It is a wonderful opportunity to appreciate the elderly people in our lives! Thank you to Ms. Coughlan for organising this.

Hurling Helmets

Thank you to Mark Kennedy and Parteen G.A.A. for the donation of 20 new helmets. They will get great use.

Kind regards,

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