



*Parteen National School*

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### *School Community Newsletter*

*Welcome back to all pupils and teachers. We currently have 363 pupils in our school.*

*Please ensure you read the 'Reminders for Parents' at this stage of the year. A copy is the Newsletter Section of this website and in your child's homework journal.*

*Please adhere to the uniform policy strictly so as to be fair to all families. Crests and ties are available from Catherine in the office. The policy is in the Policy Section of this website.*

*The extension and astro-turf pitch are fully complete. Parents and the local community are invited to the **official opening** of both at 11am on Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>.*

*No child should arrive on the premises before 8.50am. Supervision and access to the premises is from 8.50am on. See details on the 'Reminders for Parents.'*

*Welcome to Ms. Needham, Ms. Meskell who were appointed over the summer. Welcome back to Mr. Hickey and Ms. Neylon who were*

reappointed over the summer. Welcome to Mr. McGrath who will be here two days per week and to our two new SNAs, Louise Whelan and Laura Corcoran.

The Homework Club is now up and running – contact Ms. O’ Donovan on 0852850511 for enquiries. For enquiries about the Morning Club contact Derek O’ Halloran on 0868877909.

Please support Parteen GAA & Parish Night Out at the Dogs in Limerick Dogtrack on Saturday, October 15th. Tickets are €10, Children go free! See Parteen GAA website/FB for more information. It is a fundraiser for a new sports hall.

The Parents Association **AGM** will take place on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to the Parents Association who are organising the sale of the **school calendars**. Money raised will go towards the running of the Association e.g. refreshments for events, treats for children, running costs.

If you would like to **volunteer** for specific Parents Association activities without joining the actual committee e.g. volunteer to help with a specific fundraiser, please leave your name with Catherine.

Both 3<sup>rd</sup> Classes are taking part in a Junior **Ranger** Programme in conjunction with our local ranger, David Lyons.

The school will be **closed** for one day for staff training in the Primary Language Curriculum. We will notify you once we know the date.

**Literacy-Lift-Off** is currently taking place in Mr. Collins’ 2<sup>nd</sup> Class and **Mata sa Rang** is taking place in Ms. Neylon’s 1<sup>st</sup> Class. These are literacy and numeracy initiatives involving team teaching.

*Please ensure that all children who are picked up at 1.40pm stay with you if you are waiting outside to pick up more children at 2.40pm.  
**Children should not return to the school grounds after their home-time.***

***Thank you** to the following teachers who have volunteered to run the after-school activities outlined below; these activities give the children wonderful experiences and we are very **grateful** to the teachers involved.*

*Ms. O' Donovan and Ms. Ryan are training the **hockey** team on Thursday after school on the astro-turf pitch.*

*Ms. Guckian, Ms. O' Dwyer and Ms. Needham are training girl's **football** on Tuesday after school on the astro-turf pitch.*

*Mr. Collins, Mr. Hickey, Mr. Crowe and Ms. Neylon are training boys' **football** after school on Thursdays in Parteen G.A.A.*

*Ms. Sheahan is offering **singing lessons** after school on Thursday and Fridays for 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> class. Please send in a note to Ms. Sheahan before September 30<sup>th</sup> if you would like your child to join.*

*Ms. Parkinson and Ms. O' Keefe are holding **choir practice** each Wednesday after school.*

*Kind regards,*

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*Gerard Ruane*

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*Mairéad Guckian*