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**School Community Newsletter
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Enrolment

The closing date for enrolment applications in February 1st. Enrolment application forms and the enrolment policy are available from the office.

Classroom Assistants.

We welcome our four classroom assistants, Padraic, Maeve, Daniel and Emily, who will be with us until the end of June on placement from the University of Limerick. They are primarily working in the larger classes but are timetabled to help in all classes at various stages during the week. Thank you to Ms. Carey for organising this.

Book Fair

We received approximately €2400 worth of books as commission from a total spend of €4000 at the book fair. Thank you to all who purchased books, to all teachers for running it with their class and Ms. Carey for organising it.

Bake Sale

€900 was raised from the Christmas bake sale. Thank you to all who contributed and purchased goods and to the Parents Association for running it. This money is going to the Outdoor Project.

Christmas

Sincere thanks to the teachers in 3rd- 6th who put huge work into the Christmas performances. It is greatly appreciated by everybody. Thank you to Ms. Guckian and Fr. Tom for organising the Christmas Mass.

Chess Club

Chess Club will resume on Tuesday, January 22nd and will run until Tuesday, April 9th. The club is open to boys and girls in 5th and 6th. It is for all levels from beginners to advanced. The club starts at 2.40pm and ends at 3.40pm. Please contact Ms. Needham with queries. Thank you to Ms. Needham for offering this.

Relax Kids Club

Thank you to Ms. Barry and Laura for setting up the Relax Kids Club for 3rd & 4th after-school.

Rugby

Rugby training with Munster Rugby has been postponed again. It will now take place after April.

Welcome Back

Welcome back to Ms. O' Rourke who has returned from maternity leave. We will welcome back Ms. Curtin on February 6th. Thank you to Mr. Breen and Ms. Quilty for their service.

School Closure

The school will be closed on Monday, April 29th, for staff training in the Primary Language Curriculum. The school will also be closed on Friday, May 24th as the school will be used as a polling station.

Outdoor Project

In November the screed floor for our sensory room was laid and just before Christmas a team of workers from Steeltech erected a 6m x 4m high-spec cabin on site. Works to complete wiring, flooring and wall cladding are progressing.

Works to install a series of raised planting beds at the front of our school will commence before the end of January. An exciting spring of planting seeds and plants is ahead of us!

Thank you to Mr. Crowe for organising the sensory room and school garden.

Thank you to Paul Barry who is helping us with the decision on playground equipment suppliers. Thank you to Ms. Quinn and Ms. Neville who are assisting with the design of the play area. We hope to apply for planning permission by the end of January. Please see the images below of play equipment we are looking at. The full description of the Outdoor Project is available in the Newsletter Section of www.parteenschool.ie.



Thank you
Kind regards,

Gerard Ruane

Mairéad Guckian