



Parteen National School

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Welcome Back

We wish all our pupils and staff all the best for the new school year.

Invitation to Family Day

We are officially opening our playground, sensory room, sensory garden and vegetable garden on Tuesday, September 24th. There is an open invitation to mass at 10am followed by ribbon cutting at 11am. As a treat for the children, we are having a pet farm. All families are invited to attend the school at the time outlined below to visit the pet farm and playground with their children. We have booked a marquee should it rain.

Class	Per Farm	Playground
Ms. Neville and Ms. Ryan	9-9.30	9.30-10
Ms. O' Keeffe	9.30-10.20	10.20-10.40
Ms. Coughlan	10.20-10.40	10.40-11.00
Ms. Needham	10.40-11.00	11.00-11.20
Ms. Sheehan	11.00-11.20	11.20-11.40
Mr. Neylon	11.20-11.40	11.40-12.00
Ms. Collins	11.40-12.00	12.00-12.20
Ms. Curtin	12.00-12.20	12.20-12.40
Mr. Crowe	12.20-12.40	12.40-13.00
Mr. Collins	12.40-13.00	13.00-13.20
Ms. Barry	13.00-13.20	13.20-13.40
Ms. Cuddy	13.20-13.40	13.40-14.00
Mr. Hickey	13.40-14.00	14.00-14.20

Thank you to Paul Barry for helping source the playground equipment and to Ms. Ryan and Ms. Neville who helped select the playground equipment and design. Thank you to Mr. Crowe who organised the construction of the school gardens and sensory room and to Tony Grant for flooring the sensory room free of charge.

Smooth Running of the School

You have received a text asking you to read 'Reminders 2019 2020' on the Newsletter Section of www.parteenschool.ie. Please make sure to read this. As the year progresses please ensure you read the texts and newsletters. Communication is a two-way process. We put great energy in ensuring families are informed about school news and equally there is a responsibility on families to read this communication

Congratulations

Congratulations to Breda Mulready who got married over the summer. We wish Breda and her husband a long and happy life together. Congratulations to Mr. Crowe who is now the Major of Clare. Well done to Ms. O' Keeffe who made it onto the Irish Tag Rugby team.

Team Teaching

Literacy-Lift-Off has started in Ms. Needham's 1st Class and will run there for the next five weeks. Graded Reading has starting in Ms. Cuddy's 6th Class. Lift-Off will take place in all classes from Senior Infants to 2nd Class over the year and Graded Reading will take place in 3rd to 6th. These team-teaching initiatives involve children reading intensively at their level and progressing this over an intensive block. Mata sa Rang has started in Ms. Coughlan's 1st Class – this will take place in Senior Infants to 2nd over the year and involves team-teaching based on number. Outside of this, team-teaching in literacy and numeracy takes place in classes throughout the year. Thank you to all teachers involved in these initiatives.

Classroom Supplies Payment

Thank you to all who have already paid the classroom supplies money. This pays for 24/7 personal insurance, homework journals, photocopying and Art & Craft Supplies. If you have any difficulty in making this payment, please contact us. All queries will be dealt with in the utmost confidence.

Fundraising

Thank you to all who supported the school walk last May. A total of €2171 was raised. All fundraising from last year and this year is going into paying for the playground, vegetable garden, school garden and sensory garden. The total cost is €50,000 with €25,000 coming from the Board of Management and €25,000 through Parents Association fundraising.

€362 was raised for Down Syndrome Ireland through ice-cream sales on sports day. Thank you to Ms. Guckian for organising this, the Parents Association for their help and all who contributed.

Calendar

The Parents Association will be taking photographs for the school calendar on Friday. Order slips will be sent home. This fundraiser is for the running of the Parents Association and money raised is used for refreshments at Communion and Confirmation, school events, treats for children etc.

Epayments

This year, we are going to try and collect all money via ePayments. A lot of time is spent counting and lodging coin and cash, we are charged a lot to lodge coin and many parents/guardians no longer have cash on them. Epayments is a safe and secure method of payment and you get an automatic receipt. We run several colours days a year and we collect €2 per

pupil a number of times. In October, we will ask for €8 to cover all colour days and this will cover all the dress up days for the year. This is fundraising and goes to paying for the playground, gardens etc. as previously mentioned.

Relax Kids Club

Thank you to Ms. Barry and Laura Corcoran will run the Relax Kids Club for six weeks after Halloween. They will send out a letter with the exact details.

Hockey

Thank you to Ms. O' Donovan and Ms. Cuddy for running hockey training on Thursdays from 2.40pm-4pm.

Football

Thank you to Mr. Hickey, Ms. Collins and Ms. Neylon who are training the boys in Parteen G.A.A. on Thursdays from 3pm to 4pm. Thank you to Ms. Needham, Ms. Guckian and Ms. Quilty who are training the girls on the astro-turf pitch on Tuesdays from 2.40pm to 3.40pm.

Choir

Thank you to Ms. Parkinson and Ms. O' Keeffe who are starting choir, tomorrow Wednesday, from 2.40pm – 4pm. New entrants must purchase a white shirt for choir events.

Collections

Please be ready to collect your child at least 5 minutes before the after-school activity.

Parents Association AGM and Talk

The Parents Association AGM will take place on Tuesday, October 8th at 6pm for 15 minutes. The minutes of the last AGM are available here:

<https://parteenschool.ie/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Parents-Association-AGM-Minutes-2018.pdf>

There will be an election as per the constitution of the Parents Association which is available here:

<https://parteenschool.ie/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Parents-Association-Constitution.pdf>

From 6.15pm to 7.15pm John Lonergan, former Governor of Mountjoy Prison, will give a general talk on parenting entitled 'Parenting – the Challenges and Rewards'. This is a very interesting and informative talk which John has given to parents in primary schools across the country.

Kind regards,

Gerard Ruane

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