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School Community Newsletter

May 2021

Services for Parents

To book a slot in the Morning Club, contact Derek on 0868877909.

To book a slot in the Infant After School Service, contact Mary on 0866081814.

To book in to Speech and Drama, contact Ms. Neville on msneville@parteenschool.ie

Homework Club, Art Lessons and Easter and Summer Camp will be reviewed in September as per our next Covid Response Plan Review.

Lunch Delivery Service: We will register incoming pupils before September.

Junior Infant Induction

We will host a meeting for incoming parents via Zoom on Monday, May 24th at 1pm. We will text the link in advance.

Sacraments

Confirmation: Saturday, August 28th at 10am for Ms. Cuddy's and 11.30am for Mr. Hickey's.

Communion: Saturday, September 18th at 10am for Ms. Coughlan's and 12noon for Ms. Needham's.

First Confession will take place during school without families present. You will receive notice through Google Classroom.

Book Lists

Book Lists will be uploaded to the school website in May and you will be alerted via text.

School Calendar

The school calendar for 2021/2022 is now available on the Text-a-Parent App. Click on 'Events' at the top of the page. School reopens on Wednesday, September 1st.

Closures for Remaining School Year

Friday, June 4th: School Holiday

Monday, June 7th, Bank Holiday

Tuesday, June 8th: School Holiday

Early Closing

Wednesday, June 30th. Early Closing and Colours Day. Infants 12 noon/ 1st-2nd 12.10pm /3rd-4th 12.20pm /5th 6th 12.30pm.

Class Allocation for 2021/2022

Current Teacher and Class	Teacher and Class for 2021/2022	Room
Ms. Barry's 5 th	Mr. Hickey's 6 th	Mr. Hickey's Room
Mr. Collins' 4 th	Ms. Barry's 5 th	Ms. Barry's Room
Ms. Quilty's 4 th	Ms. Cuddy's 5 th	Ms. Cuddy's Room
Ms. Neylon's 3 rd	Ms. Quilty's 4 th	Ms. Quilty's Room
Ms. Sheahan's 3 rd	Mr. Collin's 4 th	Mr. Collin's Room
Ms. Coughlan's 2 nd	Ms. Neylon's 3 rd	Ms. Neylon's Room
Ms. Needham's 2 nd	Ms. Sheahan's 3 rd	Ms. Sheahan's 3 rd Room
Ms. O' Keeffe's 1 st	Ms. Needham's 2 nd	Ms. Needham's Room
Ms. Neville's Senior Infants	Ms. O' Keeffe's 1 st	Ms. O' Keeffe's Room
Ms. Meskell's Junior Infants	Ms. Coughlan's Senior Infants	Ms. Coughlan's Room
Ms. Ryan's Junior Infants	Ms. Neville's Senior Infants	Ms. Neville's Room
Junior Infants A	Ms. Ryan	Ms. Ryan's Room
Junior Infants B	Ms. Meskell	Ms. Meskell's Room
Note: Junior Infant A and B will merge in September 2022 to one class.		

Support Teachers: Ms. O' Rourke, Ms. O' Donovan, Ms. Carey, Ms. Guckian, Ms. Parkinson, Ms. O Dwyer, Ms. Collins (Shared Support).

Sports Day

We have been advised by the DE that parents cannot attend sports day and classes must stay separate from each other. We are in the process of making arrangements to ensure children still benefit from a fun sports day. Class arrangements will be published via Google Classroom.

Graduation

6th Class Graduation will take place on June, 25th at 1pm in class. Parents will be invited to join via Zoom. The DES issued guidance that we are not allowed to have parents join us for Graduation. The teachers are planning to make it as special as possible and we are very grateful the children can graduate together in-person.

RSE

Margaret McInerney, RSE Facilitator, will complete an RSE Workshop with Mr. Hickey's 6th Class on Wednesday, June 2nd and Ms. Andrew's 6th on Thursday, June 3rd. Full details are being sent home with each child in 6th.

Student Council: Message from 5th Class.

5th Class are in the process of setting up a School Council. There will be 2 children elected in each class to represent them. (1 boy and 1 girl) We intend to work closely with the principal, BOM, the Parents Association and whole school community to make positive changes at Parteen National School. Working on the School Council allows us to promote pupil voice, develop leadership skills and confidence. We will organise fun events, as well as develop systems for increasing pupil voice in all aspects of school life. We can't wait to get started!

Some activities we hope to introduce in the future include: new events such as a Christmas Fair or Halloween Hooley, working on green issues such as recycling, supporting the PA with events, forming a 'Welcoming Team' for visitors to our school and creating a School Council newsletter. Watch this space!

Appointments and Staffing

We welcome the following teachers: Ms. Raftery who took over from Ms. Needham on Monday, May 10th; Mr. O' Looney who will take over from Ms. Neville on Friday, May 14th; Ms. McMullin who took over from Ms. O' Dwyer and Ms. Whelan who took over Ms. Andrews caseload as she returned to 6th replacing Ms. Cuddy.

All of these appointments are for this school year only. Recruitment for the remainder of the aforementioned maternity leaves will take place over the summer and you will be notified of the appointments.

The recruitment process for the new Principal is underway and you will receive notification once the process is complete.

Ms. Siobhán Prendiville will not be returning from her career break as she will be continuing her career with the Children's Therapy Centre. We thank Siobhán for her service to the school. She had a particular love of infant education and brought this joy to her classroom. She was very involved in Aistear and led the development of this play based learning in our school. We thank her and wish her continued success in her career.

Breada Mulready has retired from Parteen National School. Breada has been a special needs assistant in Parteen National School for almost 20 years. Breada was totally dedicated to the care of each child assigned for her. Breada contributed greatly to the spirit of Parteen National School with her generosity. Each year the sacramental class received a special order of chocolate bars from Breada. Breada was extremely generous with her time, arriving early and staying late supporting teachers. We wish her a happy and healthy retirement. We congratulate Tracy Madden who has been appointed to fill the SNA vacancy.

Debating

Sophie Ryan, Aaliyah Wyse and Alannah Hickey in Ms. Cuddy's 6th class made it through to the final in the Concern Debating competition. Thanks to Ms. Andrews and Mr. Hickey's class in helping with their preparation too. Well done girls!

Parteen G.A.A.

Parteen G.A.A. wish to inform you that hurling is starting for boys aged 5,6 and 7 on May 12th, 19th, 26th and June 7th at 6pm. Contact Denis on 0863986186 for more details.

Athletics

Sincere thanks to Ms. O' Donovan, Ms. O' Keeffe, Louise, Ms. Andrews and Mr. Collins who have resumed athletics training on Thursday from 2.40-3.40pm. Notifications for classes is through Google Classroom.

Teaching Practice

We welcome two teachers on their teaching practice placements. Ms Iseult Ní Chonail is with Ms. Raftery and her students in 2nd class. Our former student Ms. Erin Slattery is with Mr. Collins and his 4th class students. We wish them the very best for the next few weeks.

New Flooring

Thank you to Ms. O' Rourke, Catherine and Liam for their work in organising the reflooring of the last four carpeted rooms. All classrooms now have marmoleum. Thank you to the teachers for their cooperation.

Swimming

We have booked swimming classes in Grove Island for next year's 4th, 5th and 6th classes. They will go ahead if Covid restrictions allow

Each swimming lesson will be from 10am to 11am. Bus will depart Parteen at 9.30am and return at 11.30am.

6th: Wednesday October 6th, 13th and 20th, November 3rd, 10th and 17th.

Both 4th Classes Wednesday January 19th, 26th, February 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd.

Both 5th Classes: Wednesday April 27th, May 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th and June 1st.

School Reports and Testing

School Reports will be issued towards the end of June. Please make an appointment with the class teacher if you have any queries. Please note that the majority of children are 'managing comfortably'.

Standardised Tests will be completed in Irish, English and Maths in 1st-6th Class. The Sten score will be noted in the school report. Please see an explanation guide here:

https://ncca.ie/media/1400/english_tip_sheet_sten.pdf

Classroom Supplies

Payments for Classroom supplies will be organised through Aladdin. You will be able to pay in stages. The first request will come at the end of July. It will read ‘ There is a new payment due for your class. Please use the following secure link. The link will give you the amount due and if it is for a family the total amount will appear. The minimum payment is set as €10 which allows any amount above €10 to be paid so you can spread out payments. To make further payments you can do so by following the link in the first text you receive. Each time a payment is made the original amount is reduced by that payment. Reminder texts will be issued at intervals in August.

Uniform Policy

<https://parteenschool.ie/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Uniform-Policy.pdf>

BOM Meeting

Please see the Agreed Report from our latest meeting: <https://parteenschool.ie/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/BOM-Agreed-Report-5-5-2021-1.pdf>

Kind regards,

Ger and Mairéad

A Final Note

I will be finishing in Parteen at the end of May. I would like to sincerely thank you for your support and work since I became Principal in March 2014. It has been an incredible seven years. Parteen National School is a fantastic school with a wonderful atmosphere. It has been absolutely wonderful working with you all. I will really miss you all and treasure the memories of my time in Parteen. I wish you all the best for the future. I will give the new principal every support in making a smooth transition to the role.

Kind regards,

Ger