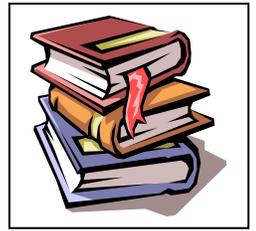




St. John's N.S.
Ballisodare
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Parents Association:

The Parents Association play an important role in our school and act as an important link between the staff and pupils. They also organize and subsidise activities, such as the swimming lessons, the trip to the Pantomime and French classes for the senior pupils, which enhance the lives and opportunities of all our pupils. The Parents Association held their A.G.M on Tuesday 7th October and the following officers were elected to serve on the committee for the year.

Chairperson - Gillian Connolly. Secretary - Sinead Gallagher. Treasurer – Brid Cotter. We wish them all the best for the coming year. The Parents Association meetings are held in the staffroom on the first Tuesday of every month and any person is welcome to attend.

Trip to Pantomime:

The trip to this year's Pantomime, Jack & the Beanstalk is on Sunday night 7th December. Attached to this newsletter is a booking form. If you would like to go, please fill in the form and send it with the money to Geraldine in the office. The Parents Association have block booked 170 tickets which will be allocated on a first come – first served basis.

Athletics Meeting:

Unfortunately due to poor weather conditions, the Supervalu Athletics Festival was postponed last Friday 3rd October. It will now take place on Friday 17th October.

Pupil Safety & School Security:

At our recent staff meeting, it was decided in the interest of pupil safety, that the doors of the school will be locked every morning at 9.25am. Any pupil arriving after that time will have to ring the bell, report to the office, sign in and then proceed to class. All visitors/parents coming to the school during the day will be requested to sign in at the office.

Mobile Phones:

Parents, please ensure that your child does not bring a mobile phone or other electronic device into school. If any pupils need to contact parents during the school day they will be allowed use the phone in the office. In exceptional circumstances (i.e. a pupil going away after school) parents are requested to write a note to the teacher and the phone will be kept in the Principal's office until 3pm. Bringing in a mobile phone to school is a breach of school discipline and is a yellow card offence as outlined in our code of conduct.

Jewellery:

The only jewellery allowed in a school is a watch. I have noticed a very small minority of pupils are wearing earrings. Any pupil who got their ears recently pierced are requested to remove them during school hours, once the initial six weeks are up. Your co-operation in this matter would be deeply appreciated.

Do This In Memory Of Me:

The enrolment ceremony for the Do This In Memory of Me programme for those pupils in Second Class preparing for First Holy Communion is on next Sunday morning at 11.30am Mass in St. Brigid's Church, Corhownagh.

**Thanking you,
David Dillon & Staff.**

