

St. Colmcille's Parents' Association Winter Newsletter 2016/17



JUNIOR INFANTS COFFEE MORNING



The first Parents' Association event on the Calendar was on the first morning back to school, so we hit the ground running! We hosted a coffee morning for the Parents of the New Junior Infants. This is always a lovely introduction to the school, especially for parents who have never had a child in the school before. It's a chance to meet other parents with children in the same classes and to hear

updates from Mr Boyle as to what to expect over the months ahead. This year there are 208 junior infants. They all looked so adorable in their uniforms. You forget how small they are, so cute! There was a fantastic turnout and it was particularly great to see so many dads there this year. Mr. Boyle spoke briefly, many cups of tea and coffee were consumed and a lot of parents and grandparents stayed chatting until it was time to pick up their junior infant at 12. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped on the day and also for the very positive feedback we have received from the parents whom attended the event.

MS CORDUFF



On the 6th of September, we marked a very special anniversary for the Vice Principal of the Junior School, Ms. Ita Corduff. It is hard to believe that 40 years ago Ms. Corduff became a teacher at St. Colmcille's Junior School! On behalf of the parents & students of the school we presented Ms Corduff with flowers and a picture on a canvas of the old junior school with the following inscription:

'Every child deserves a champion - an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists that they become the best that they can possibly be'

Ms Corduff on behalf of the parents and pupils both past and presents, of St. Colmcille's Junior National School, THANK YOU for being that champion and inspiration to so many

Ms Corduff was totally overwhelmed and absolutely delighted by the gifts and warmest wishes she received from the parents and grandparents of the school. She is extremely appreciative to all for making her 40th anniversary in St Colmcille's such a memorable one.



DEFIBRILLATOR



We are delighted to update you that The Parents' Association Committee, on behalf of all the parents in the school, purchased and donated a defibrillator to the schools. We also provided for the training of teachers in the use of the defibrillator and this is due to

take place in November. We used the money raised through our last colours day to purchase this equipment. The defibrillator will be located in the central atrium between both schools.

A.E.N.



There will be five **A.E.N.** (Additional Educational Needs;) coffee mornings this year. It is fantastic to have the support teachers from the Junior School speaking at each of these events. A note was sent home to everyone with the dates of all the coffee mornings for this year and we will

be putting reminders about the coffee mornings on our website closer to the dates. Our website address is www.stcolmcillespa.com

WEBSITE

We are currently working on updating our website to make it more user friendly. This year we will also have a facebook page - details to follow. Our aim this year is to connect with as many parents as possible.

P.A. COMMITTEE

We would like to acknowledge the committee members that stepped down from the committee at the end of June: Deirdre Farrell, Ruth Connolly Devlin, Stephen Gilligan, Niamh O'Connor & Pauline White. Thank you for all your hard work, ideas, support & great laughs.

We would also like to welcome our new committee members: Barbara McMahon, Laura Camuñas, Monica Hicks, Roisin Tallon & Annmarie Rivero.

A.G.M.

The A.G.M. took place on the 29th September from 7.00-8.30 p.m. This year we did not have a speaker as we felt it was important to give our members, the parents a chance to give their views and feedback. Yvonne Dunn, our chairperson, gave a detailed overview of what was achieved last year and set out the goals for this year. Sharon McAllister read our treasurer's report and also gave an update on the PA's accounts for the year. We felt it went very well and feedback from the parents who came was very positive.

St. Colmcille's Parents' Association Committee 2016/17



Chair:

Yvonne Dunn

Yvonne has three children in the school. They are in first, fourth and sixth class.



Vice Chair:

Erika Roche

Erika has two children in the school. They are in first and third class.



Secretary:

Sarah Balen

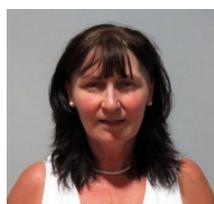
Sarah is the mother of a senior infant.



Treasurer:

Tracy Griffin

Tracy is the mother of three children currently in junior infants, second and fifth class.



**Events Mgmt
Co-ordinator:**

Barbara Mahon

Barbara has one child currently in third class and also has a grandchild in first class.



**Events Mgmt
Co-ordinator:**

Michelle O'Reilly

Michelle is the mother of three and her children are in senior infants and fifth class.



Newsletter Co-ordinator:

Fiona Ni Mhurchu

Fiona has one child in the junior school in senior infants.



Newsletter Co-ordinator:

Una Gibbons

Una has two children in the senior school, in fourth and fifth class.



AEN Co-ordinator:

Kathryn Gorman

Kathryn has two children in the school. They are in second and fourth class.



NPC Rep:

Barbara Kelly

Barbara has one child in the school. Her child is in senior infants.



BOM Liaison Officer:

Sharon McAllister

Sharon has one child in the school. Her child is in fifth class.



Barbara McMahon

Barbara has three children in the school. They are in senior infants, second and fourth.



Laura Camuñas

Laura has one child in the school in first class.



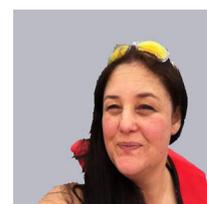
Monica Hicks

Monica is the mother of three children. They are currently in junior infants, second and fourth class.



Roisin Tallon

Roisin has two children in the school. They are in second & fifth class.



Annmarie Rivero

Annmarie has one child in the senior school, in sixth class.