



# *Scoil an Tamhnaigh*

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17 October, 2023

Dear Parent(s),

I would like to bring the following to your attention in this October newsletter.

### **Parent Teacher Meetings:**

Parent teacher meetings this year are scheduled for Monday November 13<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday November 14<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday November 15<sup>th</sup>. The date and time of your meeting will be sent home next week.

### **Board of Management Parents' Representative:**

The 2019-2023 term of the school's Board of Management finishes on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023. This will require elections and the appointment of new members of the Board of Management, including two parent nominees (one being a father and one being a mother). An important letter with all the details about appointing 2 parents to the Board of Management will be sent home this week.

### **Halloween Dress-up Day and Disco:**

On Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> of October children may come to school in Halloween Costume/Fancy Dress. Weather permitting the children will take part in a Halloween parade at school.

On Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> of October the Toonagh Hall Committee are having a Halloween Disco at 7p.m. This promises to be a fun evening for the children and see poster attached to this newsletter. The organisers need some parents to volunteer for a few jobs like the teas/coffees and tuck shop. Any volunteers please contact Toonagh Hall Treasurer Grace Corcoran on 086-3850003 in the next week. All monies raised from the disco goes towards the upkeep of the hall and sports complex which the children of the school get great use from.

### **Team Hope Christmas Shoe Box Appeal:**

The children of Toonagh N.S. are again supporting this worthwhile charity. Many thanks for your continued generosity over the years to this charity. You received an email with the details last week along with the labels for the shoeboxes. Labels are also attached to this newsletter. The final day for donation of shoeboxes will be Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> of November.

### **Christmas Annuals:**

Orders may be placed for Christmas Annuals again this year and the order forms will be sent home soon. When the order forms are received, please send back the order form and correct amount to your child's teacher. Each sibling that wants an annual must send back their own form and money to their own teacher. Noelette will have more details on this soon.

### **School Planning and School Self Evaluation (SSE):**

We are continuing to review our teaching and learning for School Self Evaluation (SSE). At our recent half in half out staff meeting the teachers discussed the area for review. We would like your input in this area and we will be sending home surveys to parents and pupils. The information gathered from these surveys will help us with the development of a School Improvement Plan. The surveys will be online and you will receive a link. Many thanks.

### **Jolly Phonics Spellings Programme:**

For spelling practice we are using the Jolly Phonics Word lists throughout the school. Please ensure that your child practises their prescribed spellings each night.

### **Active Schools Programme:**

As part of our Active School's Programme and our Active Flag, we have organised 'walking and talking' before school starts each morning. The children are enjoying this wellbeing and exercise activity in a safe and supervised environment. Thanks to Mr. Eustace and the staff for coordinating this enjoyable healthy activity each morning. During this year we will be reapplying to renew our Active School School Flag.

### **Secondary School Open Days - Sixth Class Pupils:**

Please see the secondary school websites for details of their open days and the date applications are accepted from or you can contact the secondary schools directly for this information.

### **Party Invitations (Infant Classes only):**

Invitations to parties may be distributed in the Junior and Senior Infant Classes at school. However, in all other classes, we would ask that you issue invitations to children outside of school time, as it can cause upset and disappointment to some children if they don't receive an invitation. We hope you understand this situation and we appreciate your consideration on this matter.

### **School Sport:**

- **Cross Country:** Well done to all the boys and girls from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class who took part in the North Clare Cross Country competition in Lees Road. All the children acquitted themselves very well and a number of children have progressed onto the County Finals on Tuesday November 14<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Ms. Garrahy, Ms. Cullinan and Mr. Eustace for training our runners for this event.
- **Gaelic Football:** Our Boys and Girls football team have training on Mondays and Thursdays after school. They are taking part in the Cumann na mBunscol Football blitzes this term and we wish them well in these competitions. Our girls' team have qualified for the semi-final. Thanks to Ms. Cullinan and Mr. Eustace for training our footballers.

### **Christmas Concert:**

The children are looking forward to our Christmas Concert this year. It will take place on Thursday December 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 7pm.

### **Parents Association (PA) News:**

- **Clothes Collection:** The date for the first clothes collection fundraiser this school year is this **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> of October**. Drop off times are 9-10am, 1.45 – 3pm, and 6.30 -7.30pm. Please support and spread the word among anyone who may be doing a clear out of old clothes. Thank you.
- **Calendar and school photos:** The Parents Association have been busy taking photos for the 2024 school calendar. They are taking individual, siblings, class & month photos and creating a calendar. More details will issue soon.
- **Book Fair:** It will take place Wednesday November 15<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday November 22<sup>nd</sup>. The PA and Noelette will issue further details at a later date.
- **Recent AGM:** Thanks very much to the parents who have volunteered to help out with the PA this year.

### **Important Dates coming up:**

- **Friday October 27<sup>th</sup>:** School closes for Halloween mid-term break. Halloween Dress up day!
- **Monday November 6<sup>th</sup>:** School reopens after Halloween mid-term break.
- **Monday Nov 13<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday Nov 14<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday Nov 15<sup>th</sup>:** Parent Teacher Meetings.
- **Wednesday Nov 15<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Book Fair.
- **Thursday December 7<sup>th</sup>:** Christmas Concert starting @7pm.

*I wish you all well for the rest of the month and thanks for your continued support.*

*Gearóid Roughan*

Principal

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- Tick the relevant age box.
- Glue the back of the label and stick to the top right hand corner of your box (using tape if necessary).

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