



Letter from the Parents' Association Chairperson

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we count down the days to the holidays it is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of another school year.

The PA has been busy again this year doing the following:

We provided €500 from the Parents' Association funds to help with the cost of transport for 6th and 2nd class educational tours including the puppet show held in the school, which we believe was enjoyed by the children and teachers alike.

September

We welcomed junior infant parents as they started their primary school journey along with any new parents who joined other classes. Thank you to the parents who helped on the morning.

October

Was its usual busy month preparing for the annual Hallowe'en disco and thank you to all the parents who helped on both nights. The children enjoyed their disco especially 3rd as it was their first outing. The funds raised from the disco covered our Christmas costs which was fantastic.

November

The annual book fair was a great success this year with the most money being raised and again thank you to all the parents for buying the books and accessories. 60% of the money raised went back to the school for books whether for the library or individual classes. Thank you to the parents who gave up their time to help during the week.

December

We helped facilitate the school concert and was a great evening. The children and teachers did an amazing show and was enjoyed by all. Thank you to the parents who helped on the evening and also Anthony Keating from KSigns who donated banners for the concert.

Christmas cards, this is our major annual fundraiser and thank you to all parents who supported. The children are always proud to show off their original works of art. Without these cards being supported the PA would not have the funds to provide financial support, catering/treats or even decorating events in the school. It is greatly appreciated and needed.

Santa came to visit and this year provided selection boxes for all the children in school. A big thank you to Alan Jordan of Centra Johnstown who provided the selection boxes. It was greatly appreciated.

Junior nativity, they were so excited to show off their hard work and they were amazing. The PA was on hand to give chocolates to parents upon arrival and also sweets to the children after their performances.

January

We did a cash for clothes fundraiser and thank you once again for the support. Upon request we did a second collection in April which was just as successful.

February

The school had an amazing week with the St Brigid's celebrations this year and Sabina Higgins visited the school and met with the students, teachers, BOM and indeed the chair and treasurer of the PA. She informed us she started the Parents' Associations within schools and was delighted to see the PA being so active and working together to enhance children's school life.

April

The PA did not do Easter eggs this year but did provide a sweet treat to all children on the last day of school.

May

We were delighted to facilitate the communion reception for 2nd class children, and they all looked fabulous in their attire. Thank you to the parents for bringing their children and thank you to the parents who helped on the day. A special

thanks to the 1st class parents who donated or baked treats for the party, it was very much appreciated.

We also gave all the communion teachers, confirmation teachers and choir teachers a Lindt gift box as a thank you on behalf of their class.

June

Graduation is upon us. The PA wishes every success in the future to all our 6th class children who are finishing their primary education this year. The PA are delighted to host the graduation reception for all the students and their families. We have a surprise gift for all 6th class children which will be given out on the night. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to help on the evening. We have some exciting new plans for the next school year which we will begin working on in September, starting with an information night for any parent who wishes to know more or indeed join the PA.

Until then I wish you all a restful and hopefully a sun-filled summer.

Anne Marie Keating