

**Important Dates for the coming school year**

**Christmas Movie Time**

The P.A. has organized a movie event which will be held in the School on Friday 6th December. All Classes 2pm-4pm. See below for further details.

**Christmas Carol Service**

The Christmas Carol Service will take place in Cushinstown Church on Wed 18th December at 7.00 pm.

**P.A. Charity Coffee Morning**

Supporting Light It Up Gold, the coffee morning will take place again this year on the last day of term Friday 20th December from 9:15 to 12:30. Parents welcome to drop in for a cuppa and a chat at any time and all kids welcome to drop in for a hot chocolate. Venue TBC.

**Christmas Holidays**

The school will close on Fri 20th Dec (12 noon) and reopen on 6th Jan 2020.

**In-Service Day** 14th January 2020 School will be closed.

**Parent Teacher Meetings**

Thurs 23rd January 2020 from 3:15pm onwards.

**School Mass** is Thursday 30th January 2020.

**Grandparents Day** is Friday 31st January 2020.

**Midterm break** will occur from 17th – 21st Feb 2020

**St Patrick’s Day -** School closed 16th & 17th March 2020

**Easter Holidays**

The school will close on Fri 3rd April and reopen on 20th April 2020.

**Facebook**

Please check our Facebook page for up to the minute updates.

www.facebook.com/Cushinstown-NS-Parents-Association

Educational Tours

Christmas Movie Event

The Parents’ Association is organizing a movie afternoon in school on Friday December 6th for all classes. A Christmas movie will be shown in each classroom from 2pm to 4pm with popcorn and drink provided. If your child would like to attend, please send €5 in an envelope with child’s name to the class teacher by Wednesday 4th December.

Hamper Donations

We would like to express a huge thanks to all who donated to our Christmas Hampers appeal. The support received was superb. The hampers assembled for presentation at the Senior Citizens Christmas Party were fantastic and were received with great appreciation.

Volunteers Required

Volunteers are requested for the following:

* Christmas Movie event on 6th December - please contact a committee member by Monday 2nd December if you are available to assist
* Coffee morning 20th December (Venue TBC) – if interested and potentially available please contact one of the committee.



Parents’ Association Committee 2019 - 2020

The following Parents’ Association Committee members were elected at the last annual general meeting in September 2019:

* **Chairperson:** Mairead Stafford (087 1249013)
* **Vice Chairperson:** Joanne Maher (086 0258523)
* **Secretary:** Amanda Barron (087 2465695)
* **Treasurer:** Siobhan O’Connor (087 9922500)
* **Assistant Treasurer:** Mary Roberts(087 6152945)
* **PRO :** Carol Roberts(087 6229147)
* **Committee Members:** Mairead O’Brien (087 9784209)

Eimear Wall (087 6989257)

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As agreed at the recent P.A. meeting, the PA will again organise and fund a number of Educational Trips for the pupils this year. The aim is to avail of the many fun, and often free, educational outings which are beneficial for the pupils. Details of these trips are set out below:

* **Jnr/Snr Infants** – TBC in next term
* **1st Class** – New Ross Fire Station and Library on 3rd December 2019
* **2nd Class** – Library Wexford – Fighting Words, Right to Read on 31st January 2020
* **3rd Class** – Attended the Military Barracks, Kilkenny on 14th November 2019
* **4th Class** – Attended the Military Barracks, Kilkenny on 14th November 2019
* **5th Class** – Attended Carlow IT on 5th November 2019 as part of the Science Week Programme and received tour of the college
* **6th Class** – will attend Engineering Week at WIT in February 2020 (Date TBC)

Visit by Dental Hygienist

The P.A. recently organized for a hygienist to visit the junior classes in the school. Junior infants, Senior infants and 1st Class were taught about oral health including a demonstration on how to brush your teeth.

Fundraising

The P.A. will run one fundraiser this term which is the Christmas Movie Event on 6th December 2019 in the school. All monies raised will go towards the P.A. funding various initiatives throughout the year including the educational tours, donation to the school for resources, school garden etc.

Tesco Coupons

The P.A. would like to ask parents to nominate them for the Tesco Community Fund (Blue Tokens). Forms available at Customer Services in Tesco.

Class Representatives

A parent has been nominated for each class to take on the role of class representative. These parents volunteered at our recent P.A. meeting. The class representatives can be contacted directly in relation to any ideas or recommendations you may have. The class representatives this year are as follows:

**Jnr Infants** –Eimear Wall – 087 6989257

**Snr Infants –** Andrea Hodgson – 086 1721806

**1st Class –** Mairead O’Brien – 087 9784209

**2nd Class** – Eileen Bolger – 087 2822846

**3rd Class** – Linda Barry – 087 9588785

**4th Class** – Debbie Byrne – 087 2271724

**5th Class** – Karen Hennessey – 087 8256369

**6th Class** – Anne Kent – 087 8337601

Training

The new members of the Parents Association attended a training session hosted by the National Parents’ Council on 14th November in the school. This session provided an insight into the role of the P.A. and the responsibilities undertaken within each role in the committee. The training session was hugely beneficial and will help guide the work of the P.A. throughout the year.

Volunteers/Support Group

If any parent is interested in helping at P.A. events, we would be delighted with the support. You may not be available for all events, however if you can assist with part of an event, please contact the Chairperson, Mairead Stafford, and your name can be added to the WhatsApp group. The idea is to allow the P.A. to contact all parent volunteers when help is required and determine availability.

Contact us

Please follow us on FaceBook ‘***Cushinstown N.S. Parents’ Association’*** for updates on activities and events.

Queries

Questions, comments or suggestions – please contact any member of the P.A. committee. All ideas/contributions welcome!