Educational Tours

Parents’ Association Committee 2018-2019

The following Parents’ Association Committee members were elected at the last general meeting in September 2018:

* **Chairperson:** Eileen Bolger (087 2822846)
* **Vice Chairperson:** Debbie Byrne (087 2271724)
* **Secretary:** Andrea Hodgson (086 1721806)
* **Treasurer:** Anne Kent (087 8337601)
* **P.R.O.:** Emma Mooney (087 9751863)
* **Assistant P.R.O.**: Brídín Moloney (087 7536316)
* **Committee Members:**

Ann Finn (087 7657564)

Amanda Barron (087 2465695)

Leanne McClafferty (089 4133242)

Debbie Byrne (087 2271724)

Hamper Donation

We would like to appeal for donations for our Christmas Hampers that are put together and presented by the Parents’ Association to the Senior Citizens of the parish. Food donations or items suitable for Christmas hampers can be made any time from now to Fri 30th November by dropping them into the school

Volunteers Required

Volunteers are requested for the following:

* Hamper assembly for Senior Citizens on first week of December, date will be announced and the more helpers we have the better!
* ‘It’s Movie Time’ event (Fri 30th Nov)
* Coffee morning (Fri 21st Dec).

If interested and potentially available please contact one of the committee.



**Important Dates for the coming school year**

**It’s Movie Time!!**

The PA have organized a movie event which will be held in The School on Friday 30th Nov. There will be four separate screenings and times are on the ‘It’s Movie Time’ flyer that went out to parents.

**Christmas Carol Service**

The Christmas Carol Service will take place in Cushinstown Church on Wed 19th December at 7pm.

**PA Charity Coffee Morning**

Supporting Light It Up Gold, the coffee morning will take place again this year on the last day of term Fri 21st Dec in the old school from 9:30 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 after school closes at 12!

**Christmas Holidays**

The school will close on Fri 21st Dec (12noon) and reopen on 7th Jan 19

**Parent Teacher Meetings**

Thurs 24th Jan 3:15pm onwards

**MidTerm break** will occur from 18th - 22nd Feb 2019

**Easter Holidays**

The school will close on Fri 12th Apr (12pm) and reopen on 29th Apr 2019

**Facebook**

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

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

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**Cushinstown NS Parents’ Association Newsletter**

As agreed at the recent PA meeting, the PA will again organise and fund a number of Educational Trips for the student classes this year. The aim is to avail of the many fun and often free educational outings that are beneficial for the students. Some trips have been agreed with the school to run this year (others are planned but details are yet to be confirmed):

* **Jnr/Snr Classes** – TBC in next term
* **1st Class** – Library & Fire Station (Date TBC)
* **2nd Class** – TBC in next term
* **3rd Class** – TBC in next term
* **4th Class** - TBC in next term
* **5th Class** – Attended as part of Science Week Programme & College Tour, Carlow IT – 12th Nov
* **6th Class** – To attend activity at Engineering Week at WIT in March 2019.

Fundraising

The PA will run one fundraiser this term which is the ‘It’s Movie Time’ event on 30th November 2018 in the school. Details outlined on flyer.

All monies raised will go towards the PA funding various initiatives throughout the year including the educational tours, donation to the school for maths programme, resources for school garden etc.

Milk Scheme

There are currently discussions in relation to possibly starting a milk scheme at the school. An ‘Expression of Interest’ form will be sent to all parents shortly to gauge interest.

PA Contribution

PA were happy to contribute €500 toward a new maths programme called Numicon at the school as voted unanimously at the recent PA meeting.

‘Hatching a Plan’

Exciting news at the school to follow in the new year…

Mock Presidential Election 2018

Another successful mock election was held by some of the parents with 5th and 6th classes on 19th October to debate the six presidential election candidates prior to the Irish Presidential Election on 26th October. Some lively debate was had and the children had no problem picking a winner as they gave a resounding victory to Michael D. Higgins with 70% of the vote on the day!

WhatsApp Volunteers Group

If any parent is interested in adding their number to the WhatApp group, they can contact the PA Chairperson Eileen Bolger (087 2822846). The idea is to allow the PA to contact all parent volunteers when help is required for a PA event to determine availability.

Class Representatives

There is a nominated parent for each class who will take on the role of class representative. These parents volunteered at our recent PA meeting. The class representatives can be contacted directly in relation to any issues, queries or recommendations you may have. Any queries requiring further information will be followed up.

The class representatives this year are as follows:

**Jur Infs** –Breda Kinsella (0876606227)

**Ser Infs –** Carol Roberts (087 6229147)

**1st Class –** Joanne Maher (086 02258523)

**2nd Class** – Geraldine O’Brien (087 7743205)

**3rd Class** – Lorraine Rossiter (087 6755169)

**4th Class** – Siobhan O’Connor (087 9922500)

**5th Class** – Marie Roberts (087 9008283)

**6th Class** – Tina Noonan (087 6865904)

Queries

Questions, comments or suggestions – please contact any member of the PA committee or email cushinstownp.a@gmail.com.

All ideas/contributions welcome!