



Guardian Angels' National School - *Your* Parent Teacher Association Newsletter January 2020

Dates for your diary

This term:

**Book Fair: 10th/11th/12th
Feb during school –
details to follow**

**6th Class Confirmation
preparation – the
Ceremony of light: **Wed
12th Feb at 19.30****

**2nd Class Communion
preparation – First
Confession:
**Wednesday 4th March
at 19.30****

**Dunnes stores bag
pack:
**Saturday 21st March
10am - 6pm (56
volunteers needed)****

**Confirmation: **Friday
27th March at 11am (5th
Class volunteers
needed)****

**PTA Pub Quiz: **April
date and details to
follow!****

Third Term:

**First Holy Communion:
**Saturday 9th May at
11am (1st class
volunteers needed)****

**Sixth Class Graduation:
**Wednesday 24th June
at 7.30pm****

Welcome Back!

Happy new year to all the families at Guardian Angels! We hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas holidays and are now settled back into school and looking forward to another fulfilling term.

Before Christmas we saw our infant classes excel themselves at their nativity plays and concerts. They all enjoyed themselves and I think all those who attended had their hearts touched! We were also delighted at the success of the new stage, which proved the perfect platform for our young talent.

The carol service was another wonderful evening. All the children, especially the readers, flag bearers, choir, soloists and musicians, were full of energy and festive spirit and the night was enjoyed by audience and participants alike. The St Vincent de Paul collection was another success, so thank you for all the goods that you contributed.

The first and third classes participated in a Shakespeare festival at the Mill theatre in Dundrum. The kids loved being on the stage and were even featured on the news2day programme on RTEJnr. Thank you to the teachers who helped them prepare.

The Christmas cards were fabulous! Thank you for supporting this lovely fundraising activity which raised over **€2000!**

The school was delighted to install **two new whiteboards** into Ms McNeice's 2nd and Mr Howley/Ms Whelehan's 4th classrooms. These whiteboards were funded by the PTA from the various activities in the first term. The feedback has been that they are brilliant!

There are a number of events upcoming over the next two terms that we will be looking for volunteers to help with. **Please** give what time you can to these events as it is only with **your** help that we can carry them out and the funds raised make a significant difference to the children's experience at school. Please see the next page for where you can sign up or talk to one of your PTA members for more info!

Unwanted gifts: If you have received any unwanted gifts, bottles, chocolates, etc – please consider donating them as prizes for the upcoming events in the school. Simply drop any items in to the school for the attention of the PTA or email at ptaguardianangels@gmail.com.

PTA Members 2019/2020

**Tim Chapman; Anne-Louise McDermott; Patrick Flynn; Frances Wosser;
Catherine Greenan; Louise Kelly; Kevin Burn; John Murray; Iva Bedzula;
Ciara Calder; Jennifer Inglis; Anne-Marie Carroll**

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DUNNES STORES BAG PACK – This is one of the biggest fund-raising activities of the year. We need 56 volunteers! Children under 16 cannot bag pack, but each slot is only 2 hours, so please do try and find the time to sign up!

WHEN?

Saturday 21st March

The day runs from **10am to 6pm** with 4 slots of **2 hours** each.

HOW?

Simply click on the Doodle link and add your name next to the slot that suits you.

<https://doodle.com/poll/k6rts99gz3z3udqb>

CONFIRMATION – The 6th classes will be making their Confirmations in March. The school holds a tea/coffee morning after the service for the kids and their families. I think anyone who has had any experience of this will agree that it is a lovely way for the kids to celebrate with their friends and for the parents and extended families to meet each other and have a chat. This year we are encouraging **parents in the 5th classes** to volunteer to help out, bearing in mind they will be enjoying the morning as guests the next year!

WHEN?

Friday 27th March

The service is at **11am**. Volunteers will be needed to set up before hand from about **11.30am** and clear up afterwards.

HOW?

Simply click on the Doodle link and add your name.

<https://doodle.com/poll/sxrucchi6brgkn8cy>

COMMUNION – the 2nd classes will be making their Communions in May. This is a Saturday morning event and like the Confirmation is a GANS hosted tea/coffee morning for the kids and their families following the service. This year we are asking the **1st class parents** to volunteer for this event, again, bearing in mind that they will be participating the following year.

WHEN?

Saturday 9th May

The service is at **11am**. Volunteers will be needed to set up before hand from about **11.30am** (this is normally a busier event than the Confirmation) and clear up afterwards.

HOW?

Simply click on the Doodle link and add your name.

<https://doodle.com/poll/cuf99ecak3i8z25k>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!