



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

February 2020

## **Dates for your diary**

### **Second Term**

**Book fair:** Feb 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> during school.

**Feb Midterm break:** 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> (inclusive)

**Dunnes stores bag pack:** Mar 21<sup>st</sup> (60 volunteers will be required)

**Confirmation:** Mar 27<sup>th</sup> @ 11am (5<sup>th</sup> class parent volunteers required)

**Easter Holidays:** April 06<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> inclusive (school closing at 12.30 on April 03<sup>rd</sup>)

**Pub Quiz and 50-year celebrations:** May 21<sup>st</sup> at Bakers Corners Pub

### **Third Term**

**First Holy Communion:** May 09<sup>th</sup> @ 11am (1<sup>st</sup> class parent volunteers required) [click here to volunteer](#)

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

**6<sup>th</sup> class graduation:** June 24<sup>th</sup> @ 7.30pm

**School closure for 2 half days to facilitate teacher training:** TBC

A rather chilly welcome to the Spring! However, the PTA committee met on 03<sup>rd</sup> February and has warmed up with regards to some exciting fundraising and social initiatives this Spring. The mornings are beginning to get a little brighter and there's a greater stretch in the evenings. Its also an opportunity to put your name down to volunteer for many ACTIVITIES on the PTA agenda for 2020. We would BE DELIGHTED WITH your help.



## **WHAT`S PLANNED THIS TERM?**

**Confirmation Ceremony:** As mentioned in last month's newsletter we are looking for parent **VOLUNTEERS** from the **two 5<sup>th</sup> classes (Ms. Campbell and Ms. Walker)** to help serve the teas and coffees for the confirmation reception in school Halla. Can you help? All you need to do is click on doodle below and enter your name. It's for less than 2 hours (11.45-1.30pm on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March). While helping our school and your fellow 6<sup>th</sup> class parents it can also be a social morning and chance for 5<sup>th</sup> class parents to meet up and have that chat!!!! And you can look forward to being the invited guests in March 2021 enjoying that cup of tea and coffee AND chat with your family and friends! Please click doodle link below to **volunteer**.

<https://doodle.com/poll/sxrucci6brgkn8cy>

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## **Cornelscourt Dunnes store Bag Pack on 21<sup>st</sup> March**

**(day before Mother's day )**: This will be focused on funds towards the health and safety of our children and teaching staff (PURCHASE of a defibrillator and associated training including first aid from a company called Heart Safety Solutions). We are hoping to get both 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class children involved in the training too. 2019 bag pack raised €2101. We hope to match or exceed this amount to cover the cost. See attached poster for more details.

**Information Leaflets:** The National Parents Council (NPC) offers several free information leaflets to parents on topics such as "Supporting your child's positive mental health and wellbeing", "Supporting your child's move from primary to post primary" and many more. Click on link below for further details. <http://www.npc.ie/helpline-information/information-leaflets>

**Safer Internet Day.** This day throughout Ireland is on 11<sup>th</sup> Feb. Please see link below for information, advice and free education resources addressing a range of internet safety issues and concerns for both young and older children. <https://www.webwise.ie/>

**School Bookfair:** The annual Scholastic book fair will be taking place at school on 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> February with Ms.Harten leading PTA and sixth class children helping.

**Mountains to sea dlr Book festival for children and families:** This is happening on 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> March. Click on link for further details. <http://mountainstosea.ie/>

**M & M Productions:** Thanks to our fundraising efforts before Christmas we are delighted to announce that all children in school will get to see the Hobbit showcased in our Halla on 05<sup>th</sup> May.

**GANS 50<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations:** The annual Pub Quiz will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> May in Bakers Corner Pub. We are hoping to celebrate GANS 50<sup>th</sup> birthday on that evening too. If any parents have any memorabilia (photos, stories from 1970 please forward on). The PTA is contactable at the following email address. [PTAGuardianAngels@gmail.com](mailto:PTAGuardianAngels@gmail.com). The school has organised for the garda band to come to the school on 17<sup>th</sup> June to celebrate the schools 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

**PTA looking for one new committee member:** A new position has arisen on PTA committee. If you are interested in joining you can E-mail or have a chat with any of [us](#) in the school yard. Please express your interest before 02<sup>nd</sup> March.

**Aldi play rugby promotion.** The PTA has applied for the poster. Please keep collecting the stickers. We will be in touch with more details once the poster arrives and let you know what to do with stickers that you have collected. Click here for more details <https://www.aldi.ie/playrugby>

**Gaelic Football:** A big thank you to John Murray from Cabinteely GAA club and parent in our school for bringing in the Sam Maguire cup. Up the Dubs!!!! Johnny Magee, Games Promotion Officer (GPO) with Cornelscourt based Geraldines P. Moran GAA club, is back in 2020 offering free GAA coaching throughout the year every Wednesday in the school. If anyone would like more information on this programme or other GAA or Geraldines related matters, don't hesitate to contact Johnny on 085 8035066 or check out the Geraldines website [www.geraldinesgaa.ie](http://www.geraldinesgaa.ie)

**Twitter:** In GANS our school loves to use twitter to tweet about what our children get up to. We tweet @Gans\_Blackrock



GUARDIAN ANGELS SCHOOL  
PTA FUNDRAISER

*Raising funds for the health and safety of our school*

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

BAG PACKING AT



**Saturday March 21<sup>ST</sup>**

**10am - 6pm**

GANS have four slots to cover on the day

## **10am-12pm / 12pm-2pm / 2pm-4pm / 4pm-6pm**

If you or a member of your family can spare 2 hours to help at the fundraiser or share a 1 hour slot with a pal then please get in touch with us: [PTAGuardianAngels@gmail.com](mailto:PTAGuardianAngels@gmail.com) to find out more about how you can help or log on & select your slot via the link,  
We need 15 people per slot to cover the tills in Dunnes.

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

*We have four prizes to give away after the bag pack.  
Each volunteer's on the day will be entered into the draw.*