



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

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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### TERM 1:

September 19 – First Holy Communion

September 26 - Confirmation

October 1 – PTA AGM – details TBC

October – Sponsored Walk – details TBC

October Mid-term – school closes Friday 23 (normal time) & reopens Monday November 2

Christmas Holidays – school closes December 22 (school closes at 12.30pm or as advised if times are still being staggered)

### TERM 2:

January 6 – school reopens

### **WELCOME BACK PUPILS, STAFF AND PARENTS!**

A new year has begun in Guardian Angels NS and what a comeback it has been. After 6 months the children were welcomed back to the new normal and everyone has embraced it! A massive thank you to Mr Ó'Néill and all the staff for the huge amounts of preparation that went into making the school a safe and happy environment to return to. And of course, a big thank you to the parents and pupils for following the new guidelines and making the return to school so smooth.

### **UPCOMING HIGHLIGHTS:**

- **First Holy Communion;** Sept 19 – congratulations to the children and families involved in this. Celebrations may be somewhat restricted, but it will not take away what a special occasion this is for the children.
- **Confirmation;** Sept 26 – likewise a big congratulations to last year's 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils who will be returning to the church to make their confirmations.
- **PTA AGM;** Oct 1 – this will also have to be a different event to previous years as we will hold the AGM via Zoom. There will be no guest speaker, but the PTA will be electing new members – 3 are needed, so please, contact the PTA at [ptaguardianangels@gmail.com](mailto:ptaguardianangels@gmail.com).
- **Sponsored Walk;** date TBC – we will be carrying out the sponsored walk as in previous years, but with a slight difference. We will not be issuing sponsorship cards, but instead will be asking each pupil to bring a €5 “registration fee” (or whatever amount above or below this that they feel comfortable with, max. €10 per family). Each class will be given a Sponsorship Bucket and pupils can put their donations in it thus eliminating a need for anyone to handle anyone else's money.
- **Christmas cards;** we will also continue to create the wonderful Christmas cards this year. Shortly, the teachers will be handing out the templates for the children to create their works of art that can be turned into Christmas cards for purchase later in the year.
- **Unfortunately, there will be no Halloween disco or cake sale this year.**

**Please read on for further details of the above...**



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- **PTA AGM:**

This will be held on October 1 via Zoom. If you wish to view the AGM, please contact the PTA and a link will be sent. Unfortunately, we will not be having a guest speaker, but we will be hearing the Treasurer's report from last year and inviting 3 new members to join.

**PLEASE** consider joining your PTA. The commitment is not a large one, there is only one meeting a month. However, there are (in a normal year) perhaps 2-3 events per term at which volunteers are needed. It is a fulfilling role where you get to have a say in many of fun events and activities our children enjoy throughout the year!

If you are interested please drop us an email at [ptaguardianangels@gmail.com](mailto:ptaguardianangels@gmail.com). You must attend the AGM where you can be officially voted in and we ask for a commitment of 3 years where possible from members.

**THERE IS A FORM EXPRESSING INTEREST IN JOINING THE PTA ATTACHED TO THIS EMAIL!**

- **SPONSORED WALK:**

We appreciate that this has not been a normal year for everyone and bearing this in mind we are having a slightly different sponsored walk this year. Instead of handing out the sponsorship forms we will be giving each class a Sponsorship Bucket. Each pupil can collect as much as they feel comfortable with and drop it into the bucket (suggested amount is €5 per child or €10 per family). Regardless of how much money a child brings in, they will take part in the walk. We will confirm a theme – probably wearing their favourite colour t-shirt – closer to the time. **This will be the only fund-raising activity this term, so we hope we can all make the most of it!**

- **AIR POLLUTION PROJECT:**

UCD are looking for parents who live around the school to get a traffic sensor placed in the window of their house. The sensor is relatively small, but requires power so needs to be near a plug. This along with an air quality sensor in the school will help monitor traffic and pollution levels around the school. If you are interested in taking part or have more questions please contact Sean Barry on [jacksbarry@hotmail.com](mailto:jacksbarry@hotmail.com)

**PTA MEMBERS 2020/21:**

Tim Chapman	Anne-Louise McDermott	Frances Wosser	Catherine Greenan	Louise Kelly
Kevin Burn	John Murray	Iva Bedzula	Jennifer Inglis	Anne-Marie Carroll



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**THERE ARE MANY LOCAL BUSINESSES THAT SUPPORT OUR MANY RAFFLES AND EVENTS. PLEASE TAKE THE TIME NOW TO SUPPORT THEM DURING THESE DIFFICULT TIMES.**

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- ✚ Bakers Corner <http://bakerscorner.ie>
- ✚ Cabinteely GAA <https://www.foxcabgaa.ie>
- ✚ Zip It Forest Activity centre <https://www.zipit.ie>
- ✚ L'occitane <https://ie.loccitane.com>
- ✚ Hire Here LTD <https://www.hirehere.ie>
- ✚ Stone Chat Jewellers <https://www.stonechatjewellers.ie>
- ✚ Elephant and Castle <https://elephantandcastle.ie>
- ✚ Pet Republic <https://www.facebook.com/petpublicireland>
- ✚ Explorium <https://explorium.ie>
- ✚ Southside School Sports <https://southsideschoolsports.com>
- ✚ 2 Beans Coffee Bar <https://www.twobeans.ie>
- ✚ Jump Zone <https://jumpzone.ie>
- ✚ Art & Hobby <https://www.artnhobby.ie>
- ✚ Spar Newtownpark Ave [https://www.spar.ie/store\\_locator/spar-blackrock-newtownpark-ave/](https://www.spar.ie/store_locator/spar-blackrock-newtownpark-ave/)
- ✚ Ted Baker <https://www.tedbaker.com/ie/>
- ✚ SuperValu Blackrock <https://supervalu.ie>
- ✚ M&S Blackrock <https://www.marksandspencer.com/ie/>
- ✚ Cafe Nero <https://caffenero.com/ie/>
- ✚ Stillorgan Cycles <https://stillorgancyclesmotorstop.com>
- ✚ Pavilion Theatre <https://www.paviliontheatre.ie>
- ✚ Platform 61 <https://platform-61-restaurant.business.site>
- ✚ Fitzone <https://westwood.ie/kids/fitzone-for-kids/>
- ✚ Milano <https://milano.ie>
- ✚ Nimble Fingers <https://nimblefingers.ie>
- ✚ Claphandies Parties <https://claphandies.com/realparties/index.php>
- ✚ Talbot Hotel Stillorgan <https://www.talbothotelstillorgan.com/index.html>
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