



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

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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### TERM 1:

**16 October** – Sponsored Walk – teachers will take their classes out for the walk. Children can wear their tracksuits.

**23 October** – children can dress up in Halloween costume for the last day of term. Please no costume props or accessories like teeth that children may be tempted to share!

**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:

**6 January** – school reopens

If you have any queries or questions for the PTA you can contact us at [ptaguardianangels@gmail.com](mailto:ptaguardianangels@gmail.com).

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome the new members of the PTA! **Mark Byrne, Dion Tallant, Ciara Higgins, Yvonne Lohan, Sunia Bringi** and **Padraig Thompson** have all joined the team. Sadly though, we said goodbye to **Patrick Flynn, Ciara Calder** and especially **Catherine Greenan**, who have dedicated so much of their time and expertise to the PTA over the past 3 years.

Things are going really well at school, despite the sometimes-unsettling news around us. A big thank you again to all the staff and parents for all their ongoing help and support in accommodating our “new normal”.

The PTA held their annual AGM on Zoom last week. There were 21 people in attendance and we heard a few words from Mr Ó’Neill, Tim Chapman (chairman of the PTA) and Annemarie Carroll (Treasurer of the PTA). We also voted in the new members and we can now work full steam ahead!

The annual sponsored walk will take place on **FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER**. The teachers will take their classes out for a walk in the park. The children should wear their school tracksuits. As we outlined last month, we will not be sending out sponsorship cards, but will instead set up a donation option on Aladdin (with the help of Mrs Collins) or we will also have **Donation Buckets** in the classrooms for anyone who prefers money or has donations from other family members to give. This is normally our biggest fundraiser of the term, so please do what you are comfortable with, we are suggesting **€5 per child (€10 per family)**. All the children will take part in the walk regardless of contributions. If you are not donating, don’t worry – Aladdin updates get sent school-wide and are not intended to add pressure!

On the last day of this half term, the four infant classes normally enjoy dressing up for Halloween. This year, however, as we are missing our Halloween disco, **ALL** the classes can come to school in their **Halloween costumes on Friday 23 October**. Please bear the restrictions in mind when deciding on your child’s costume and do not bring in any props or accessories that the children may be tempted to share!

Finally, the children have been working hard to complete their Christmas card templates. These have all been collected and a sample of your child’s card will be issued along with an order form just before half-term. We are hoping to have the option to place your order via Aladdin this year so watch this space!

