



Guardian Angels' National School - **Your** Parent Teacher Association Newsletter October 2015

Dates for your diary

School disco – Thurs

October 22nd

Communion enrolment –

Sun 25th October

Bag pack – Cornelscourt -

Sat 21st November

Confirmation enrolment -

Thur 3rd December

Cake sale – Fri 4th

December

Carol service - Thurs 10th

December

PTA Members 2015/16

Mary Mason

Kirsty Glenfield

Karen McDonagh

Sheila Mc Williams

Valeryana Allemand

Dani Sheil

Anne-Marie Murtagh

Gerry Cullen

Audrey McKenna

Fiona Duffy

Jocelyn Navarro

Linda Kelly

Contact details on school web site

Thank you!

Wow – what a great turnout! We would like to thank all the mums and dads who participated in the AGM of your Parent Teacher Association in September. We had a fantastic turnout. We welcomed 5 new PTA committee members, Mary Mason, Kirsty Glenfield, Karen McDonagh, Sheila Mc Williams and Valeryana Allemand. We would like to especially thank the outgoing members, Shandeep Momi, Elaine Deyman, Tina Byrne, Michele O'Malley and Sharon Foley for their wonderful contribution. Shandeep will remain as the Guardian Angels representative to the special education group.

Our guest speaker, Ms Sheila O'Malley who runs *Practical Parenting*, spoke to almost 70 parents on '**parenting in stressful times**'. Sheila's talk was informative, engaging, light-hearted and inter-active – thank you Sheila. We finished the evening with a glass of wine and chat.

We have lots more great events coming up between now and Christmas.

School Disco!

Thursday 22nd October

1st, 2nd, 3rd classes: 5pm to 6.30pm

4th, 5th, 6th classes: 7pm to 8.30pm

€5 for 1 child or €10 per family

++ fancy dress optional ++

Travelling to school safely

It is great to see so many of you making the effort to walk, scoot, cycle, park 'n' stride and use public transport. This helps ease congestion, promote healthy living and a greener environment. Parking a distance from the school makes a big difference. **School Warden** - where possible please advise children to cross the road using the school wardens – it's a good habit. Make sure that they dismount bicycles and scooters. Wait until the traffic has been stopped and the warden gives the signal before crossing.

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PTA Notice board October / November

BAG PACK: To support our school fund raising activities we are running a bag pack in Dunnes Stores, Cornelscourt on Saturday 21st November – can you spare 2 hours to help? **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - We need mums & dads to help cover just 2 hours only. Contact Gerry on 087 9870411 or any member of the PTA if you can help. It is a great opportunity for us to raise much needed funds for the school.

School disco: Due to popular demand and following the success of last year's disco there will be a school disco on Thursday October 22nd in the halla. 1st, 2nd & 3rd classes at 5.00pm to 6.30pm and 4th, 5th & 6th at 7pm to 8.30pm. Fancy dress is optional with prizes for the best costumes! Tickets go on sale soon! The cost is €5 per child or €10 per family. The PTA will also run a tuck shop for the evening. All children will be closely supervised. **Why not join the fun and volunteer to help run the event.** Call or text Karen McDonagh on 086 8214882.

+++ As we approach Halloween - making or buying a costume - please be aware of the dangers of flame and choking – some materials are highly flammable. Flowy dresses and capes can easily brush by a flame and accidentally catch fire +++

Sponsored walk success: Our annual Guardian Angels '**Sponsored School Walk**' in September was a great success. **Thank you** to all who designed the wonderful posters and participated in the walk. We would especially like to thank you for your support and generosity. One sponsorship card was sent per family. If you still have a card at home please return it to the class teacher.

Bags for school: **Thank you** to everyone who brought in clothes for our recent 'bags-to-school' collection. We raised €360. Hold on to those unwanted clothes for our next collection in the new-year.

Christmas cards: The children have been designing their own cards so we expect to have the cards back from the printers nice and early this year. In an age of texting, emails and social media it really is lovely to receive a Christmas card especially one that has been created by your child.

Sports and recreation: Over the Summer holidays the storage room for sports and recreation equipment had a complete re-fit with new shelving. Mr O'Neill highlighted that much of the old equipment needs to be replaced and your PTA will be assisting the school with funding new equipment. We will keep you posted with progress.

Head lice prevention reminder: One of the best ways to prevent your child catching head lice is to tie their hair securely every morning. Please make sure your child is not at risk from head lice by tying up their hair every day.

€ 5 birthday parties: Birthday parties can be expensive – have you heard about a 'fiver' party? Instead of every child bringing a gift, each child simply brings a 'fiver' in a card – that way the birthday child receives enough money to buy a nice gift of their choice, parents spend less and you are not left with unwanted gifts! Why not give it a try – everyone benefits.

Volunteers wanted: *Can you give a few hours? If you can, send your name and a quick text to Dani Sheil @ 086 8122847. The contact details for the PTA members has been updated on the school web site. The PTA post box is also located in the school lobby opposite the front doors.*