

PTA Newsletter

September 2020

HELLO LOVELY PARENTS,

Delighted to see all the children back into school and getting back into the swing of things. Thank you all for your patience and cooperation with all the new measures that we have had to implement in the school.

We had our first PTA meeting last week via ZOOM (for the first time!). Its was great. There were 31 attendees and it was particularly nice to be getting input on ideas from so many different people. We now have lots of plans for the coming weeks.

The fundraising we do allows us to get things for the school that the Dept of Education will not provide for. In the past, events like these, have built us the new astro-turf and the new playground.

Due to new measures in the school, we need to get more games for the classrooms as the children cannot share around the existing ones between the pods of 4 seats. We also need to make sure we will have an ample supply of hand sanitiser and blue paper towel (its amazing how much you go through). So we thank you in advance for your support.

1. Sponsored Walk – Weekend 26th-27th September

This event asks all the children to complete a walk (2km for the little ones & 5km for the bigger ones) to raise funds for the school. We have set up a Gofundme page with more info for the children to send around for donations.

Link for event: <https://gf.me/u/yzwcta>

Please take photos on the day your child goes for the walk and send them to PTA@letns.org so that we can create a special edition PTA newsletter showing off all the amazing children and their achievements.



Events

**Sponsored Walk –
Weekend 26th-27th
September**

**PTA AGM –
Wednesday 14th Oct via
ZOOM**

**Fancy Dress-Up for
Halloween - Friday 23rd
October**

Cycle Training for Parents

We are organizing training at the school in late Sept for those parents & children who cycle to school together. Contact Clair Mordue on **085 230 2309** to express your interest

2. PTA AGM – Wednesday October 14th (via Zoom)

We hope you can all join us for our AGM. We will be showcasing a video from inside the school to show off some of the changes inside that none of us have seen this year.

We will also encourage anyone who wants to join the PTA dream team to help organize all the various events, talks and initiatives we hope to do this school year.

The PTA exists to serve the parent body and be a voice for parents. We would love you to come along.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82092438758?pwd=c1lmZWZ0dWRQL1lncm05YnlLSjV6dz09>

3. Halloween Fancy Dress-Up Day – Friday October 23rd

It's a shame we cannot have the Halloween disco this year. But we still want to try to have some fun with it. So we are encouraging all the children to dress up for Halloween on Friday October 23rd. Lets put all those arts and crafts skills that were developed during lockdown into practice.

This is also a fundraising event (like the disco). We ask that each child bring in €2 that day.

Why not get the creative juices flowing by encouraging your child to build their own costumer or part of it? Like building the mask and decorating it or making a lovely neckless from scratch.

If you want to send photos into PTA@letns.org again also, we can get some of these added into the newsletter for all the parents to enjoy.

4. Class WhatsApp Groups for Parents

The class WhatsApp groups are an amazing way for the parents to communicate with each other. If its just to check what day PE is on that week, or perhaps to support each other or any other reason, these groups really help.

Please take the time to get added to your child's class group, if you are not already. All contact details you need are below.

Class WhatsApp Group Contact Details:

| Staff | Class | Parent Name | Contact |
|---------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Yvonne | Junior Infants | Marta Isopo | 087 061 1534 |
| Fiona | Junior Infants | Alina Gazda | 087 943 5659 |
| Anne Marie | Senior Infants | Clair Mordue | 085 230 2309 |
| Helen | Senior Infants | Christine Bolton | 085 768 3366 |
| Martina | 1st | Karen O'Shea | karen.oshea@gmail.com |
| Andrea | 1st | Shohida Meehan | 087 740 1461 |
| Deirdre | 2nd | Ellen Ward | 087 207 8647 |
| Claire | 2nd | Marta Isopo | 087 061 1534 |
| Derek | 3rd | Laura Greally | 086 855 3431 |
| Sharon | 3rd | Karen O'Shea | Karen.oshea@gmail.com |
| Muireann | 4th | Ellen Ward | 087 207 8647 |
| Sarah | 4th | Alexandra Cappigny | 087 662 3325 |
| Grace | 5th | Dilmeen Kaur | 085 871 7179 |
| Catriona/Ruth | 5th | Julie Colgan | 087 796 2069 |
| Therese | 6th | Barbara Sharkey | 086 172 1462 |
| Donal | 6th | Shohida Meehan | 087 740 1461 |
| Ian | Outreach | TBC | TBC |
| Sheena | Outreach | TBC | TBC |