

What's Happening This Year?



Welcome to our Autumn Newsletter

In this, our first newsletter of the 2016/17 school year, we would like to update you on upcoming event and activities of Robinstown Parent Association. We also extend a very warm welcome to all new parents and children to our school.

Chairperson

Suzanne Horgan 086 1751758

Shirley Lennon 086 3257638

Treasurer

Bernadette McLoughlin 087 2575233

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Diary Dates

- 8 Dec 2016 School Mass
- 10 Dec 2016 Christmas Fair
- 12 Mar 2017 Confirmation
- 13 May 2017 First Holy Communion

We were saddened to hear of the passing of our wonderful teacher, Lisa Brady, who was so well loved by pupils and colleagues. Our thoughts and prayers are with her mum, Margaret, and her brother, David, at this difficult time. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a h-anam dilis.

Textile Recycling Event

Our first Textile Recycling Event will take place on Friday 11 November. This is a great fundraiser for the school—our last two collections combined raised €1,296. In addition to this, a donation is also made by the company with whom we work to the wonderful LauraLynn Ireland's Children's Hospice charity.

This year, we came first in our band of schools for collecting the most clothing and our prize of a Samsung Tablet will be included in the prizes in our raffle at the Christmas Craft Fair.

Over the past six years, textile recycling has raised a staggering €8,940! It is great to see parents, children and community members coming together on behalf of the school. So get packing!

A huge thank you to Ann-Marie Kelleher who oversees and co-ordinates the entire event.

Parent Representatives

This year, we have parent representatives for both the junior and senior classes in the school. These representatives are a point of contact for any concerns or issues you would like to see discussed at Parent Association Meetings.

Infant Classes Jenny Finnegan 087 1338850

1st—6th Classes Ann-Marie Kelleher 086 8702016

Pumpkin Carving

Thanks to Mr Bradley for inviting the Parent Association to help 5th and 6th Classes with Pumpkin Carving. The pumpkins certainly brightened up the school grounds and set the scene for Halloween.



Christmas Craft Fair

The annual **Christmas Craft Fair** will be held on **11th December** to coincide with the Community Group's village tree lighting and visit from Santa.

There will be a meeting in the school library on Thursday 10th November at 9am to plan the Christmas Crafts. If you have any craft ideas, or are interested in helping out, we would love to see you there or hear from you. Please contact Shirley on 086-3257638 for further information.

In late November, the craft team will visit the school to make crafts with the children. These crafts will then be displayed and on sale at the fair in the Church Hall.

Each year, in conjunction with the Christmas Craft Fair, we run a **Christmas Raffle**.

We greatly appreciate the sponsorship of prizes we have received from parents and local businesses to date. We are making an appeal to you, the parents, to sponsor a prize this year. In return, we will advertise your business/ generosity on raffle tickets and on a display stand at the fair.

If you can help, please contact Ann-Marie on 086-8702016.



Road Safety

Our **childrens' safety** is of paramount importance. We must continue to be vigilant when driving in the vicinity of the school.

If using the drop and go system, please adhere to the rules which state that you drop and then move on. The system is designed to keep cars moving—it is not for parking.

PLEASE do not park in the designated disabled spaces.

If you would like to contribute to our next newsletter, contact **Suzanne** on 086-175 1758

We would like to take this opportunity to thank **Fiona Casey** for her hard work and commitment over the past two years as Chairperson of the Parent Association—you did a fantastic job! 

School Library

In March, we officially opened our school library which has proved a great success with all the children. They attend the library fortnightly to choose their books.

A huge thank you to **Shirley Lennon** and the Library Committee who undertook the task of setting the library up. Parents also volunteer to attend for the childrens' library visits to facilitate the running of the Library. We are very grateful to all parents who have volunteered their time and would remind you that new helpers are always welcome. Similarly, many thanks for all the generous donations of books—we are always happy to receive books! 

School Insurance Scheme

In September we, once again, organised a very successful **School Insurance Scheme** with Allianz Insurance. As the Insurance is organised by the Parent Association and was bought online, we received a 30% discount. This year we raised €365.40 so thank you to all who purchased.

Robinstown Community Lottery

The Robinstown Community Lottery is an important source of income for the school. Thanks to all who support the lotto.

Lotto Volunteer List; **November**—Miriam & Shirley; **December**—Fiona & Rhona; **January**—Bernie & Suzanne