



PTA Newsletter October 2014

PTA Committee 2014/15

On Tuesday October 7th we elected a new PTA Committee as follows:

Audrey Halpin	Chairperson
Karen Reilly	Vice Chairperson
Jennifer O'Brien	Secretary
TBC	Vice Secretary
Francisca Haro	Treasurer
Jacinta Duggan	Vice Treasurer
Chantal Murray	Afterschool coordinator
Maria Gibney	
Cathy Blake	
Priya Krishnan Raj	
Jason Robinson	
Aaron Downes	
Niamh Kerrigan	BOM representative
Mark Harvey	BOM representative
David Earley	Teacher
Claire O'Sullivan	Teacher
Irene Lambert	Teacher

We all look forward to working with you this year!

Season's Greetings Cards



Thanks to everyone who has placed orders for our Seasons Greetings Cards. We think you'll all agree that the children (and teachers) have done a fantastic job once again this year. All orders are currently being processed and we will have them out to you very shortly!

School Calendars

We would like to extend a big "Thank You" to David Blake and his lovely assistant, Cathy, who have been to the school and photographed all classes for our School Calendars for 2015. Order forms will be sent out week commencing October 20th in order to have all Calendars available for distribution after our mid-term break.



Swords Educate Together National School
No Child is an Outsider



November Fundraising Event

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Bring your bags to school day!! The easy way to generate cash for our school.

Are your wardrobes bulging at the seams? Yet another pair of trousers that the kids have grown out of!!

Well ***bring your bags to school day*** may solve some of your troubles and at the same time raise funds for our school. We are looking for unwanted clothing and other items that you no longer require. Just fill some bags with textiles from the list below and bring to the school on ***Friday 7th November*** between 8.20am and 2.10pm. (Please note that items brought in before or after this time cannot be accepted). All items brought in are either recycled or reused, even those trousers with the hole in the knee!!!

List of accepted items (All textiles must be clean and dry.)

- Clothes • Curtains • Bedding (Except duvets, cushions & Pillows) • Towels • Paired shoes & Trainers • Handbags • Belts

It's as simple as that. So let's all have a clear out and we will see you, with your bags on

Friday 7th November.

So, what are we currently fundraising for???

Lead by Eoghan, we plan to renovate the land behind the top yard into our very own "Apple Wood".

The Apple Wood will be a special place for the children, staff and families of our school, one that will create great learning potential in the areas of Learn Together, Geography, Science, SPHE and Visual Arts. It will bring the creative and inquisitive minds of our children outdoors and into a space where they can explore, examine, collaborate, play, or even just sit for a while and reflect.

The Apple Wood will grow over time, filling up with flowers and trees, horticultural project-work and garden features personalised by the children and adults of the school.

It will be a magical space that will capture the imagination and spirit of our school, and will become an environmental representation of SETNS, its people and its values.

We're hoping to utilise as much of the knowledge and experience that we have within the school community.

So if you would be interested lending your expertise in:

**Gardening
Carpentry
Maintenance**

Then please contact a member of the PTA in order to collate a list of contacts.

If you, or anyone you know has an eye for Architectural Salvage, please keep us in mind or share your unwanted items with us, bearing in the mind, the aim of The Apple Wood.



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Our next coffee morning is Friday October 24th and we look forward to welcoming parents/guardians of 1st & 2nd classes. As this is our last school day before Halloween, fancy dress is desirable!

Winter Fair



Although we haven't yet had our midterm (Halloween) break, our own team of elves is currently working on our Winter Fair scheduled for Friday 12th December.

This year we plan to expand our selection of goods for sale and make it a thoroughly enjoyable day for both children and adults!

Here is just a taste of what we're planning:

Kids Area

(Various games & activities): all included in entrance fee.

Bric a Brac & Book Stall

We're looking for you to donate all unwanted new and excellent condition toys, jewellery, handbags, books and anything else that you would be happy to purchase yourself.

Coffee Dock

Why not treat yourself to a nice cuppa, and even a slice of cake after drop-off or before pick-up???

Craft Stalls

Some lovely gifts will be available for family & friends.

Bake-Off

This year we will have multiple categories for entrants so get baking; this could be your year!!!

And many more!!!

So, how can you donate to the Winter Fair???

We will commence collecting donations every Friday commencing **Friday November 14th until Friday December 5th**. All donations can be placed on trollies left outside the school door (if it's raining please put them in plastic bags to protect them).

If you are a crafter (for business or pleasure), we would very much appreciate donations from you in return for some free advertising in the form of your business card, flyers etc.

In an effort to get us all into the spirit of the festive season, we are also asking for donations of all unwanted, excellent condition festive decorations.