

Robertstown National School Parent Association

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome Back to all our Parents and children.

Back to School

Welcome back to all our pupils and parents for the 2015/2016 school year. We hope everybody had a super summer and that you are looking forward to the year ahead.

A very special welcome to all the Junior Infants and their parents. We are delighted to have you join our school community.

The following is the list of classes and teachers for 2015/2016:

Junior Infants: Ms. Magrane
Senior Infants: Mr. Eyres
First Class: Ms. Conroy
Second Class: Mrs. Kelly
Third Class: Ms. Murphy
Fourth Class: Mr. O'Donoghue
Fifth Class: Mr. Brennan
Sixth Class: Mr. Donovan
Sixth Class: Mr. Fitzgerald
S.E.T.: Ms. DeAraugo, Ms. Ennis, and Ms. Poole



This year's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held at the school on Tuesday September 29th at 8:30pm. All parents are welcome to attend.

It is an important meeting as it is an opportunity for Parents to hear about the work the Parent Association Committee has been carrying out. The current Parent Association Committee will be dissolved at the AGM and a new Committee will be elected.

While all parents of students in Robertstown NS are automatically members of the Parent Association, it is the elected Committee that looks after the day to day running of the Parent Association.

We realise that not all parents have the time to serve on the Committee and/or have responsibility for the day to day running of the Parent Association.

Even if you feel you cannot commit to being on the Committee, come and join us at the AGM, meet the new Committee Members and check out what the Committee does and hopes to do in the future. Your Parent Association plays an important role in your children's school.

The agenda for the AGM will cover:

- Welcome & Minutes of 2014 AGM
- Chairperson's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Update from Board of Management
- NPC News & Updates
- Election of new Parent Association Committee
- Events planning for 2015/2016
- AOB

RNS Parent Association committee mission

In line with the education act 1998 the Robertstown N.S. Parent Association shall promote the interests of its pupils in co-operation with the board, principal, teachers and students. We will devise a program of activities, which will promote the involvement of parents in the operation of the school, in consultation with the principal. The act states that membership of the association is open to all parents of the students of the school.

Event Calendar 2015/2016

September 2015

Tuesday September 29th

Parent Association AGM

October 2015

Monday October 26th - Friday
October 30th

Mid-Term Break/ School Closure

November 2015

December 2015

Wednesday 23rd December – Tuesday
5th January

Christmas Break/School Closure

January 2016

Wednesday 6th January

School re-opens

School contact details

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Our Community

Do you belong to a local community group or club that other parents might like to hear about or get involved with?

We are also hoping to create a directory of local groups, clubs and businesses. Please email us on rnsparentsassociation@gmail.com with your suggestions.

Parking Reminder

When dropping and collecting your children please make way for other parents as soon as your children are safely on the school premises. Use the parking bays outside the school gate as a drop-off/pick-up zone only and refrain from leaving your car here during peak times.

Be extra vigilant when parking and backing away from the school as small children are harder to see when there is poor visibility and are not always thinking about the rules of the road.

Make sure that you leave plenty of room in front of your car so that people can pass safely without stepping out into the road. Please do not double park.

Building Update

The BOM is delighted to announce that the school received planning permission from KCC for the new extension. They hope that everyone had an opportunity to review the plans at the Fun Day in June.

You might have noticed that a prefab classroom has arrived. Some of our 6th Class students will be housed there until the building work is complete.

The next phase will see the beginning of the construction of a new classroom, two new learning support rooms and staff room. There are no start dates yet for the construction phase but the BOM will keep us all updated.

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the new school year. It would appear from all accounts that our students had a wonderful break. It was lovely to hear all the wonderful stories and adventures our students have experienced over the summer. Everyone seems rested and ready to get back to work. We are all looking forward to a great new learning year.

I want to thank the staff for all their efforts to start off this year in a smooth efficient way. Teachers have worked hard at getting their rooms organised and ready for our students. The office is also prepared for the busy year ahead and Mona as usual has everything in order.

I want to say thank you to all our families for the never ending support they give us throughout the year. You make such a difference in helping us to provide your children with the best opportunities to reach their potential while in our care.

Finally we really appreciate all the volunteer hours and support the Parent Association give us throughout the year. Thank you for your support.

Please note the school will shortly have a newsletter containing information on how to get the most from our school while your children are with us.

Thank you again for your continued support and may you all have a great school year, filled with learning and fun.

Ms. Dillon