

ROBERTSTOWN NATIONAL SCHOOL PARENT'S ASSOCIATION

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A VERY BIG WELCOME TO OUR NEW JUNIORS & THEIR PARENTS

A very warm welcome to Ms. Murphy's junior infant's class. The children have been settling in this past week with the help of teachers, TA's, and parents.



A warm welcome also to our new teachers. The school has 3 new teachers this year. Ms. McGrane is teaching 1st class, Mr. O'Donoghue is teaching 2nd class, and Mr. Fitzgerald is teaching 3rd class.

Ms. O'Sullivan will be on career break for this year. Ms. Murphy will be acting Deputy Principal. A big welcome back to Ms. Stynes, who is teaching senior infants.

Over the coming weeks we hope to bring you further news about our wonderful teachers. Watch this space!

The school has two further staff members. Welcome to Sandra McNamee, General School Assistant, and Claire Hendrick, Classroom Assistant.

Our teachers are as follows:

- Ms. Murphy Junior Infants
- Ms. Stynes Senior Infants
- Ms. McGrane First Class
- Mr. O'Donoghue Second Class
- Mr. Fitzgerald Third Class
- Ms. Poole Fourth Class
- Ms. O'Grady Fourth/Fifth Class
- Mr. Donovan Fifth/Sixth class

Parent's Association Annual General Meeting

We are encouraging parents to get involved in their Parent's Association. Our upcoming Parent's Association Annual General Meeting will be held on September 25th at 8:30pm in the school gym. All parents are welcome to attend. The AGM is important as it ensures openness and accountability and it is essential that all parents of children in the school are invited and welcomed.

A Chairperson's and Treasurer's report will be presented at the meeting followed by elections of new committee members. Parents can easily express their interest by attending the AGM, and or by sending any questions via email to us at rnsparentsassociation@gmail.com

Parent's Association

The RNS Parent's Association would like to say welcome to all of the parents of new children at RNS. We would like to inform all new parents and remind others that all parents of students in RNS are automatically members of Robertstown N.S. Parent's Association. It is the elected Parent's Association Committee that generally looks after the day to day running of the Parent's Association.

The 2012-2013 Committee is:

- Caroline Whyte as Chairperson
- Delia Lynch as Secretary
- Sharon Kelly as Treasurer
- Frances Whelan as Vice Treasurer
- Suzanne Dodson for Communication

RNS PARENTS' ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MISSION

In line with the education act 1998 the Robertstown N.S. Parent's 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 2013

September

Wednesday September 11th

Walk On Wednesday

Children & Parents will meet at the hotel
8:40am

Wednesday September 25th

School Closing early at 1:35pm
(to facilitate staff meeting)

Parent's Association AGM

8:30pm School Gym

October

Friday October 4th

School closed
Due to Referendum/Voting

Monday October 28th – Friday November 1st

Midterm

November

December

Monday December 23rd – Friday January 3rd

Christmas Holidays

Please note new dates will be added as they become available

Walk On Wednesday (WOW) September 11th

WOW is a scheme which aims to promote walking to school on a regular basis. The scheme began in the UK and has been very successful with both primary and secondary schools. The idea behind the scheme is to dedicate one day a week to walking to school.

Everybody at RNS encourages walking/cycling to school every day. However it is not always possible for everybody everyday, therefore we focus on Wednesday as a special day when RNS children and parents walk together to school. Our next walk together will be on Wednesday, September 11th. We will all meet at the hotel in Robertstown village at 8:40am and walk together to school. The Parent's association will have a little surprise for those children who walk to school next Wednesday.

School Photographs

2012/2013 school year photographs were a big success. A very big thank you to Jean Gillespie for all of her hard work.

The Parent's Association Committee hope to schedule this year's school photos to be taken in November. We will update parents regarding a date in the near future. This would allow parents to include their children's pictures in Christmas cards. Furthermore, taking the photos early in the school year will mean that all the children will look extra smart in their full uniform. We will remind everyone closer to the date so that everyone can be in their uniform for their class photo, even if they chose not to purchase a photo.

Uniform Policy

All RNS children look great in their new school uniforms this new school year. Thank you to all parents for their work in providing the school uniform for their kids. Kids, keep up the good work in adhering to the school's uniform policy!

The school's uniform policy is included in the School's Code Of Behaviour, which can be viewed on the school's website.

In our spring issue we asked parents for their opinions on the school uniform. From the responses received it appears that parents broadly agree with the school uniform policy. We received some suggestions, which we will forward to the Board Of Management.

The PA Committee has been asked to assist the BOM to draft a separate Uniform Policy, which will be shared with all parents as soon as it is available.

This year saw the introduction of a new uniform supplier, O'Farrells, which allows parents to buy directly from the factory at much reduced prices. For convenience, Kidstuff also have agreed to continue on as an additional supplier.

Message From The Board Of Management

Welcome back to all the pupils and parents and a special welcome to the new Junior Infants and their parents.

Fr. Moore retired over the summer and the new Parish Priest is Fr. Willie Byrne. We would like to welcome him to the Parish and look forward to him visiting the school.

We would like to welcome Mr. Donovan as the new teacher representative on the BOM in Ms. O'Sullivan's absence.