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### September 2020 Newsletter

#### Welcome Back

A warm welcome back to the school community after being out of school for so long. The children have settled back into school life extremely well and it is great to see and hear the children enjoying school life once again. A huge welcome to all of our new students who have started with us this year. We have a total 50 new students starting with us this year including 47 new junior infants.

#### Admissions 2021/2022

The school has an updated Admissions Policy which is available to view on our school website. Due to the new Admissions Act, admissions into schools has changed with schools now only allowed to enrol pupils within a certain period. All of the information is available on the school website. We will be taking in one junior infant class of 30 children for the school year 2021/2022.

#### *Important Dates for Your Diary*

**Mid-Term- School will close @ 2.30 p.m. on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020 and will re-open on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November @ 8.50 a.m.**

**Parent's Association AGM- Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> November @ 8p.m.**

#### School Website and Twitter

Keep up-to-date with more regular news on our website at [www.ballintemplens.com](http://www.ballintemplens.com) and our Twitter page @BallintempleS.



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### Message from Parent's Association Chairperson Alison Walsh

Monday 12th October 8pm

#### WELCOME ZOOM CALL TO JUNIOR INFANT PARENTS

A warm welcome back to school to all pupils and parents of Ballintemple National School. We are delighted to be back to school. We wish to extend a warm welcome the new families that have joined the school.

The parents association will host a 20-minute zoom call for parents of junior infant classes to introduce ourselves, welcome them to the school, explain our role, and answer any questions. We aim to arrange to have one parent class rep identified for each class also. A link to join this meeting will be emailed by Toni the week before

#### PA Fundraising

There is likely to be very little opportunity for fundraising activity in the coming year. There is an ongoing need for the PA to support the school in acquiring additional resources to enhance our children's ongoing school experience and help to buy the resources that the school alone cannot fund. We are renewing our request for each family to make a €10 monthly donation to the Parents Association account which is referred to as the 'PA fund'. Each year the PA discusses the propriety resources needed with the school and will communicate the list of requirements for this year and payment methods in a separate letter to parents shortly.

#### Call for PA Committee volunteers

The parents association has many members who will be moving off the committee as their children are finishing their time in the school. We are making a call for parents particularly from classes of junior to second class to volunteer to be part of the committee. The terms is for 2 years and there is an approx. 4 x one hour meetings annually. This is an opportunity to be actively involved in supporting the schooling experience for your child. Please contact the PA committee chair Alison Walsh on [ali.r.walsh@gmail.com](mailto:ali.r.walsh@gmail.com) for further information or to express interest.



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### **Free online parent training provided by the National Parents Council.**

Dr. Colman Noctor, Child and Adolescent Psychotherapist, in a series of four sessions, which will be held each Wednesday in October, will provide support for parents looking at the following:

- Let's talk about connecting with your child - 7th October
- Let's talk about helping anxious children - 14th October
- Let's talk about your child's online life - 21st October
- Let's talk about building your child's social savvy - 28th October

Each of the four sessions will last for 40 minutes beginning at **8pm** and they will be interactive giving parents an opportunity to ask questions. All sessions will be online and FREE of charge. You can register to attend one or all of these sessions by clicking this link

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Lets\\_talk\\_a\\_series\\_of\\_conversations\\_with\\_Dr\\_Colman\\_Noctor\\_or\\_by\\_calling\\_01-8874034](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Lets_talk_a_series_of_conversations_with_Dr_Colman_Noctor_or_by_calling_01-8874034). Booking in advance is essential, as places are limited and will be issued on a first come first served basis.

### **Monday November 9th 2020 as AGM – SAVE THE DATE**

The annual general meeting for the parents association will be held online on Monday November 9<sup>th</sup> from 8-9pm. There will be a presentation from the chair of the parents association and the school principal outlining news and updates and we encourage every parents to attend. An emailed link will be send the week prior.

Any questions feedback or queries are always welcome to the chair of the parents association [ali.r.walsh@gmail.com](mailto:ali.r.walsh@gmail.com)