



Ballintotas National School Parents Association Newsletter

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Welcome back everyone!

We are delighted to see that the children have settled back to school very well after a well-deserved summer break. It is great to see the new faces; between our infants' classes and school staff.

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our families and especially to our new infants' and their families.

Welcome: Kate, Fiadh, Orla, Éila, Lisa, Emma, Joshua, Cormac, James, Eli, Adam and Evan.

The Parents' Association (PA) look forward to working with all of our families and school staff throughout the 2021/2022 new academic year, so as to ensure our children have the best possible educational experience.

The first activity on the PA agenda is to hold the **AGM**, which is planned for **Thurs 30th Sept**, 7.30pm. Since Covid 19 is still a high risk to the Health and Safety of all, it has been agreed to hold a socially distanced meeting in the community hall through **invite acceptance only** - Please accept your invite through the following link before **Thurs 23rd Sept**, so as to arrange appropriate seating for all attendees

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3BBRKYP>

- Ideally all attendees should be fully vaccinated;

- We will follow government guidance in relation to social distancing and the wearing of masks when moving to and from your seat.

If you would like to become a PA committee member or if you would like to nominate someone, please feel free to put names forward, either in advance of the meeting through e-mail paballintotasns@gmail.com or simply at the AGM. It is a great opportunity to become involved in your child's school experience.

- We would welcome and encourage any parent to become involved on the PA committee and/or to simply volunteer your time when necessary. It is great team work that allows us to succeed and reap the rewards which ultimately benefits our children.

It is clear to see, that even through the challenging times of Covid 19 over the past 2 academic years, the PA continues to work well in partnership with the principal, Board of Management (BOM) and the whole school community for the betterment of all our children. Therefore, let's continue to build on the great platform that the PA provides for our children.

As always, we welcome suggestions and feedback from all parents - since all of us combined, form part of the Ballintotas PA. Please continue to submit your suggestions; by either posting in the post box at the school main entrance gate, by e-mailing paballintotasns@gmail.com or simply having a chat with a PA committee member.

PA Committee

Chairperson: Trudie O'Doherty;; Secretary: Laoise O'Riordan; Treasurer: Carol Quinn; Vice Chairperson: Clare Crowley; Committee member Trish Daly

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