



# Naas CNS Newsletter

September 2019

## Welcome

I would like to extend a big welcome to all our students as they begin a new school year in Naas Community National School. Well done to our Junior Infants who have settled into our school with ease. We hope you make lots of new friends in the coming year. Thank you to our Parents Association who welcomed our new Junior Infant Parents with a cup of tea and a chat on our first morning back. To all our school community I hope you have a happy and healthy year ahead.

Paul Ennis  
Principal

## New School App

The school has begun the process of introducing our new school app. This app will be delivered through our Aladdin school system. It is our hope to use the app to improve communication between the school and our parent body. Parents will be able to receive school communications and newsletters direct to their mobile devices. We hope to extend the option of booking your parent teacher meeting time through the app to make it more convenient for parents. Parents will also be able to record the reason for a child's absence, leaving school early and late arrival directly on to the system. The first step in launching the app is completed and parents were sent an email detailing the information that the school will use to communicate with parents. **It is very important that parents read this first email.** The next step will be giving parents details of how to log in using the app. This will begin shortly.

## Junior Infant Enrolment for 2020

We are now taking applications for our Junior Infants for September 2020. **The closing date is 12:00 noon on November 8<sup>th</sup> 2019.**

There will be one class of 27 Junior Infants starting in September 2020. We may have a further 27 places in Junior Infants subject to the approval from the Department of Education.

Please inform friends and family that the enrolment is now open. **There is an information meeting for parents wishing to enroll their children next year in the school on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:15.**

**Parents Association AGM**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 7:30pm.**

All parents are invited to attend.

The agenda for the evening is as follows:

- Welcome
- Report from the Parents Association
- Plans from the Parents Association
- Election of new/additional committee members
- The year ahead.... A few words from our Principal
- Official Launch of our Aladdin App!
- Tea/Coffee

**Fancy Dress Fitness Challenge Fundraiser**

The Parents Association will be organising our Fancy Dress Fitness Challenge Fundraiser. The children will be taking part in fitness challenges on Oct 25<sup>th</sup> during school. The money raised will be used to buy books for the school.

***Welcome Celebration Invitation for all Parents***

You are invited to attend our Welcome Celebration on **Friday 18th of October at 1:00pm** in the school hall. It is an opportunity to formally welcome the new children and families to our school community. The children from all classes have been working on developing our new school charter. At the celebration we are going to present and explain our core values. There will be a representation from all our class groupings. Our final school charter will be put on display in our school in the coming weeks.

Some of the work carried out by our classes will be on display for parents to view. The presentation by the children will begin at 1pm. The parent's association will be providing tea / coffee and some light refreshments. We hope you will be able to join us.

**Early Years Intervention & Support**

Our Special Education Team have been working with Junior and Senior infants to support our planning for our younger students. Please be aware that several teachers may be in the classroom working with the children. This is a vital part of language development for our children.

**Parking**

We would ask parents to please park off site where possible when collecting and dropping your children to school. We have a larger number of staff and students on site for both schools and parking is limited. We ask parents not to block access to our disabled parking places as we have students who require access to these spaces.

**Aftercare**

The school was unable to offer the aftercare service this year. A local creche Friendly Faces is running a homework club for Junior and Senior Infants between 2pm and 3pm in the school building as an after-school club.

**Contacting Our School.**

Our school office opening hours are as follows: Monday – Friday 9.00 – 2:00

School Secretary: Janice. Phone: 045 875 311

Email: [admin@naascns.ie](mailto:admin@naascns.ie)

If you would like to speak with your child's teacher please contact reception to make an appointment.

### **Soccer**

Our 5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> class soccer teams competed in their first 11 aside league.

They played teams from Moone, Castledermot and Ballymore Eustace. We have some talented footballers in both squads. The teams did very well. We would like to thank our students for their excellent behavior and positive attitude while representing our school. A big thank you to Múinteoir Colin for running the teams.

If you would like to encourage your child to play soccer there are two soccer clubs in Naas, Naas United and Naas AFC who have children's teams.

### **School Self Evaluation**

Over the next year our school will be focusing on improving oral language. You can view our school improvement plan on our website at: [www.naascns.ie](http://www.naascns.ie)

### **Here are the TOP Ten Tips for Parents/ Guardians for Developing Oral Language with your child as supplied by the Professional Development Service for Teachers (PDST)**

#### **Infants – 1st Class**

Listen to what your child is saying/trying to say and respond to contributions.

Make and maintain eye contact while talking with your child.

Explain the meaning of words. Talk through activities.

Talk through everyday experiences.

Involve your child in discussions/plans.

Ask/ Answer questions.

Teach your child nursery rhymes/songs/poems/raps.

Develop your child's receptive language by asking him/her to follow simple instructions.

Assist your child to express ideas in an orderly fluent way.

Read to your child each night.

#### **2nd – 4th Class**

Set aside 10 – 15 minutes to discuss the day's happenings.

Encourage your child to express and justify opinions.

Involve your child in adult conversation when appropriate.

Talk about the child's favourite T.V programme.

Play language games which focus on words i.e. Scrabble, Crosswords.

Encourage your child to talk about experiences with a wide range of people: peers, relations, other adults.

Listen carefully and clarify meaning: "Do you mean/or is this what you mean?" Encourage your child to give reasons for decisions.

Encourage your child to listen courteously to the opinions of others.

Talk about school topics and assignments.

### 5th and 6th Class

Encourage your child to develop a positive attitude to speaking/listening.

Discuss your child's school work successes/concerns/interests.

Respect your child's opinions and feelings.

Involve your child in adult conversation, when appropriate.

Help your child to extend his range of words in specialised subjects.

Encourage your child to listen and respond courteously to others.

Watch and discuss T.V. news/current affairs programmes together.

Assist your child to locate information in local library, internet.

Talk about school topics and assignments.

Play commercial games that focus on word building.