November 2017

Dear Parents,

First of all thanks to everyone for supporting the Halloween Disco. It was great to see the hall so full of life (despite the high number of zombies in attendance). We raised a couple of hundred euros so we're thrilled with that.

Bag Packing

Yup. It's that time of year again. Bag-packing! Now, we totally appreciate no-one's screaming to be scheduled, including ourselves, but we can't afford not to do it. It's a really lucrative fundraising opportunity and we're lucky to have gotten Big Dunnes near to Christmas. The money will be used for buses to and from football, new school jerseys and extra curricular activities like gymnastics and music.

We've every family represented. Feel free to swap between yourselves. If you can't fill the slot yourself, please pay/bribe/blackmail some member of your family to stand in for you. And if you can't, you can't. We understand.

PA Meeting

Also, the next PA meeting is Tuesday the 14th of November at 7.30 pm in the school. We'd love to hear from you as parents, especially ideas for extra curricular activities you'd like your child to experience. The committee is set up so you won't be snagged for a job. (although we'd never turn ya away if you're offering!) We just want to hear your thoughts so the kids get the fullest school experience possible. Please do try and come and have your voice heard. Sure it's a free cup of tea if nothing else.

Fundraising plans for the year:

Some fund raising ideas we've planned for this year are Christmas Card-Making, Beach Walk and Clean up, Patrick's Day Dress in Green, Easter Bonnet Competition and Movie Night. We've also secured a church-gate collection for 16/17th/ of December (harness that Christmas spirit) and a Bake Sale after in Camp so we'll looking for bakers (and buyers) closer to the time.

Tesco Blue Token Drive:

Also, if anyone shops in Tesco, we have forms filled out that you can pop into the collection box there to try and get Aughacasla National School selected as a beneficiary of the scheme. Just ask one of us at the school gate.

Credit Union Saving Scheme for Kids:

We're currently looking into having the Credit Union's Ellie the Elephant come visit the school and talk to the kids about saving money, with a view to establishing a school saving scheme. Hopefully, you'll be hearing more on this front.

Jersey sponsorship & raffle prizes:

If anyone has any ideas about who might be approached to sponsor our football jerseys, please get in touch. Likewise, if you have any raffle prizes you'd like to donate.

Get in touch:

Please feel free to get in touch with any suggestions, queries or concerns to <u>aughacaslapa@gmail.com</u> Every parent of a child in the school is automatically a member of the school's Parents Association. It's your association, set up to help us become effective partners in our child's education.

Aughacasla Parents' Association Mairead, Áine, Mary Ellen and Ailbhe

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| Time Slot | Till 01 | Till 02 | Till 03 | Till 04 | Till 05 |
| 10 – 12 am | n Noreen/ Terry Deane | Mairead Moynihan | Mary/ Declan Chambers | Liz/ Shane O' Donoghue | Lisa Fitz/ Pearse Ferriter |
| 12 – 2 pm | Áine/ Joe Dwyer Caroline/ Conor Slattery | Celine L/ Vincent O' Brien Rose S/ Bernard Galvin | Ann/ Sean Connell | Martha/ Genie Farrell | Louise Kelliher |
| - 4 pm | Jennifer/ Colm Barry Catherine/ Victor Sheehan | Caroline/ Tony Casey Amy Shanahan | Nicola/Martin Crean | Mairead/ Fergus Fitzgerald | Madeline/ Chris Foley |
| - 6 pm | Ailbhe K/ Michael Kelly Caroline Harrington | Katie/ Mark Cawley | Mairead/ David Clifford | Cait' Mike Doyle | Maria/ Tomás Garvey |
| 6 – 8 pm | Mary Ellen/ Brian Kiely Lisa Wyles | Martina/ Martin Butler | Linda L/ Edward Crean | Maeve F/ Gerry Ferriter | Carla/ Timmy Griffin |
| Time Slot | Till 05 | Till 06 | Till 07 | Till 08 | Till 10 |
| 10 – 12 am | Caroline/ Tommy Griffin | Elaine Costello | Aoife/ Brendan Moynihan | Jessica H/ M O' Connor | Aisling O D/ Robbie O' B |
| – 2 pm | Jean Marie/ Micko Horan | Lorraine/ Glen McCarthy | Michelle/ Sean Murray | Ann/ John O' Donnell | Zea / Alan Fitzgerald |
| 4 pm | Roisin O' Shea | Mary/ Tom O' Mara | Edel O' Callaghan | Joanna/ Ger O' Donoghue | Pauline/ Pat Quilter |
| - 6 pm | Susan/ Michael Keane | Liz/ Ger Moore | Shirley/ Eamon O' Brien | Claire/ Johnny O' Driscoll | Tamsin De Rohan |
| - 8 pm | Catherine/ Michael Keane | Tina/ Tomas Moynihan | Michelle/ Ger O'Callaghan | Siobhan/ Sean O' Driscoll | Catriona/ Mike Rohan |