

Primrose Hill National School

September 2020

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to a new school term and a new school year. It is a very different start to the school year to what we are all normally used to with plenty of handwashing, sanitising, mask-wearing and physical distancing. As a staff we are continuing to review how we have implemented the roadmap from the Department of Education and we will implement any new guidelines that are issued over the coming weeks as soon as we are given them.

As with any new term, there are lots of plans in place. As per Department guidelines, last year's Stay Safe programme will be taught throughout all classes in the coming weeks. This is due to many of the classes missing out on this during Lockdown last year. It is likely that Stay Safe will be taught a second time this year. We are also moving ahead with our fundraising campaign and we are ready to launch our new fundraising initiative – more details later in the newsletter.

Unfortunately, Ms. McCarthy has been unable to return to us this year, but she is busy working away behind the scenes on some of our administrative work and with our fundraiser. We pleased to welcome Mr Ben Hutchinson to our staff. Mr Hutchinson will take on the role of Special Education Teacher and we hope he will enjoy his time with us here in Primrose Hill N.S. I am sure that the children will enjoy his lessons.

GAA IS BACK

We are delighted to welcome Jonathan Daniels of Kildare GAA back to Primrose Hill.

Jonathan will be with us for the duration of the year, every Friday. Groups will rotate every six weeks with the first groups beginning this week, 18th September 2020.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Parents' Association plays an important role in the life of Primrose Hill National School and as always, the committee are looking for new members who would be interested in joining. Due to current COVID restrictions, all meetings will be held online. If any parents, new or old are interested in finding out more about the PA, the work that they do or getting involved with them, please contact Bertha Kavanagh via the school email phns1814@gmail.com.

SCHOOL FUNDRAISING

As you all know, we have been busy raising funds to replace the surface under the swing set and climbing tower. Thanks to a generous donation from Intel and our



“Go Fund Me” Campaign, we are extremely close to that goal. For the final push, we will be selling face masks from 5th October. Face masks will be available in four sizes as follows and have adjustable ear loops:

- Small (Babies and children)
- Medium (Children and small adults)
- Large (Regular adults)
- Extra Large (Large adults)

Face masks will cost €3.50 with all proceeds going towards the playground fund.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

18th September - GAA recommences

5th October - Masks go on Sale

23rd October – Halloween Mid-Term Break