



CAHERLEAHEEN NEWSLETTER

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PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

WELCOME to our new newsletter format

Over the course of the school year we hope to keep you up to date with parents association and school activities. If you have any ideas or anything you would like to include please let us know - contact details can be found at the bottom of the next page.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

The new school website is now up and running. There is a parents section which we will be updating and adding to. Please feel free to log on and leave any comments or ideas. In line with the Green policy of the school, it is our intention to phase out issuing paper copies of our newsletters. In future they will be emailed out and will also be available on the school website. We will be requesting your email address in the near future so please co-operate where possible to help us cut down on paper usage. Don't worry if you don't have access to email we can still issue a limited number of paper copies. Hopefully this new system will be more efficient - no more complaints of lost notes or missed deadlines!



HALLOWEEN DISCO

The annual Halloween Disco was a great success this year. Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped out on the night, without your support these events would not be possible. A special thank you to Ballyseedy Castle who sponsored the wine for the Quiz.

TRAFFIC

We would ask that all parents adhere to the one way system to avoid traffic buildup. Please refrain from double parking outside the school for drop off or collection, even for a few seconds. This is for safety reasons and out of courtesy to other drivers. Please also do not park inside the white line of the designated walkway.



CHRISTMAS CAROLS



The annual Christmas Carol Service will take place at St. Johns on Wednesday 10th December at 7pm. All are welcome.

AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES

French and Spanish classes are currently running on Mondays and Tuesdays and the kids are really enjoying them. The classes will run again from January to Easter so watch this space for further details to sign up for the next session.

Multi-Activity Fundamental Movement Skills

These classes have also commenced on Wednesdays. It is run by an ITT lecturer. Fundamental movement skills are fast becoming appreciated as the key component to any healthy child or athlete. For more info contact JT Deenihan and Pádraig Murphy 087 7160180 or at www.activekingdom.ie.

CRESTS

School crests (sew on) are now available from the school office - €5 each.

BABY BOY

Congratulations to the school secretary Jennifer and her family on the recent birth of their baby boy.

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CHRISTMAS FAIR

This year we are holding a Christmas Fair on Sunday 14th December from 2 - 4pm.

On arrival, you can sample some non-alcoholic mulled wine, tea/coffee and homemade delights.

Stalls on the day will include:

- Cake Sale,
- Book Sale,
- Craft Sale (some home made by the children),
- Decorate your Own Cake,
- Lucky Dip,
- Raffle (prizes include a Christmas Hamper, One 4 All vouchers, Butcher Vouchers, Book vouchers and much more);
- Face Painting;
- Santas Grotto (so bring your cameras- please note that this will be Santa's only visit to the school this year).
- Local jewellery maker Alison Walsh
- Maura Gleasure crafts



All money raised on the day will go towards subsidising a variety of after school activities for the children.

If anyone would like to donate some home baking we would be extremely grateful.

Also, if there are any business connections in the school that would like to donate a spot prize or sponsorship of any kind, we would be most grateful.

We also need donations of books that are resellable (for grown ups and children); good quality magazines/journals, eg gardening, cookery, etc - no weekly magazines please). Donations of unopened toys in original package for the lucky dip would also be appreciated. These can be dropped in to the school hall from 1st-5th December.

Raffle cards will be sent home shortly for the children to sell lines.



If anyone can make time to help out on the day it would be appreciated. Please contact:

Tara 087 2940828; Sharon 086 8519863;
Anne 087 2277137

Admission is free - all welcome - please bring friends, family, extended family, neighbours..... the more the merrier.

DIGITAL SCHOOL

The school recently received the Digital Schools of Distinction Award which is national recognition of best practice in the use of Computing. Congratulations to all involved.

GREEN TIPS FOR KIDS

Don't kill that spider! There are an estimated 40,000 species of spiders, and they all eat insects. They're an important part of the food web and provide natural pest control.

Cut Down on Waste

Ban all drips. If you have a dripping tap in the house, ask your parents to replace the washer inside it. If you stop a tap from leaking one drop each second, you can save 2,700 gallons (10,220 liters) of water a year.

Improve the Outdoors

Plant a deciduous (leafy) tree that loses its leaves in fall on the south side of your home. Its shade will cool your house in the summer. After the tree's leaves fall, sunlight will help warm your house in winter. Trees help clean the air we breathe. They produce oxygen and reduce carbon dioxide. Participate in cleanup days at a beach or park. Use those outdoor bins! Never litter.

