



## **RETNS Parents Association Committee Meeting Notes Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

Eco Clothes Collection – bags can be left on the stage in the hall.

Current Junior Infants parents hosting coffee for Incoming Junior Infants at New Parents Welcome Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

Enquiry regarding Breakfast Club – previous survey of parents from several years ago did not show sufficient interest.

PA Tab to be incorporated on the RETNS website for ease of access to PA information – reminder that PA Committee Meeting Notes are available on the website.

December BOM Report available on RETNS website.

Following extensive review of Extra Curricular, Zena and Britt working on a clear proposal of how Program will run going forward to include relevant updating of material from the PA Manual.

Submission for NPC Fred O'Connell Award was submitted at the end of March.

No update on location for Stepside ETSS. Enrolment will open 11<sup>th</sup> May with places allocated in September. Information evening for parents is planned for May.

Outdoor Development Project advertising information sent out to parents. Possibility of SuperValu Bag Packing event to raise funds for Outdoor Project. Design and promotional material will need to be in place to roll out at short notice. Acknowledged that we will be under pressure to gather volunteers in relatively short time span. Key to have number of hours and volunteers needed to cover full day.

Ongoing Green School Committee weekly Walking Bus participation survey – updates on school noticeboard. Loyalty cards available with prizes after 4 weeks participation. Thanks in particular to Claire for continued organisation, volunteer Bus Drivers and families for participation.

Currently two SpeakEasy courses running on Monday evenings (17) and Friday mornings (10) with excellent feedback from parents attending regarding facilitation and course content. Acknowledged we are extremely fortunate to have Anita as part of our parent body, parents have had an opportunity to access three SpeakEasy programs this year.

Ongoing parking concerns raised by several parents. Suggestion that communication to parents to include clear directions on where not to park so there is no ambiguity.

Ongoing consultation regarding plans for upgrading facilities in Multi Purpose Room, to be brought to teachers and staff for comments and suggestions. Thanks to Zoe for coordinating.

5<sup>th</sup> Green Flag for Bio Diversity has just been awarded to our school. Mary would like to thank all parents who were involved, those who helped on Green Schools Committee either directly or with the children. The hard work and time commitment of parents is always very much appreciated, particularly so when it brings such a great reward.

Many thanks to Danielle and Isabelle for coordinating Baby and Toddler Mornings.

PA to provide support for Active School Week if required.

Reminder that parents can post Your Children, Your School, Your Time forms into the PA Post Box outside Junior Infants.

Food Dudes program currently being investigated for return to school.

If you have any comments, suggestions or feedback, please contact your Class Rep. Reminder to check website for new information [www.retns.ie](http://www.retns.ie)