

RETNS Board of Management Meeting, 13th October, 2019 – Report to the School Community

Table Quiz: The table quiz returns **next Thursday** (24 October) in the Dropping Well. People greatly enjoyed this event last year. Please buy tickets, bring people along, have some fun and support our school in the process.

School Development: The BoM was briefed about the ongoing work of the RETNS Development Committee. Plans to improve access to the outdoors and our outdoor space have been advanced further and will be decided upon in the coming months. Thanks to all for the hard work involved.

Events: The BoM was updated on plans for the Craft Fair, which this year will take place on **1 December**. The larger fundraising event planned for 2020 is now likely to take place in May. More details to follow.

School Finances: As previously reported, there has been a modest improvement in school finances, although there remains an ongoing need for fundraising to maintain and improve the school for our children. The BoM were updated on the substantial revenue raised from hiring our school premises after hours. We are particularly grateful to Clodagh Mulholland for her hard work in what is a mostly unseen but vital role in the operation of RETNS.

Enrolment: The BoM agreed a minor change to the enrolment policy, which will see first offers for Junior Infants being made in November rather than January, as at present. This change is designed to give parents more certainty and to bring RETNS into line with several other local schools.

Alarm: The BoM approved a planned upgrade of the school alarm and monitoring system following a procurement process.

CPD: The BoM approved a number of applications for short Continuing Professional Development courses for staff.

Special class: The BoM discussed the possibility of opening a special class for students with autism who needs cannot be met in a mainstream school. It was decided by the BoM that our school could not meet this need at present, given limits of space and resources.

Policies: The BoM agreed a revised Critical Incidents Policy and Plan. This will be posted on the website shortly. Further work is being undertaken on a Protected Disclosures Policy.

New BoM: November will see the last meeting of the current BoM. A new one will take over from December. Plans have been put in place to ensure a smooth handover.

The BoM also considered some individual matters, which for reasons of confidentiality are not included in this report.

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