

## **Parent Newsletter Monday September 28<sup>th</sup>**

### **1 School Buildings**

Fintan ( Principal) and Frank ( Chairperson of BOM) attended a meeting with the Department of Education and Science last week with regard to our school building. At the meeting the DES outlined the timeline for the progress of our permanent 16classroom building. In summary, the DES have assured us that work is due to begin within the next couple of months and that the building will be completed by May 2010 with view to us moving in for September 1<sup>st</sup>. This is exceptionally good news. The building is quite magnificent. At long last it looks as though the teachers, children and parents will have the school building that we deserve!

### **2 Choir**

Forty-one children who make up our school choir will participate in a special event in the Helix theatre on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October. The Choir are busy rehearsing their songs. Parents of children in the choir will shortly receive a letter indicating how they can go about purchasing tickets for the big night!

### **3 UN International Day for Older Persons**

The Student council are hosting a Golden Moment Cup-of Tea in the school staff-room at 11am this Thursday ( October 1<sup>st</sup>) for any older person who may wish to attend. Please, if you have an older family member or are friends with an older neighbour, invite him/her along for this small celebration as part of our acknowledgment of the UN International Day Of Older Persons. Please let Fintan ( Principal) know in advance who might be coming so that we can have enough tea bags and Werther Originals!

### **4 Clubs**

Clubs begin this week and the excitement of the children (and the teachers!) is a pleasure to behold. Parents, please remember to make the necessary alternative collection arrangements for your children and to pick your children up promptly at the 2.30pm or 3.30pm depending on the age group. Also, please remember that all outdoor clubs are 'weather permitting' and will have to be cancelled at the last minute if it is raining. Huge thanks to the Parent Association for their hardwork on the Registration night last week.

### **5 Punctuality**

School starts at 8.45am sharp. Please please ensure that your children are in the school-yard before 8.45am ( but not earlier than 8.35am). Children arriving late are missing out, and their late arrival also disturbs the teaching and learning in the classroom.

### **6 A message from the Catholic Parent Association.**

Catholic Classes ( three of these "pre-Communion" for Senior Infant and 1<sup>st</sup> classes, "communion" for 2<sup>nd</sup> classes and "post-communion/pre-confirmation" for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes are taking place in the school each Friday from 2.30pm to 3.30pm. If you wish to be presented by the Catholic Parents Association for the annual sacraments in this parish it is expected that your child attends in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Class for those who wish to take Communion at some stage, and 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Class for those who wish to take Confirmation. Catherine ( Chairperson of the CPA) will be present and ready this Friday ( October 2<sup>nd</sup>) at 2.30pm to take late registrations.