

SEASON'S GREETINGS



WELCOME

Hello everyone - firstly, we apologise for the delay in issuing this edition of the newsletter but we do hope you enjoy reading about several things we have planned in the run up to the Christmas break along with an introduction to the new PTA team.

As we approach the end of the year, we want to start by saying a big thank you for all of the parents, teachers and children for continuing to play such an active role in the life of our school. It has been yet another challenging year but, as a school community, we have come together and provided support to one another through 2021. We also want to say a big thank you to Stephen and last year's PTA for their support and the various activities that took place over the year.

Finally, we always have space for additional members of the PTA - so please do get in touch at ptaobns@gmail.com if you would like to find out more about getting involved.

On behalf of the PTA, we wish you all very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Stacy Forsyth - Chairperson

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Stacy Forsyth - Chairperson

I'm Stacy Forsyth. I have agreed to be PTA chairperson for 2021/22. I previously attended the "old" Old Borough School (now the pub). My older son Jordan (now 20) went to the school & now my son Alex is in 5th class. My boys are my main driver in life. After that Horse riding is my main passion. I work full-time as a Food Safety Consultant. I am so thankful to all of the people who have joined the PTA this year – we really do have a fantastic team already. I hope that we can bring some fun & exciting things for our children & their school in 21/22.



Hazel Pigott - Treasurer

I'm Hazel Pigott, a survivor of one child through the Old Borough so far and another just over halfway! I love to cook, read books and drink coffee. To fund these activities, I work part-time in the local Baptist Church as an administrator 3 days a week. I really appreciate the activities that the PTA have made possible for my children and am looking forward to contributing this year as the Treasurer and part of this new team for 21/22



Carmel Kearney

I am Carmel Kearney and, along with my husband, Noel am from County Monaghan. We have Daniel who is in Senior Infants and also Kate who is nearly 3 years old. I am a Public Health Nurse and was based in Swords for 13 years but now job share and am based in Baldoyle Health Centre. This is my first year on the PTA. As Daniel only started school in 2020, our family has never experienced the fundraising activities of the Old Borough, such as school Christmas fares, coffee mornings etc. Like last year, we hope to have activities that will raise much needed funds and yet we need to continually be aware of the challenges around Covid-19. I look forward to a fun and profitable year on the PTA and we hope the children enjoy school and all the organised events for the coming year.



Joanne Clarke

Hi, I'm Joanne Clarke and I'm new to the PTA. I've two sons, Benjamin in First Class and Elliott in Junior Infants. I'm originally from Donegal and love being out and about in the great outdoors. I am very much looking forward to working with the PTA and raising funds for the school. Even with Covid lurking in the background, I am hopeful we have lots of fun filled activities for the children.

Amanda Ó Gaora

I'm Amanda Ó Gaora. I have two children, one is in her final year in the Old Borough, while my son is in secondary school. This is my second time on the PTA, the first being a few years ago. I'm looking forward to working with the new PTA, helping to organise enjoyable events for the children and hopefully raising lots of funds for the school.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Unfortunately, Covid has again impacted our fundraising & Christmas plans. However, we do have several things organised and exciting plans for more in the new year. Please note, for events raised, all funds go directly to the school

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE



Our Christmas Raffle is now live on iDonate with some really great prizes on offer including:

- 1st Prize:** P&O Ferry return crossing Larne to Scotland (2xadults and car);
 - 2nd Prize:** Four Ball Ballybofey & Stranorlar Golf Club & two nights B&B for two at Kees Hotel;
 - 3rd Prize:** €100 Voucher & Driving Lesson with Callan Driving School.
- ...and more prizes to be won!*

For tickets click here:

[Old Borough N.S. Christmas Raffle | Online Raffle Fundraiser \(idonate.ie\)](#)

Tickets will be €2 each, OR 3 for €5 and the draw will be held on the 15th December.

As this will be our main Christmas fundraiser please ensure you share the link with as many family members & friends as possible.



We are delighted to announce that, after the resounding success of last year's, the Christmas Panto is back and booked again for this year! This year it's**Cinderella!**

This will be shown in the classrooms, on a screen, by the teachers during mid-December and the cost will remain at €10 per family. Please support as this is also a fundraising event!

FUTURE PLANS

We have lots of future plans for PTA fundraising activities in the new year, restrictions-dependent, including Afternoon Tea, Wheel of Fortune, so watch this space!