

## SS. Michael & Peter Junior School

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### Agreed Report by B.O.M. from meeting held 18/10/17

#### Welcome and Congratulations

Welcome to all the new members of staff who have joined our team here in SS Michael and Peter JNS. Best wishes to Aileen Ryan and Clare Cronin who have been appointed to new schools over the summer holidays. Congratulations to Máire Coates and Sarah Redmond on the birth of their babies.

#### Fundraising

The BOM would like to draw your attention to our upcoming Fashion Show fundraiser on the 24<sup>th</sup> November in the Arklow Bay Hotel. Fundraisers are necessary to provide funds to cover day to day expenses in the school and to provide teaching and learning resources for the children. The BOM hopes that parents, staff and the wider school community will support this important fundraiser.

#### Parents Association

The BOM would like to thank the P.A. for all their work and dedication to date and wish them the best of luck in their fundraising endeavours this year. They have a wonderful programme of events lined up. The money raised will impact directly on the children's education and school life. Numeracy, Literacy, ICT and SPHE resources have been prioritised this year. We particularly look forward to the introduction of Friendship Benches on our three playgrounds.

The BOM would also like to thank those parents who responded to our request for volunteers to share their talents with the school. We look forward to availing of your skills and talents for the benefit of the children in the school over the coming year.

#### Building Update

Planning permission is currently being applied for to replace the roof in St. Michael's building. It is hoped, pending approval, that the work will take place over the Summer holidays.

#### New Language Curriculum

In order to facilitate staff training for the implementation of the new language curriculum SS Michael and Peter JNS will be closed on 1<sup>st</sup> May to allow staff to engage in training.

#### First Holy Communion

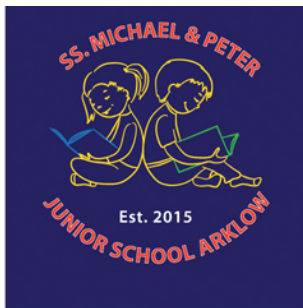
The First Holy Communion will take place on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May.

#### Parking

There are no parking or drop off facilities available on school grounds. Parking in the staff carpark is strictly prohibited. Also pedestrians must use the pedestrian gate to access the school grounds, not the car gates. The school is not liable for any accidents that occur as a result of people not following these guidelines. They are for you and your child's safety.

#### Supervision

The B.O.M. would like to draw your attention to the fact that the school is not responsible for pupils who are on the premises outside of the official opening and closing times. In St. Peter's campus the



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school is open to receive pupils from 9.10 a.m. Classes begin at 9.20 a.m. School finishes at 3 p.m. In St. Michael's campus the school is open to receive pupils from 9.20 a.m. Classes begin at 9.30 a.m. School finishes at 2.10 p.m. for Infants and 3.10 p.m. for 2<sup>nd</sup> class.

### **Substitute Teachers**

There is a severe shortage of substitute teachers in the country currently. While all efforts will be made to provide a substitute teacher for approved absences we ask for your understanding in relation to this matter.

### **Communication**

It is hoped to set up an email system for communicating with the parent body in an effort to cut costs. Shortly we will be sending out forms requesting your email address and permission to contact you in this way. We would appreciate your cooperation with this matter.

### **Policy Review and Ratification**

The following policies were reviewed and ratified: Child Protection, Code of Behaviour, Anti-Bullying. They will be available soon on the school website. [www.ssmichaelandpeter.ie](http://www.ssmichaelandpeter.ie)

### **School Initiatives**

A sincere thanks to all those members of staff who have volunteered to coordinate various initiatives this coming school year. We are very fortunate to have such an enthusiastic and dedicated staff. Involvement in the following events and activities will enhance and add great enjoyment to your child's education this year.

- ❖ The Big Sing
- ❖ Food Dudes
- ❖ Active Flag
- ❖ Green Schools
- ❖ Maths Week
- ❖ Science Week
- ❖ Catholic Schools Week
- ❖ World Book Day Events
- ❖ Friendship Week
- ❖ The Christmas Shoe Box Appeal
- ❖ Seachtain na Gaeilge
- ❖ School Choir
- ❖ Arklow Music Festival

The next Board of Management meeting will take place in December.

On behalf of the Board of Management,

Lisa Dempsey,

Secretary to the B.O.M