

Aston Village Educate Together National School  
Parent Teacher Association

# Newsletter

29<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dear Parents,

**A number of important events are scheduled for this term so please keep this newsletter in a safe place and take note of the dates:**

**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS:** The School Portrait Company will be in school on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February** to take photographs of all children. If for any reason you do not want your child to be photographed please advise us in writing in advance. Proofs will be sent home after mid term break and orders will be handled by the School Portrait Company directly.

**SAFER INTERNET DAY:** Teacher Paul will be offering a FREE internet safety workshop for parents on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February** at 9.30am in the upstairs kitchen. Tea and coffee will be served and if you are available it is highly recommended that you come along. Topics will include Managing 'Tech Time', Social Networking, Cyber Bullying, Digital Age of Consent , Digital Footprint , Supports.

**VALENTINE'S DISCOS :** This year's Valentine's discos will take place on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February** as follows and children are encouraged to wear red or pink clothing if they wish:

<b>Junior and Senior Infants Disco :</b>	<b>5.30pm-6.15pm</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Disco :</b>	<b>6.30pm -7.15pm</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Class Disco :</b>	<b>7.30pm-8.30pm</b>

Again we must insist that all children are accompanied by a parent or guardian. For safety reasons we will not be handling cash on the night so all tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets are priced at €3 and will be on sale on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February** from 9.30am-10am, and again from 1.30pm-2.30pm

**MIDTERM BREAK:** Please note that school will be closed for one week midterm break from **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February**

**WORLD BOOK DAY:** World Book Day will take place on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**. Once again this year we will encourage all children to dress up as their favourite character from a book. For some ideas, you can check out [www.bookaid.org](http://www.bookaid.org) Children will also receive a €1.50 book token which can be used to get €1.50 off a book in our Book Fair.

**BOOK FAIR:** Scholastic Book Fair will take place from **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March**. The school receives 60% back in books from all sales at the Book Fair. Last year we received €1526 worth of books for our school so your support every year is hugely appreciated. More details will be sent home after mid-term break.

**LÁ GLAS (Green Day):** On **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March** we will celebrate Lá Glas with children encouraged to dress in GREEN clothing for the day. School will be closed on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March** (national holiday).

**SUMMER CAMP:** The July 2020 Summer Camp is being finalised at present and you will be able to book a place from **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**. More information will also be sent home after mid term-break.

**STEM FAIR :** This year's AVET STEM Fair will be on **Wednesday 1st April** (Students) and **Thursday 2nd April** (Families) and will be held again in the PE Hall with each class level exhibiting and presenting their work on an aspect of the theme "**Living Things**" (from the science curriculum). Students are not being asked to create their own individual projects but will be part of their whole class efforts. So far we have projects including "How plants drink water", "What effects various liquids have on plant growth", "The Importance of the Honey Bee" and "Making an insect and earthworm display".

Parents are invited in to visit the STEM Fair on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April from 9am-10.30am** when the PTA will also be hosting their annual bake sale and coffee morning. We are requesting that parents bake or donate cakes, buns or biscuits to sell on the day. Money raised will be divided between two chosen charities:

- The first charity is the **Peter McVerry Trust** - a national homelessness and housing charity who recently opened an office in Drogheda
- The second is **Rainbows Ireland** - a free support programme for children affected by bereavement or separation that a number of staff have trained in and is now offered in school

**BAKE SALE AND HAT PARADE:** School closes on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April** at 12 noon for Easter Holidays. Parents and guardians are invited to our annual Hat Parade at 11.30am that day and children are encouraged to make hats out of recycled materials to model in the parade. This year's theme is also "Living Things" to tie in with the STEM fair. New parents can check out the school website for photographs of previous parades for inspiration. School reopens after Easter holidays on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April**.



**Peter  
McVerry  
Trust**

Opening doors for  
homeless people



**Rainbows Ireland**

Supporting Children with Bereavement  
and Parental Separation