



Communication/mail list:

We started our mailing list last year and will be updating it for any parents who would like to be added. Email us castletownnspace@gmail.com. Sign up and give your feedback through our survey [here](#) where you can ask any questions you may have.

School Calendar, booklists and uniform info can be found here:

<http://castletownnationalschool.ie/calendar>

SEPTEMBER 2022

HELLO everyone and a big **welcome** to all new and returning parents!

We are really excited about the year ahead and want to welcome you to the Parents' Association (PA) of our school.

The PA aims to provide support to the school, for our children, and our principal and staff, working together to create the best possible environment for the education of our children.

It's also a great opportunity to meet other parents and make new friends.

Our mission:

The Education Act, 1998 sets down the role of the parent association. The Parent Association works with the principal, staff and the board of management to build effective partnership of home and school. Educational research on the involvement of parents in schools shows that children achieve higher levels when parents and teachers work together.

What do the PA do?

We help organise events like paired reading, grandparent's day, Halloween disco, our famous Sports Day and other fund raisers.

In recent years we have raised funds for 6th Class Graduation hoodies, music classes, special occasions, educational visits, and other experiences and treats during the school year.

We also started the Split the pot/Chase the Ace Draw last year and this has been a great success and will re-commence in the coming weeks.

(The Ace is still at large)

Who can get involved?

We welcome **all** new faces and ideas. Parents, guardians, and grandparents are all invited to get involved. If you have a skill or hold an interest in Art, DIY, gardening, woodwork etc. Equally farmers, builders, and other skills out there can add great value to our PA.

Our email is castletownnspace@gmail.com if you are interested in getting involved in any way please get in touch.

Meetings Welcome meeting 2022

Thursday 29th September we will be hosting a welcome meeting for parents and invite you all to join us at 8:30pm. This will be our first PA meeting of the school year and hope to see lots of new faces along with our existing participants. There will be tea and cake and no obligation to commit to anything. This meeting expects to run for apx.1 hour or so and we do hope to see you there.

2022-23 PA Roles

This year we are aiming to have 2 parents in each role to share workload.

No experience required and max 4 meetings in the school year. Training will be provided.

Chairperson: Ronnie Daly / Caroline O'Shaughnessy

Treasurer: Fiona Kelly / Sarah Kavanagh

Secretary: Laura Molloy / Deirdre Jordan

Gardening Group: Volunteers needed to help through the year in the gardens

Paired Reading: Volunteers needed to help with these weekly (Tuesday) one hour sessions.

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Please get in touch if you are interested in getting involved

Dates to note:

Split the Pot/Chase the Ace will now be drawn on the last Friday of the month. Get your entries in by Wed **28th September** for the draw on Fri 30th. Envelopes will be sent home in bags with details for our new parents.

The Halloween Disco in the Golden Anchor will be back this year back with a bang on the **28th October**.

National Parents Council

We are members of the National Parents Council so you can avail of training, events and resources.

- Some free training Training available on National Parents Council (npc.ie)
- Upcoming events: News & Events | National Parents Council (npc.ie)