

# Our Parents Association:

Our parents association plays an essential integral role in our school community. The events and initiatives they are involved in include:

## Fundraising events:

These contribute both to funding our activities and to the school. We sponsored the defibrillator on behalf of the school and organised for all staff members to be trained in the use of it. Activities such as class calendars, raffles, and Christmas cards have been a big part of raising funds.



#### Social Events for Parents:

Coffee mornings are a much loved activity and are back in person. They provide an opportunity for parents to get to know each other and to see their children perform in the school with their class groups.

### Social Events for Pupils:

Although they were on hold for a number of years, the PA have been associated with movie nights in the school, as well as outside trips to play areas and other social events for the pupils to participate in.

#### School Occasions:

Communions are one of the centerpiece occasions in the school year and the Parents Association work with the school and the parents to provide a fully catered event in the school for the children celebrating along with their families.



6th Class graduation masses are also a fully catered event, and the pupils are provided with fun activities, treats and mementos of their school journey before they graduate.

Charity Fundraising Activities such as non-uniform days and Christmas food collections and raffle donations have helped many charities over the years with your generous help.

Uniform Shops Thanks to the donations from parents of pre-loved uniforms, we have been able to set up a number of uniform shops in the school that allows for parents to purchase spare uniforms at a very affordable price.

Christmas Christmas in St Columba's is a very special time for the children. The PA have been responsible for assisting the school in arranging Santa's much anticipated visits to the school, the personalised Christmas cards, the bumper Christmas raffle and the decoration of the school for the children each year.

New Initiatives We are always open to new ideas, and if you have any, we would love to hear them! If you can offer any of your skills to help us with new ideas, please get in touch.

