*** Thomastown Parents Council***

***Newsletter***

Welcome to our very first newsletter where we hope to keep you updated on upcoming events in school and future fundraising activities. As a cost effective measure, the newsletter will be available only via email & on school website so if you wish to subscribe, please give your details to a committee member.

Thanks everyone who attended our last parents meeting. Lots of great suggestions / ideas were raised which we hope to see come to fruition in the New Year! **Parental input is very important to us** **as our aim is together, to work in the best interests of all our children** **through the best means possible.**

In the meantime, here is some Dates for the Diary in the coming weeks.....

**Bag Packing** L&N Superstore Tipperary Town

**19th& 20thNovember 10am-6pm**. Please return forms asap.**Volunteers urgently required**\*\*

 **Christmas Fayre & Coffee Morning at Kilfeacle Community Hall 6th December after 10am Mass.**

Any donations by means of baking, Xmas crafts, knitwear,prizes for the raffle would be greatly appreciated. Items can be dropped into community hall on **5th between 6-7pm or morning of sale.** Contact committee for further information.

[](http://www.google.ie/url?sa=i&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&frm=1&source=images&cd=&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=0CAcQjRxqFQoTCMmB-O_F4MgCFYS4FAodVgQNcQ&url=http://www.bag2school.ie/usa/&psig=AFQjCNEiuhetsmnckANgop7li5-oiYRAQQ&ust=1445962933403709)**Bag 2 School Collection** **11th December** Clothes & Textile collection in school. Please ask extended family, friends and community to help with donations. Great opportunity to have a pre-Xmas clearout while helping school raise much needed funds. Collection can be arranged if necessary.

**Golden Drama Group** has kindly offered us the opportunity to provide refreshments and benefit from the proceeds on **21st November.** Any donations of baking and helping out on the night much appreciated. Baking can be dropped to school on **Sat 21st** between **12-2pm** or contact Committee.

**Copper Mile Challenge**

[](http://www.google.ie/imgres?imgurl=http://c1.thejournal.ie/media/2013/07/poll-one-cent-two-cent-coins-abolished-wexford-390x285.jpg&imgrefurl=http://www.thejournal.ie/poll-one-cent-two-cent-coins-abolish-wexford-999831-Jul2013/&h=285&w=390&tbnid=eEl9AofH5g1lgM:&docid=E6kRF-ASPvvdVM&ei=J1UuVoHPKYmxeLT6itgJ&tbm=isch&ved=0CGcQMyhEMERqFQoTCMH-8tbH4MgCFYkYHgodNL0Cmw)As 1c & 2c coins are being phased out of circulation, we would appreciate any coins that you wish to dispose of. There will be a bucket in each classroom until the week of Easter Holidays 2016 when we hope to get the whole school involved in an attempt to cover the school yard with as many coins as possible. The school will benefit in many ways; fundraising, a step towards achieving the schools green flag & active flag status, opportunity to promote school through media and will be a great fun day for all the children.

Next **Parents association meeting** will take place on **Tuesday 17th** **November at 7.30pm**. Your attendance would be greatly appreciated.

Don’t forget to visit school website [www.thomastownns.com](http://www.thomastownns.com) for all current news/events happening in school. Find us on **Facebook** at **Thomastown Parents Council.** Feel free to like, share & comment.

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