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**Principal: Michael Ward** **Deputy Principal: Fiona Fox**

**We wish our 6th Class of 2025 the very best of luck as they leave us. Their Graduation took place on the 16th June.**

**School Book Scheme**

The Board commends the DES for the introduction of the free school book scheme and sees it as a big help for parents in this continuing cost of living crisis but would ask the DES to review the amount per child as it doesn’t cover the cost of providing everything for the children.

**Policy Development**

The following policies were ratified by the Board this year.

* Child Safeguarding Statement & Risk Assessment
* Review of Anti-Bullying Policy & Cyber Bulling Policy
* School Attendance
* Toileting & Intimate Care
* Supervision

Sincere thanks to all members of the school community who took part in this work.

**Parents’ Association**

The Board wishes to thank the PA for their support & generosity throughout the school year especially with all the events which are run. The Board is mindful of the help, support and incredible hard work that the Parent body engages in every year. We would like to thank the PA for all the work they did in hosting the 1st Communion party and also for the hospitality on the evening of the 5K which was a great success. The PA fundraising this year through the Spinathon and the church gate collection will go a long way to helping with the purchase of our decodable readers for our junior classes, STEM resources to facilitate the implementation of the new maths curriculum and the funding of dance classes which will contribute to our focus on the children’s well-being.

**Staffing for 2025/2026**

Acorn Class Ms. Susan Glennon

J.I. & S.I. Mrs Laura Scott/Mrs Cliodhna Talty

1st & 2nd Ms Fiona Fox

3rd & 4th Class Ms Anna-Mary Foley

5th & 6th class Ms Therese Walsh

Support teachers Mr Ward & Cora Ryan

SNA’s Ms Gerry Bradley

Ms Andrea O Connor

Ms Chloe Masterson

Ms Jo Giles

School Secretary Ms Joanna Tyrell

Caretaker Mr Pat Coffey

Cleaners Ms Ann McAteer & Ms Noeleen Gavin

The Board of Management thank you all most sincerely for your continued support and good will.

**Coralstown National School will re-open on August 28th 2025**

**School Self Evaluation process**

School Self Evaluation has been ongoing & our focus has been Health & Wellbeing. We will be focusing on the new maths curriculum for the school year 2025-2026.

**School Ethos**

* We have returned to the tradition of attending mass on the 1st Friday of each month when the school is open.
* We had very enjoyable sacraments this year and have already held our confirmation enrolment mass with this year’s 5th class.

**Hot School Meals**

Thw free hot meals scheme by the Department of Social Protection has continued and has proven to be very successful. Thank you to our school providers, The Lunch Bag, who have been a fantastic support and in particular to Ruby who has ensured we were always comfortable with the process.

**School Development**

There has been ongoing work on the New Primary Maths Curriculum during this school year. A curriculum evaluation on the teaching of maths in our school was carried out by the DES in May. The Board of Management are very happy with the report and they would like to thank all the staff for their professionalism, competence and commitment to the high level teaching of maths in our school.

During the year the Board saw the fitting of 22 solar panels which should help with the day to day running costs.

A Sensory Cube fitted by SENCO was also installed in our school during the Easter holidays. This is an invaluable resource, especially for the children in our Acorn Class. Staff and children alike have spoken of the benefits already being felt of having a sensory space.

**Board of Management Elected December 2023**

Patron’s Rep Fr Tom Gilroy

Mary Moriarty

Principal Michael Ward

Teacher Nominee Anna Mary Foley

Parent Nominees Sharon Oakes

George Thurlow

Community Reps Francis Murtagh

Sinéad Scully

* 5 Board meetings were held this year – face to face
* The Board would like to acknowledge & thank the Patron Nominees, the Parent Nominees, the Community Nominees & teacher Nominees for all their support, help and work on the Board this year.