



# Holy Family NS, Rathcoole

## Eanáir 2022 Newsletter

### Calendar

Mon 21<sup>st</sup> – Fri 25<sup>th</sup> February  
Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> & Fri 18<sup>th</sup> March

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> April  
Mon 25<sup>th</sup> April  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

School Closed Mid-Term Break  
School Closed (Public & School Holiday – possibility of 18<sup>th</sup> been designated a Public Holiday)  
School closes 12pm for Easter Holidays.  
School re-opens after Easter Holidays.  
Public Holiday

### Athbhliain faoi mhaise!

Happy New Year to you all!! Let's pray that the year ahead will be happy, safe and fruitful and that we will begin to see some 'normality' begin to return to our lives.

### Reminder – School Office closed 11:30am – 12pm each day

Mams/Dads are reminded that the school office is closed from 11:30am – 12pm each day. Visits to the office is by appointment only. Please ring Honor on 01 4580570 to arrange.

Also, reminder not to collect children during yard time as we do not have the staff to escort children from yard. If you know in advance that you will be collecting during yard times, please inform Honor and class teacher and a pupil can be sent to the office to wait for collection during yard time. Thanks for your support with this.

Yard times are;

Small Break (Sos Beag)	10:40 – 10:50am 11:00 – 11:10am	Junior Infants – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> Class
Lunch (Am Lóin)	12:20 – 12:45pm 12:55 – 13:20pm	Junior Infants – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> Class

### COVID 19 – Return of Contact Tracing -



#### **Aladdin Connect – Make sure your phone and home address is correct**

An email will issue this week with details of the Public Health HSE return of contact tracing to schools.

In advance of this could all families check your Aladdin Connect App to make sure that your child's details are accurate, specifically your family contact details – Your **emergency contact** should not be a Parent/Guardian but rather another individual whom we can contact should we not be able to make contact Mam/Dad/Guardian.

Please visit your Aladdin Connect app now and you can update your child's contact details and home address yourself, if required. To edit details, click your child's profile picture and then click 'edit'.

You will be able to then enter updated details. The update will not take effect immediately as it has to be approved by us on our side before you see the changes.

## Important points re Covid19

### **Things to Note:**

1. If a child displays ANY symptoms of COVID-19 they should **self-isolate immediately** and a parent or guardian should arrange a **PCR test. (A negative antigen on a symptomatic child is not sufficient - only PCR tests are acceptable for a symptomatic child)**
2. If someone in your child's home has symptoms, that person should book a PCR test. While awaiting their results, your child must restrict their movements.
3. **If your child tests positive for Covid19 you should inform the school straight away.**

### **Child Who Tests Positive for COVID-19:**

1. Child tests positive for COVID-19
2. Parent/Guardian **notifies principal** that their child tested positive of COVID-19.
3. The school principal identifies the children in the case's pod, and informs their parents, offering the opportunity to order antigen tests from the distribution company.
4. The antigen tests will be posted to the parents of the children in the pod.
5. Parents carry out the antigen test on the day that they receive it and every second day until three tests have been done.
6. The children in the pod can continue to attend school as long as they remain **asymptomatic and their antigen test results remain not detected.**

### **If a child's antigen test indicates a positive result:**

If an antigen test is positive, the child self- isolates at home and the child's parent/guardian logs onto the HSE to request a PCR test.

### **If a child's antigen test indicates a negative result**

The child can continue to attend school as long as they remain **asymptomatic** and their antigen test results remain *not detected*.

**Finally, please follow our Covid19 protocols sent to all families.**

**Masks must be worn correctly (covering your nose and face) at all times. No entry to school grounds without a mask correctly worn**

### Attendance & Covid

As you are aware, our school is obliged to inform parents at various interval levels of pupil absence. At 10 and 15 days absence, Mam/Dads receive a text. At 20 days absence, we are required to send out the Letter of Notification of 20 days Absence. We are obliged to do this regardless of absence.

The absence rate is much higher this year due to Covid issues. Whilst you will receive the standard communications from the school, please be advised that our school will not be referring concerns to TUSLA regarding absences, where the absences are related to Covid.

Again, pupils must not come to school if they have any symptoms and Mams/Dads/Adults must not enter our yard if any symptoms.

### Lunch Bag

We are continuing to look into the possibility of facilitating this service in our school. We are finalising some final details and if finalised we will trial this service for parents. Details will follow very soon.

We have received a lot of positive feedback from other schools regarding thelunchbag.ie who deliver healthy nut free lunches directly to the school from a parent's order on their app. The feedback is that their lunches are healthy, lots of individual choices, you can order as often or as little as you want and it is decent value. This is something we will probably trial in the new Year to see if Mams/Dads find it beneficial. More anon.



### **Withdrawing children – HSE Appointment/Vaccination Appointment only**

Children should not be withdrawn from the school unless in case of emergency or HSE appointment or vaccine appointment.

Please contact the class teacher in advance to inform them of HSE appointment and also to let Honor in the office know. Children cannot be withdrawn during yard times unless arranged in advance with Honor and Class teacher. Please see item above on 'School Office'.

### **Communion & Confirmation 2022**

The expected dates are;

#### **Communion – 7<sup>th</sup> May in St. Mary's Church, Saggart**

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| • Rang 2A | Ms. Higgins/Ms. Harrison | 10:30am |
| • Rang 2B | Ms. Cleary               | 11:30am |
| • Rang 3B | Ms. Cronin               | 12:30pm |

#### **Confirmation – 14<sup>th</sup> May in St. Mary's Church, Saggart**

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| • Rang 6A | Mr. Hill     | 10:30am |
| • Rang 6B | Ms. McKelvey | 11:30am |
| • Rang 6C | Ms. Hartnett | 12:30pm |

The Parish Office will be in touch regarding further details.

### **County Photos – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Save the date – Comb the hair!**

Our official school photographer, County Photos, will visit the school on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022 to take the children's school photo.

Due to Covid 19, only individual photographs will be taken. County Photos will also have an option for the **Junior Infants and 6<sup>th</sup> Classes** to purchase a class photograph made up of individual shots. Consent to appear in the class photograph must be given in advance and this will be collected through the 'Permissions' on Aladdin in the coming weeks.

County Photographs will then send home a pack to each family with proofs of the photos and Mams/Dads will be given a code by them to allow you log onto their website to purchase. More anon.

### **Enrolment Applications Junior Infants 2022 – DEADLINE 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022**

Please see the 'Annual Admission Notice' on our website [www.holyfamilyns.ie](http://www.holyfamilyns.ie)

**Enrolment Applications must be submitted on or before 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022.**

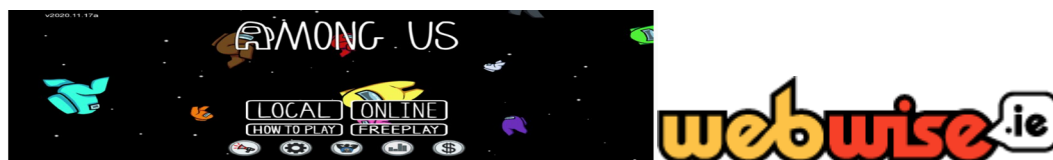
### **Junior & Senior Infants PT Meetings**

We are hoping to have the PT Meetings take place over zoom in March. Class teachers will be in contact with you to arrange times. PT meetings have been a little delayed this year due to staffing pressures affecting our ability to carry out the annual assessments.

## Peanuts/Nuts

Due to the number of pupils in the school with serious nut /egg allergies, we are asking parents not to pack nuts or nut products or eggs in their child's lunch.

## Webwise – ‘Among Us’ App



Mams/Dads can visit <https://www.webwise.ie/parents/explained-what-is-among-us/> for info on the app ‘Among us and the risks involved.

# Parents’ Association



## PA Non-Uniform Day – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022

The Annual PA Non-Uniform Day takes place on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022**. The theme is ‘Valentines’ and pupils can wear in red or pink items of clothing if so wished, or any non-uniform clothing.

Pupils are asked to bring in their **€2** for the non-uniform day, the day before, **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022**.

## PA Christmas Raffle – Results

Thanks to everyone who sold and bought tickets for our annual PA Christmas Raffle. Well done to our PA and everyone concerned in running the event.

Winners were;

- 1st Prize €1000 - Emma De Sousa
- 2nd Prize €500 - John Francis
- 3rd Prize €250 - Daniel Wei
- 4th Prize €100 - Adrian Hegarty
- 5th Prize €100 - Sakib Akter
- 6th Prize €100 - Karl Craig
- 7th Prize €100 - Eoghan Collins
- 8th Prize €100 - Sean Boylan
- 9th Prize €50 - Jocelyn Suan
- 10th Prize €50 - Tadhg Ratcliffe