



Holy Family NS, Rathcoole

Feabhra 2022 Newsletter

Calendar

Mon 21st – Fri 25th February
Thurs 17th & Fri 18th March
Fri 8th April
Mon 25^h April
Monday 2nd May

School Closed Mid-Term Break
School Closed (Public Holidays)
School closes 12pm for Easter Holidays.
School re-opens after Easter Holidays.
Public Holiday

County Photos – Friday 11th February – Save the date – Comb the hair!

Our official school photographer, County Photos, will visit the school this Friday 11th 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 6th 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.



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 nd Class 3 rd – 6 th Class
Lunch (Am Lóin)	12:20 – 12:45pm 12:55 – 13:20pm	Junior Infants – 2 nd Class 3 rd – 6 th Class

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.

Year Heads

Our school is currently developing a system of 'Year Heads' akin to the Year Head structure in the secondary schools.

You may hear your child mention their Year Head throughout the year as the Year Head will be involved with coordinating class activities.

Your child's Class teacher should still remain your point of contact for matters pertaining to your child in school.

The current Year Heads for this year are;

Junior & Senior Infants	Ms. Meegan
1st & 2nd Class	Ms. Merry
3rd & 4th Class	Mr. Mulligan
5th & 6th Class	Mr. Gavin

Booklists 2022/2023

The Booklists and fees for this year will be sent home in the coming weeks to allow parents a few months to pay them off.

Cumann na mBunscol Games are Back

We are delighted to see the return of the Cumann na mBunscol games to Primary schools across the country. The Cumann na mBunscol teachers will contact Mams/Dads of children involved.

Again, we will be looking for assistance from Mams/Dads with lifts to games.

It has raised our spirits to see school across the country return to a pre-covid activity!!



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 – 7th May in St. Mary's Church, Saggart

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

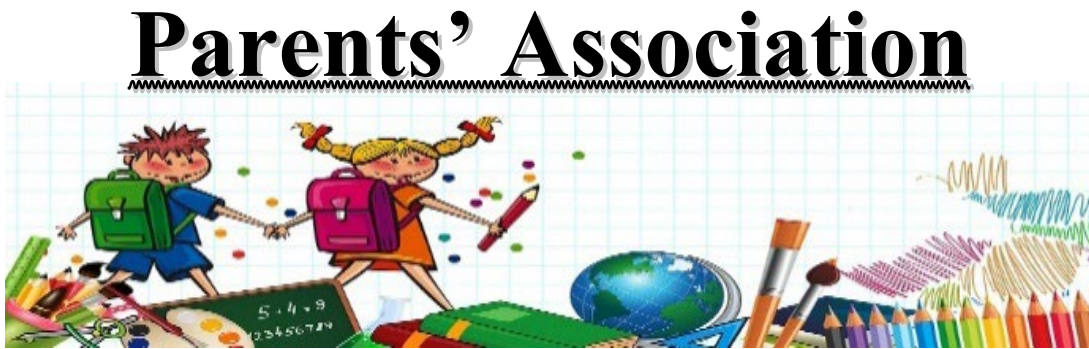
Confirmation – 14th May in St. Mary's Church, Saggart

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

Families have been sent the email from the Parish Office to register as the deadline for registration is looming. Please register with the Parish now if you have not done so.

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.**



PA Non-Uniform Day – Friday 18th February 2022

The Annual PA Non-Uniform Day takes place on **Friday 18th 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 17th February 2022**.

Funds raised this year are going towards the purchase of PM Readers for the classes in the school. Funds raised also go towards the End of Year PA Bill which typically covers some classroom activities, referee and busses costs amongst other annual expenses.