



Holy Family NS, Rathcoole

Márta 2022 Newsletter

Calendar

Wed 16 th March	Closed Half Day for Staff Training
Thurs 17 th & Fri 18 th March	School Closed (Public Holidays)
Fri 8 th April	School closes 12pm for Easter Holidays.
Mon 25 th April	School re-opens after Easter Holidays.
Monday 2 nd May	Public Holiday
Fri 3 rd & Mon 6 th June	School & Public Holiday
Wednesday 29 th June	School closes 12pm for Summer Holidays

PLC (Primary Language Curriculum) Staff Training – Half Day Wednesday 16th March

Our school staff will have our next PLC training on **Wednesday 16th March**. The pupils will be released for the half day (on this day). The staggered Covid 19 release times for all classes will be sent to you beforehand. The next training session will take place sometime in Term 3 before the summer holidays.

Collection Times Wednesday 16th March

Junior & Senior Infants	11:50am
1 st – 6 th Class	12:00pm

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. You may contact your child's Year Head for any other appropriate matters or queries;

The current Year Heads for this year are;

Junior & Senior Infants	Ms. Meegan	msmeegan@holyfamilvns.ie
1 st & 2 nd Class	Ms. Merry	msmerry@holyfamilvns.ie
3 rd & 4 th Class	Mr. Mulligan	mrmulligan@holyfamilvns.ie
5 th & 6 th Class	Mr. Gavin	mrgavin@holyfamilvns.ie

Booklists 2022/2023

The booklists and fees for this year have been sent by e-payment request. The deadline for payment is **Friday 3rd June 2022**.

5th & 6th Class Swimming

It is hoped to have our 5th & 6th Classes attend some swimming lessons before the summer. Again the issue is availability and cost of buses. An e-payment request will issue if swimming is arranged.

School Tours

All the classes will go on a school tour this June. Details to follow as soon as they are known to us.

Webwise

There are some great resources for parents about their children being online. Please click on this link for advice for your child making friends online.

<https://www.webwise.ie/parents/meeting-people-online-advice/>



Social Media / Cyber Bullying / School Anti-Bullying Programme

Parents are asked to be vigilant regarding your child's use of the internet, social media and mobile phones. Parents/Guardians are reminded that there is a minimum age requirement for the use social media sites. E.g. *the minimum age requirement to hold a Facebook account is 13 years of age. As is school advice, pupils in this school should not have a social media account (Facebook, Instagram etc)*

Our school strongly advocates that children of primary school age should not have unsupervised access to mobile phones or social media platforms.

Our school will continue to educate the pupils on the appropriate and safe use of the internet. The primary responsibility for this rests with parents/guardians.

Reminder – Phones/cameras/any recording equipment (photo or video) are not permitted to be carried by pupils at any time during school time/trips. Electronic equipment will be taken from a pupil and only returned to a parent.

Our school has a policy of confiscation of mobile phones or 'connected devices' which will only be returned to a visiting parent/guardian.

In exceptional circumstances, where a parent requires that their child requires a mobile phone immediately after school, a note should be written to the teacher, the phone switched off and handed to the teacher who will place it in a 'mobile phone box'. The onus is on the pupil to collect their phone at the end of the school day.

Did you know? The digital age of consent in Ireland is **16** years of age.



Toys in School

Reminder that children are not permitted to take toys to school.

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.**

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Seachtain na Gaeilge takes place from **1st – 17th March** (Márta) meaning it is more a coicís (fortnight) than a seachtain (week).

Visit <https://snag.ie/cluichi/> for games in Irish.

We have some nice Irish activities planned for the ‘snag’.

Thanks to Mr. Eamon Byrne, Mr. Hill, Mr. Mulligan and Ms. Harrison for the beautiful Irish traditional music as part of our SnaG activities.



Parents' Association



PA Non-Uniform Day – Fri 8th April 2020

The next Non-uniform Day will take place on Friday 8th April – the day of the Easter Holidays.

Pupils are asked to kindly bring in their €2 on **Thursday 7th April**.

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 buses costs amongst other annual expenses.