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Next week, Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th November we will be holding our Annual Parent - Teacher meetings. As mentioned in previous newsletters, we will be offering parents a choice between a face to face meeting in the school or a phone call to discuss your child's progress. Please see overleaf for more information on booking in a time.

Other important notes in this week's edition

- Morning Club trial
- Dates for Christmas Dramas & Carol Service
- Numeracy Survey
- PA Christmas Raffle

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Many thanks to all of our families who contributed so kindly to the Team Hope Christmas Shoebox appeal. We had over 90 shoeboxes collected last week! Your generous donations will now go off to be sorted and later shipped to those in need in time for Christmas.



Parent Teacher Meetings 2022

As you know, Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th November next week are the dates for our Parent Teacher meetings. The meetings will take place after school. **On these days the children from 1st - 6th class will go home at the slightly earlier time of 2:15pm to allow the teachers to prepare their classrooms.** Junior and Senior Infants will go home at their usual time of 1:30pm. After school activities on that day (Tennis) for the infants classes will run from 1:30-2:15pm and for the older classes it will run from 2:15-3:00pm. This year we will continue with our online booking system via Aladdin. On Wednesday of this week (16th November) we will be sending an invitation via Aladdin to book your slot(s) for your meeting.

Once you get your invitation you can go on to the **system** where you will see a bank of 10 minute slots. Simply book your slot (one for each child if you have more than one in the school). Please note that if you have already attended an IEP meeting with your child's teacher this year you will not receive an invitation to book a Parent/Teacher meeting. We will be inviting parents of families with 3 or more children in the school to book first to allow them to book in their meetings on the same day.

Face to face meetings

If you choose to book in for a face to face meeting for your child please arrive a few minutes before your meeting and wait outside your child's classroom. We know it may have been a while for some parents since they were last in the school and so we will have plenty of signage directing parents where each class is on the day! If you have more than one child in the school, please give yourself plenty of time to get between meetings. The Aladdin system will only allow you to book a second meeting 10minutes after the completion of your previous meeting.

Phone Call Meetings

If you would rather a phone call meeting please note the following - **before you confirm your booking there will be a text box displayed where we require you to type "PHONE" in order to let the teacher know.** If you are booking a phone call meeting we ask that you book a slot on the Thursday afternoon (24th) after 4:00pm (for Junior and Senior Infant Parents please book as late as possible on the Thursday afternoon). This will allow continuity for the class teachers (i.e. a block of face to face meetings followed by a block of phone call meetings). The teachers will be using phones with the numbers blocked for privacy reasons. When your phone rings at the allotted time be sure to pick up even when you see a blocked number.

SEN Team Meetings

Parents of children who are receiving additional support from our wonderful special education team, and who have not already had a separate IEP meeting, will receive an invitation to book a meeting with their SEN teacher. These meetings are not mandatory but are encouraged.

If you are having difficulty with booking a meeting or cannot attend on the above dates, please get in contact with your class teacher or the office as soon as possible.

PT meetings are always a wonderful opportunity to share information about the progress of each child. Please feel free to pass on observations about your child's progress in school with the class teacher. We are very much looking forward to welcoming you to the school for the first time since November 2019!

Morning Club Trial

Morning Club is for parents/guardians who wish to drop their children before school start time. As this is a new club for the school, we plan to run it on a trial basis until the Christmas break. We will re-evaluate after this time with the hopes of carrying it on throughout the rest of the school year.

Morning Club will begin on Monday 28th of November and will run until Friday 16th December

If interested, please fill in the survey as soon as possible as places are limited to 60 children and are allocated on a first come first serve basis.

Link to the survey is below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LK8K66T>



The children will enter the school from 8:00am - 8:15am. Please ensure that your child arrives during this time. From here, they will be greeted by a teacher at the blue porch door at the front of the school to sign in. Cash payments can also be made here. The cost for morning club is €5 per morning or €20 for a full week. Payment can be made that morning or on Monday if paying for the full week.

The children will be directed to the classroom of that morning (Ms Mulhall's/Ms Rainey's/Mr Jackson's) by the teacher on the door. Here the children will colour and draw, complete puzzles, read or play with a variety of toys and activities. It is important to note that this is not a time for the children to complete homework. At 8:50am, the children will proceed to their own classrooms.

If your child cannot attend Morning Club on a given day, please contact us through morningclubhc@outlook.com. Please be aware that Morning Club is privately run so all contact should be made through the teachers involved (Jackie Rainey, Eimear Mulhall, Stephen Jackson, Jamie Clifford) or through our email address stated above.

Kind regards,

Jackie Rainey, Eimear Mulhall, Stephen Jackson and Jamie Clifford

Maths Survey



Many thanks to all of the parents and children who filled in our Maths Survey last week. We received a great response to both questionnaire. We would ask any family that did not get a chance to look at it last week to do so this afternoon.

Dates for the Diary

The next few weeks are extremely busy in the school which is fantastic!

On Wednesday 7th December we will have our Christmas Dramas for Junior Infants, Rang 1, Rang 2 & Rang 3 (Ms Faulkner). The classes are working very hard rehearsing and preparing costumes at the moment. We will have further details on times and arrangements on the night closer to the day. It is great to have school plays back up and running after so long. We know that the other classes (Senior Infants, Rang 3 Mr Clifford & Rang 4 - Rang 6) are already looking forward to getting started on their productions for our Spring Dramas that will take place before the Easter Holidays.

Our Annual Carol Service will be held in Holy Cross Church on Wednesday 14th December. Senior Infants will be taking part in the "Tableau" drama supported by our choir of Rang 4 - Rang 6 children. Ms Mulhall & Mr Jackson and the children are busy preparing. Again, more details on the times etc. will be shared closer to the date.

Parents Association Christmas Raffle

The annual Holy Cross Parents Association Christmas Raffle is fast approaching! It is the biggest fundraiser of the year for the committee, and as always all monies raised will support various activities in school for the children. We'd be grateful if any parents who are in a position to donate prizes get in touch with Carina in the office, or Mr. McGrath.