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# NUAHT NA CROISE NAOFA

## Off to a Great Start in Holy Cross

Céad míle fáilte romhaibh ar ais ar scoil! At last the day has come and we are all back to school again! A special welcome to our new Junior Infants, to the new children in other classes and to our newly appointed staff members, Ms. Julie O'Byrne (Rang 5), Mr. Cillian O'Brien (SEN) and Ms. Suzanne Massey (SNA). We would like to wish Ms. Sinéad Gleeson all the very best in the future as she has taken up a position in a school closer to home. Her experience and good nature will be missed by all in Holy Cross.

Our new arrival routine went very well today and I would like to thank all of our parents, children and staff for such a smooth first morning. I have included a list of reminders on the next few pages. Please take the time to read through these with your children.

If at any stage you would like to get in touch, please feel free to get in contact with the office via email or Aladdin.

Míle Buíochas,

John McGrath



## PHOTOS OF THE WEEK



This week's photos of the week are of our new Junior Infants. Ms. Hegarty and Ms. Manning's classes had a great first day with their friends in Holy Cross - many more to come!

### School start and finishing times for 2022/23



Arrive at the assigned doors between 8:50 am & 9:00am.

Formal instruction begins at 9:00am.

Collection from the assigned doors at 1:30pm (for Junior & Senior Infants) and 2:30pm for all other classes.

Please note that for this week and next week, Junior Infants will go home at 12:00pm.

School Uniform - It is very important that the children learn the importance of how to present themselves for school. Please ensure that the children are in the correct uniform every day. Black shoes (i.e. shoes which can be polished - not black runners) should be worn and all hair should be kept out of the eyes with a simple hair band or clips. Please remember when cold or wet weather arrives, children must wear the School Jacket. The teachers will let the children know on what day they will have PE lessons and will need to wear their track suit.



Healthy Lunch - A good guide for lunches is if it's healthy it's in - if it's not, it's out. **Please also be mindful of our request that nuts (and spreads containing traces of nuts) not be used in lunches including SESAME SEEDS.** Heavily marketed products like Frubes/Dairylea Dunkers are packed with sugar and should not be included in lunch boxes.



Punctuality - Our new school arrival time gives greater flexibility to families. We hope that will mean less pressure in the mornings and that there will be no unaccompanied children in the school yards. If you are dropping your child to school late please bring him/her to the Main Entrance Door (Blue Door) or to the Main Office Door and a member of staff will take him/her to the class.



School Access—The pedestrian gate at the rear of the school / County council car park will be locked during the school day. The gate will be open for parents at school collection times. We are asked by our insurance company to remind parents that the school cannot be responsible for children in the school yard outside of school times of 8.50am - 1.30pm/2.30pm. Please do not leave your children unattended in the yard.



**Communication** - If there is any matter causing you concern as a parent/guardian please call the office to make an appointment. **01 298 5493** or **email: [admin@holycrossschool.ie](mailto:admin@holycrossschool.ie)**



**Parking and Car Parks** - Please use the car park at the rear of the school if you are driving. The Staff Car Park is for the use of staff only during school hours. Please use the pedestrian gate if you are walking in the front of the school. Pedestrians should under no circumstances use the gate for cars.

**Collecting Children** - If for whatever reason your child must be collected by someone other than yourself or their regular collector, please let the school know in advance. Teachers will not hand over a child to someone we do not know.



**Label everything** - books, uniforms, lunchboxes, coats, etc.

**Party Invitations** - As you can understand we are not in a position to help with the distribution of party invitations here at the school. All party invites must be distributed somewhere other than the classroom.



### **New Bike Shed**

We have a new bike shed in the yard nearest the Montessori entrance. This can be used by all and will mean that our shelter in the main yard (currently being decorated with a new mural by our caretaker, Paul) is now free for children to use during play time. DLR County Council have just installed more bike parking at the rear gate today which may also be used by families if necessary.



### **Aladdin -School/Home Communication App**

Parents can communicate via the Aladdin App directly with the school in the following situations:

✓ If your child is absent, please mark an explanation on Aladdin. The explanation can be put up once the roll has been taken in school.



✓ Parents can notify school in advance of absences, late arrivals or early leavings.

✓ For more general messages, parents can send a message from Aladdin Connect to the class teacher and / or the school office.