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Important Info Enclosed!

This week's Nuachtlitir contains some very important info on some upcoming events;

- Change to our morning time routine
- Parents night incorporating the Parents Association AGM
- Our usual weekly news items!

Reminder: School Photos tomorrow, Tuesday - full uniform to be worn by ALL students.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Last Friday we said goodbye to Bob, Blueberry, Cheese and Lion who were special guests of Ms. Palmer's class for the last few weeks. Senior Infants took great care of them throughout their stay and even reported to the older classes about the chicks' time in Holy Cross!



Morning Time Routine Changes

As you know, due to Covid 19, over the last two years we had to put in place some changes to our daily routines for safety reasons. These included separating break times, staggering leaving times and changing our morning time routine. Thankfully these changes have gone quite smoothly and in particular, our morning time routine where children have a 20 minute window in which to arrive to school and go directly to their classrooms, has been a great success. It allows the school day to start very calmly and each child is welcomed individually to their classes by their teacher. It also allows parents a little more flexibility in the morning times.

Next September, we will be reverting to our traditional, pre-Covid routines in the school but we would like to try and keep our morning time routine *IF POSSIBLE*. The Department of Education has guidelines on the length of the school day and our Covid morning time routine meant that our school day was actually longer than regulation. To bring our school day in line with these Department timeframes we will be changing the morning time arrival routine slightly.

For the month of June, we will trial a new morning time routine. From Wednesday 1st June the school will now open at 9:00am. The children can enter the school between 9:00am and 9:10am. The children will continue to go directly to the classes at this time where they will be welcomed by their class teachers.

We hope that this reduction in the arrival window does not cause too much difficulty to parents in the morning time. We would ask all parents not to drop their children to school earlier than this time as they cannot be supervised in the yards.

Following this trial in June we will review the routines and any further changes we deem necessary over the summer will be communicated to all families in plenty of time before our return in September.



Parents Evening incorporating PA AGM

The Parents Association (PA) of Holy Cross is made up of all the parents and guardians of children in the school. The work carried out by the PA is led by a committee of parents (PA Committee).

As many of you will know the work of the Holy Cross PA Committee was suspended in March 2020 due to the Covid 19 pandemic. Over the past few months as restrictions have lifted, the committee members have given their time to get some events back up and running.

As we are hopefully heading into a more normal school year this September, it is now time to formally reinstate the PA committee so they can properly resume their activities.

The purpose of the PA is to support the school in working together to provide the best possible education for our children. It does not play the role of the Board of Management and is not a vehicle for complaints or grievances. The PA Committee organises a series of events and activities throughout the school year, supported by fundraising (e.g. the Christmas Raffle, Movie Night etc.). The PA Committee also supports specific projects as directed by the school (e.g. fundraising contributing to the purchasing of HEPA filters for classrooms).

The PA will host a Parent's Night incorporating their AGM on Wednesday May 25th at 7.45pm.

The three remaining committee members will resume their roles on the committee, and are seeking four new members to join them in managing the work of the PA. If you would like to put your name forward for election to the committee for a three year term, please email Mr. McGrath at principal@holycrossschool.ie by Monday 23rd May.

With a full calendar of activities on the horizon, lots of helpers will be needed throughout the year so if you would just like to give a hand at one of the events there will be an opportunity to add your name to a helpers list for that purpose on the night.

The PA Committee

GAA this week

Our camogie and hurling teams continue their respective seasons this week. The girls team will play their match against Gaelscoil Chnoc Líamhna at 2:30pm in Deer Park on Wednesday of this week. The girls will return to the school between 3:45 and 4pm.

The boys take on Our Lady of the Wayside in Deer Park at 3pm on Thursday. They will return to the school between 4:00 - 4:15pm.

Best of luck to both teams!

Ceremony Of Light



We would like to wish all of our Confirmation candidates from Rang 6 the very best of luck as they prepare for their Ceremony of Light tomorrow evening. It is a special time for the children and their families and the Ceremony of Light is always a lovely, intimate occasion.

The ceremony takes places tomorrow, Tuesday 17th in Holy Cross Church at 7:30pm.