



6th December 2021



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Holy Cross Parents' Association Christmas Raffle

The Annual Holy Cross Parents' Association Raffle is back this year with some incredible prizes on offer thanks to the kindness of parents and the support of several local businesses.

The funds raised by the raffle will help to support various activities in school for our children, and we are really looking forward to holding it again after missing out in 2020.

The draw will take place in school on Friday 17th of December. Including your child's name and class on the ticket stub will suffice. Further contact details are only required should someone other than a school family be purchasing the ticket.

The tickets will go home in the school bags today. Families with one child in the school will receive 2 booklets. Each family with more than one child in the school will receive 3 booklets. We would appreciate it if all tickets, sold or otherwise, could be returned to the school by Thursday 16th December at the latest. Additional tickets are available in the office should any family require more.

There is a wonderful array of prizes on offer this year. No doubt the top prize of a much sought after PlayStation 5 will peak interest in the senior classes, and the giant teddy bear will no doubt win hearts on the junior side!

The full list of prizes are on the next page.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



This week's photo of the week features some of our top prizes in this year's raffle. Unlike the National Lottery we will definitely have a winner on the day! Please see further list of prizes on the next page.



Holy Cross Parents Association



Christmas Raffle 2021

1st Prize: PlayStation 5



2nd Prize: The Ivy Dublin €150 Voucher
3rd Prize: Dundrum Town Centre €150 Voucher



4th Prize: JBL Wireless Bluetooth Speaker from Dominic Smith Electrical
5th Prize: SuperValu Churchtown €100 Voucher

Other fantastic prizes include...

*Giant Teddy Bear & Lindt Chocolates,
Ebano Ballinteer Voucher & Beauty Hamper,
€50 Offbeat Donuts, €30 Cosy Bean Churchtown,
Christmas Drinks Hamper, Original Framed Art Prints,
Passes for Energie Fitness Stepside*



Book of 5 tickets €10

Face Coverings in 3rd to 6th Class

As you know, last week the Department of Education brought in a directive that children from 3rd to 6th class should wear face coverings in school.

This is quite an adjustment for the children but I am pleased to report our children acted with great maturity and are getting more used to wearing face masks each day. While this will not completely remove the risk of Covid 19 spreading in our school we hope that this measure will further mitigate the danger, particularly as we approach the Christmas period where families may be planning to visit more vulnerable relatives and friends. I would like to sincerely thank the parents again for their support and co-operation with these changes.

Following some feedback from our teachers and children, we have included a few tips for the children which may prove useful;

- Anti-fog wipes - some of our children who wear glasses may find these useful. The teachers have a limited supply of wipes in the classrooms but it may be helpful for the children to source their own to prevent their glasses fogging up. An example can be found via the following link; <https://www.zerofog.ie/>
- Most children are getting on fine using adult size masks however, they may be more comfortable with juvenile masks which are available in some local chemists.
- Many children are twisting the elastic ear loops to make the masks fit a little better. An alternative idea would be to tie a knot in each loop behind the ear to ensure their masks fit comfortably.



Warm Clothes

I would like to remind everyone that in order to keep our classrooms ventilated, windows must remain open despite the cold weather. It would be a good idea if all children were to wear a warm vest under their uniforms to help to keep them warm. We will continue to have our heating on throughout the day to keep our school as warm as possible.

Christmas Carol Service 2021

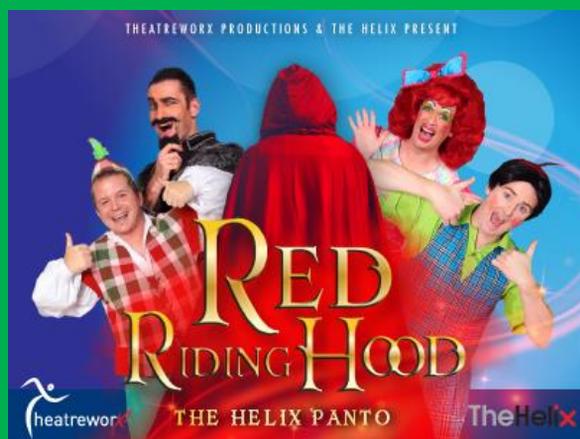


Preparations are underway for our Christmas Carol Service. Unfortunately, due to obvious restrictions, we cannot return to a whole school evening in Holy Cross Church. Our Carol Service this year will be in video format, sent out to all parents, similar to last year. Although we cannot be together in person as a school, the staff and the children are working hard to ensure that one of our nicest traditions continues on. Special thanks to parent Emma Jane McLaughlin for all her help and hard work in organising. More details to follow next week!

Panto 2021

It has been a strange few months for the children in Holy Cross but their resilience and their smiles throughout have kept us all going. This year, as a treat to all of the children for their hard work, we are all going to enjoy the Panto!

We have signed up to the 2021 Helix Christmas Panto - Red Riding Hood. This is a virtual event where all classes will be provided with a link to watch in their classrooms. This will take place on Friday 17th December. The children can all bring in a small treat and the teacher might even have a treat or two for the children as well!





A Jolly Start to December in Holy Cross

All of the children and staff this morning arrived to a winter wonderland! Paul, our magnificent caretaker has done it again! Over the weekend Paul installed Santa's workshop in the junior porch beside the Oifig. The halls and corridors of Holy Cross were decked out with tinsel and lights. Sincere thanks to parent Zara Lloyd Kelly and Paul for organising this. The festive cheer in Holy Cross gave everyone a lift!

