



10th November 25



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This week is Science week in Holy Cross. The teachers will be arranging lots of fun activities associated with this year's theme of "Then, today, tomorrow".

This week's Nuachtlitir contains some important information on the following topics.

- Parent Teacher Meeting Booking Details
- Vaccinations and Shoebox Reminders
- World Kindness Day and Bí Cineálta Policy
- Department of Education Primary Survey

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



The Parents Association Social Quiz was a great success last Thursday evening. Many thanks to all who attended, and of course organised, such an enjoyable evening!



Parent Teacher Meetings 2025

As you know, Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th November next week are the dates for our Parent Teacher meetings. The meetings will take place after school. On the days of the PT meetings, the children will go home at the usual time of 2:30pm (1:30pm for Junior and Senior Infants). After school activities on both days (Active Sports on Wednesday and Tennis on Thursday) will run as normal.

This year we will continue with our online booking system via Aladdin. On Wednesday of this week (12th 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 **Aladdin 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.

We highly recommend that, where at all possible, parents attend a face to face meeting. These meetings are a wonderful opportunity to meet the teachers and get a feeling for the wonderful school atmosphere in Holy Cross. In the event that you are unable to attend it is possible to arrange a phone call meeting. More information on booking such a meeting is below.

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 will have plenty of signage around the school on the day to help you find your way. 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 10 minutes 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 note 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 (20th) 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.

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Parent Teacher Meetings continued

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, are also invited to meet with the SEN team on the day of their PT meeting. The relevant SEN team member will be in touch with further details on this before the meetings.

If you are having difficulty with booking a meeting, please get in contact with your class teacher or the office as soon as possible.

Parent/Teacher 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.

Flu Vaccination Form Return

Each child brought home an application form for the nasal flu vaccinations last week. These vaccinations are free, run by the HSE and will take place in the school on Thursday, 27th November.

If you would like your child to receive this vaccination, please return your form this week.

Team Hope Shoebox Appeal

Many thanks to all of the families who have returned Team Hope Shoeboxes so far. As usual, the generosity of Holy Cross families is remarkable to see. Tomorrow is the very last day for any shoeboxes that have not been returned. Míle Buíochas!



World Kindness Day and Bí Cineálta

To coincide with World Kindness Day this Thursday, 13th November (and our HC Way theme of Kindness for this month), each class will take part in some lessons on Kindness which will incorporate our new child friendly version of our Bí Cineálta (Anti-Bullying Policy).

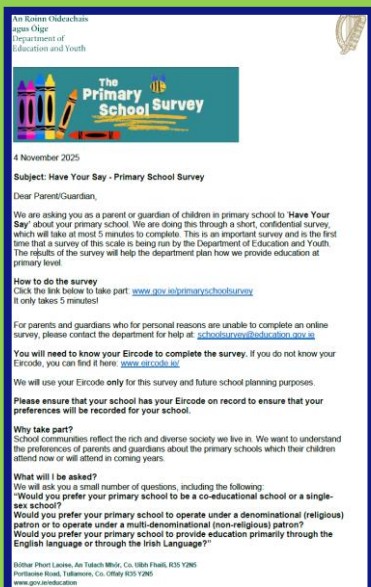
This policy is an easy to understand version of our school's Bí Cineálta Policy and is displayed prominently in each classroom and around our school.



The Primary School Survey

The Department of Education and Youth are conducting a significant survey over the next few weeks. Further info below;

"School communities reflect the rich and diverse society we live in. We want to understand the preferences of school communities, including school staff and board of management members about their school and parents and guardians about the primary schools which their children attend now or will attend in coming years."



How to do the survey
Click the link below to take part:
www.gov.ie/primaryschoolsurvey
It only takes 5 minutes!

