

SCHOOL DINNER MENU

We are currently on
Week 4 of the school Dinner Menu.

MILK MONEY MAY

Milk Money for the month of JUNE 2022 will be £3.42 for 18 days. This needs to be paid via School Money no later than midnight on **Tuesday 24th May 2022** as milk will be ordered at this point.

SCHOOL CLOSURES

The School will also be closed to pupils on **Wednesday 1st, 2nd and 3rd June 2022**.

SPORTS DAY

Sports Day will take place in the Waterworks on:

P1-P3 Tuesday 7th June

P4-P7 Wednesday 8th June

First Communion (P4)

Saturday 21st May 2022

Ms Ward's class
10.00 am

Saturday 21st May 2022

Miss McAlister's class
12 noon

TRIP DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Primary 2 Zoo
30th May 2022

Primary 3 Mount Stewart
25th May 2022

Primary 4 Ulster Folk Museum
24th May 2022

Primary 4 W5
7th June 2022



MONDAY 23RD MAY 2022

HOLY FAMILY GAELIC CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to our Girls' Gaelic Team who won the Cumann na mBunscol Final on Wednesday 18th May. The girls were amazing—skilled, sporting and determined to win. We are so proud of you all. Well done!

BIKE SAFETY DAY

On Tuesday 24th May we will be having a bike safety day. This will start with a Cycle to School morning. We will meet at the gates of Alexandra Park behind Tesco at 8.30 am and cycle to school together. The local community police will then help to keep us and our bikes safe by visiting school during the day to put some safety markings on the children's bikes. This means that if your child's bike is stolen it can be traced back to and returned to our school.

We look forward to seeing as many people as possible on Tuesday 24th with your bike! Don't forget your helmet!

SCHOOL MONEY

As we approach the end of the school year can I ask all parents to please pay any outstanding bills for the year. You can pay through the School App or by contacting the School Office and paying with debit card or requesting a link for Paypoint. We try to support parents in many different ways but really depend on these contributions to bring children on trips, to bring visitors into the school and provide children with a variety of new experiences. It is important that even a small contribution is made. Thank you for your continued support.

HOMEWORK

Reading: Now that the brighter evenings are here, please do not forget about reading. While it is important that children get outside, it is also important that they complete their homework and continue to read every night.

SCREEN TIME

If you are allowing Screen Time at home, please make sure your child is doing something worthwhile. **NESSY** is a valuable program and, with consistent practice, will help every child to read, spell and write.

FARE SHARE

Our Fare Share Grocery Shop is open every **Friday from 1.30 to 2.45 pm** in the Parent Hub. This service is open to **all** parents and staff. We want to support our parents and staff while we work hard to save good food going to waste. Please enter and exit via the back gate.

VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers to support our classes on trips and activities. This includes volunteering to go with classes other than your own child's class. Please contact the school office if you are interested.

BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE

The Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion Service will be holding a session at Girdwood Community Hub on Thursday 26th May 2022 where you can donate blood. Please support this essential service.

ONLINE SAFETY

We are dealing with a number of inappropriate online incidents involving Snapchat and WhatsApp Groups. Guidance recommends that children under the age of 13 should not be using these media platforms. Can I ask you to monitor your children's devices to ensure their safety and the safety and wellbeing of others.

SAFETY REMINDERS

DROP OFF AND PICK UP: Traffic congestion in the morning and afternoon is causing significant problems as the traffic is backed up along Newington Avenue. **Can I ask all parents/carers to park your car and walk to the door to drop off or collect children. Please do not park in the middle of the road. In the interest of Health and Safety PLEASE DO NOT DRIVE INTO THE SCHOOL GROUNDS.**

DOGS: Can I ask you **NOT** to bring dogs into the school office or close to the school entrance when collecting children. We have a number of anxious children and adults.

READY RESPECTFUL SAFE

Holy Family is a nurturing, caring school. Our school must be a place where everyone feels safe and respected. This includes our office staff and patrol ladies who provide an essential service for our school. We appreciate that there are many challenges at the moment but it is important to be respectful at all times. Abusive language and aggressive behaviour will not be tolerated.

AFTERSCHOOL CARE/WAITING ROOM/BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club runs everyday for just £1.50 a day. Your child can enjoy a healthy breakfast in school from 8.00 am. This is an ideal service for parents who need care due to work commitments. Children cannot wait outside unsupervised.

Waiting Room runs Monday to Thursday for just £2.00 a day. This service is available for P1, P2 and P3 children who have older siblings or working parents, Children must be collected at 2.40 pm at the front entrance.

Afterschool Care runs Monday to Friday from 2.45 pm to 5.30 pm. Your child can stay until 5.30 pm for £10.00 per day for one child, £16.00 per day for two children and £24.00 per day for three children. Your child can also stay until 4 pm for £6 per day. All the above can be booked and paid on the School Money App.

NUT FREE SCHOOL

Please remember that no food items containing NUTS OR FOODS WITH TRACES OF NUTS should be brought into the school!

LITERACY SERVICE

The Education Authority's Literacy Service provides support in the area of Literacy difficulties for pupils, parents/carers and schools. Contact:

Web: www.eani.org.uk
email: literacyservice@eani.org.uk
Facebook: Education Authority
Twitter: @Ed_Authority

AUTISM ADVISORY INTERVENTION SERVICE

This service supports young children who have a diagnosis or under going assessment for Autism. Parents can now contact this service directly to request advice or raise a query.

Contact details (Belfast Office): 02890 784230

PARENTLINE NI

Parentline NI are hosting workshops for parents focusing on ADHD. These sessions are free. Also, parents/carers can join a virtual gathering, every Thursday morning between 10.30 and 11.30 am. Thursdays together are an opportunity to chat with a Parentline team member along with other parents and carers, to relax and feel connected. (See attached flyers)

ParentLine NI along with Relate NI are also hosting new Parent and Carer Workshops sustaining Healthy Relationships. Please see attached flyer.

Contact Number is 0808 8020 400.

SAFEGUARDING

The Designated Teacher for Child Protection is Miss McGranaghan. The Deputy Designated Teacher is Mrs McDowell. If you have any worries, questions or concerns about safeguarding or child protection issues please contact the Primary School on 02890 351023.

ABSENCES

Following our Attendance Audit, the Educational Welfare Officer has highlighted that on some occasions parents are not providing reasons for absence from school. If your child is absent, please ring the school office to provide a reason for their absence. This is only required on the first day of absence.

FAMILY SUPPORT HUB

Family Support Hub Network offers a range of services to support children, young people and their parents/carers. If you would like to avail of this service speak to Miss McGranaghan or contact the Hub directly on 90749986. Hub co-ordinator is Edith McManus.