

## SCHOOL DINNER MENU

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

## SCHOOL CLOSURES

The school will be closing 12 noon on Thursday 30th June 2022 for the summer break.

## FARE SHARE

Our Fare Share Grocery Shop is open every

**Friday from 1.30 to 2.30 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.



MONDAY 20TH JUNE 2022

## YEAR 7 TRIP WEEK

Year 7 had a fabulous week of trips and activities. They have been true ambassadors for Holy Family this week. I don't think they will need rocked to sleep this weekend.

## LEAVERS' MASS

We will celebrate our **Leavers' Mass for Year 7 in Holy Family Church on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 11.00 am**. We hope that parents and grandparents can join us in this celebration. This will be the Year 7's last day in school and they will go home straight after the mass.

## UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORTING BEHAVIOUR

On Monday 20th June we are hosting a workshop led by Rebecca McCullough from Eden Consultancy. Rebecca has been in school this year supporting our children to help them manage their emotions, build their self esteem and help them cope when things go wrong. Parents are invited to attend the workshop which aims to offer strategies and ideas on how to support children who are struggling with anxiety, struggling to manage emotions which can present as challenging behaviour or to support children who have ASD. The session will last from 9.30-11.30am.

We would hope that you will attend this important session. Please contact school office on 02890351023 to confirm your place.

## SCHOOL DAY

There has been a significant increase in the number of children being collected early from school this term. While there may be exceptional circumstances which necessitate early collection, I would urge you to keep to the normal finishing times.

In the interest of Safeguarding and Health and Safety, please make your child is aware of home time arrangements in the morning before they leave for school.

## SCHOOL MONEY

As we approach the end of June can I ask all parents to please pay any outstanding bills for Dinners, Waiting Room, Afterschool Care and School Trip. Please ensure these are paid by 30th June 2022. 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.

## 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](http://www.eani.org.uk)  
**email:** [literacyservice@eani.org.uk](mailto: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.

**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.