

SCHOOL DINNER MENU

We are currently on Week 1 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 will not be opened during the summer holidays.



MONDAY 27TH JUNE 2022

UNIFORM SWAP

As highlighted in the media this week, uniform costs continue to put extra pressure on parents over the summer holidays. In Holy Family, the school sweatshirt is the only piece of school uniform that must be bought from independent traders. All other items can be bought in larger stores and at a cheaper cost. We were delighted that our Uniform Swap Shop in the Parent Hub has been used regularly this year. Could I please ask you to send in uniforms that are no longer required so that we make them available for families. Please ensure they are washed and in good condition. As well as supporting families, we are reducing waste and supporting our status as a Green Flag Eco School.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

A Summer Reading Challenge will take place in Chichester Library to try and encourage children to keep up their reading habits over the holidays. The theme this year is science based. Chichester Library will be running a series of child friendly events throughout the summer to help generate interest. Every child that completes their challenge gets a certificate and a medal. The first event is a craft session on 30th June at 3.00 pm-4.00 pm. They also have a Lego Club every Thursday at 3.00 pm-4.00 pm. Posters have been added to SEESAW. Please note Lego Club must be booked, please ring 02890509210.

PRIMARY 7

We said farewell to our Primary 7 children after a beautiful Leavers' Mass on Thursday 23rd June. Thank you parents for all your support over the last seven years. Congratulations Primary 7 and good luck in your new secondary schools in September. We will miss you!

COMMUNITY FUN DAY SUNDAY 3RD JULY

Holy Family Parish together with Newington Day Centre invite everyone to a fun afternoon in the grounds of Holy Family Church on **Sunday 3rd July from 12:30 to 2:30pm. ADMISSION FREE.**

There will be something for everyone – fun inflatables, face painting, candy floss machine, ice cream, hot food and lots more. Please come along and bring your friends. Children under 12 years must be accompanied by an adult. **Please note that car parking will not be available in the church grounds that day.**

REPORTS

Your child will take home their end of year report today. Please check your child's bag at home time. We would really appreciate if you could complete the reply slip and return it to your child's teacher on Monday. If your child has an Individual Education Plan (I.E.P) the most recent I.E.P has been reviewed and will be in the envelope along with the end of year report. Please take some time to read these important documents. If your child is absent and will not be returning to school before the end of term, reports can be collected from the school office. Unfortunately, we are unable to post reports.

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.

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.

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. 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.