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Holy Cross Primary School Newsletter

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August 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year! Our children looked wonderful in their new school uniforms. It is lovely to see so many children wearing the school tie with pride and identifying themselves as a pupil in Holy Cross Primary. Many children are also wearing blazers and I would encourage parents to consider purchasing a blazer for good weather and a bottle green waterproof jacket for inclement weather.

There are many events on this term so please refer to the ‘Dates for Your Diary’ section attached for a full list of our events this term. I have also attached a list of school holidays and in-service days for your information.

I look forward to working with you all over the coming school year.

Kind regards

Claire Gray

Headteacher

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**Absence Procedures**

Please phone the Hub on 0141 287 0039 before 9.00am to inform us of your child’s absence. If we have not heard from you we will be required to text you.

Unless children are having a home lunch they are not allowed to leave school. We would appreciate being informed of any dental/doctor appointments in advance of your child being collected from school. In this way we can ensure your child is ready for you when you arrive.

Please avoid taking holidays during term time. Any term time absences must be discussed with the Headteacher in advance.

**Holy Cross Feast Day**

**Primaries 2 – 7** will be attending **Mass at 9.30** in Holy Cross Church on **Thursday 14 September** to celebrate the feast of the Holy Cross. All parents and carers are welcome. If you would prefer your child not attend Mass please keep your child at home until our return at 10.30am. If your child is in Primary 1 and you wish him or her to attend Mass please contact me at the school.

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**Parent Questionnaire**

The views of our parents/carers, pupils and staff is instrumental in helping us form our School improvement plans for the coming years. Thank you to those of you who returned your questionnaire at the end of last session. I will publish the results within the next few weeks.

**Attendance and Latecoming**

Please ensure your child attends school every day. Along with good attendance, punctuality plays a vital role in helping your child achieve success in his/her learning. Please ensure your child is at school on time. The school doors open at 8.50am to ensure all children are ready for their lessons at 9am. As well as ensuring your child arrives on time it is equally important that children are collected on time at the end of the school day. **P1 and P2 finish school at 3pm** and **P3 – P7 finish at 3.05pm**.



**Refurbishment**

The central atrium of the school was painted over the summer holidays – it looks wonderful and bright.

**Mobile Phones**

If you allow your child to bring a mobile to school it must be switched off and kept in his/her bag throughout the day. Children will only be allowed to use their phones once they have left the premises. Children are not permitted to take their mobile phones into the playground for any purpose.



Classes and Teachers 2017/2018

I am pleased to welcome a number of new staff to our school. A full list of our Teachers and Support Staff is available in the reception area of the school.

P1A Miss O’Neill P1B Miss Gallacher P1C Mrs Brown

P2A Miss Ely P2B Mrs Driver P2C Mrs Crossan/Mrs Topper

P3A Mr Devlin P3B Miss Anderson P3C Ms Gardener

P4A Mr Doherty P4B Mrs McBride P4C Mr Casey

P5A Mr McBride P5B Ms D’Arcy P5C Miss McKinlay

P6A Mrs Watson/Mrs Thomson P6B Miss Greene P6C Ms Shankaran

P7A Mrs Kirkwood P7B Miss Stubbs

Mrs Leslie Teacher for children with English as an additional language

Mrs Carpenter Support for Learning

Mrs Leyden Outdoor Learning

Mrs Smith French

Mrs Lynch Nurture Teacher

Mrs McNaught Child Development Officer (Primary 1)

Principal Teachers Mrs Baillie, Miss Collum, Miss Hamilton, Miss MacCormick

Depute Head Teachers Mrs Healy, Miss Collins

**Reminder of our school uniform**

White shirt and school tie.

Bottle green jumper/cardigan.

Grey tailored trousers (boys and girls) or short grey trousers in good weather.

Bottle green skirt/pinafore.

Grey or bottle green tights or socks.

Bottle green blazer, bottle green fleece or bottle green waterproof jacket.

P.E Kit - Gold polo top, bottle green shorts or jogging trousers.

Black shoes should be worn, not trainers.

Some parents have been able to purchase blazers at a cheaper rate on Ebay and Amazon.

Children should bring PE kit to school with them and change before lessons.

Items of clothing worn for religious reasons should be bottle green.

Items can be purchased at: Trutex

35B Argyle Street

G2 8AH

Phone: 0141 221 4472

**Meet the Teacher**

There will soon be an opportunity for you to meet you child’s class teacher and learn about what we have planned for the year ahead. Meet the Teacher events are as follows:

**Primary 1 – Primary 3 Tuesday 22nd August at 3.15pm – 4pm**

**Primary 4 – Primary 7 Wednesday 23rd August at 3.15 – 4pm**

**School Holidays 2017/2018**

**September weekend**

Friday 22 September 2017

Monday 25 September 2017

**In-service Day**

Friday 13 October 2017

**October mid-term**
Monday 16 to Friday 20 October 2017 (inclusive)

**Christmas/New Year**
Thusday 21 December 2017 to Wednesday 3 January 2018 (inclusive)

*\* Please note that schools will close at 2.30pm on the last school day before the holiday*

**Return to school**

Thursday 4 January 2018

**Second mid-term**

Monday 12 February 2018

Tuesday 13 February 2018

Wednesday 14 February 2018 (In-service day)

**Spring Holiday (Easter)**

Good Friday 30 March 2018

Easter Monday 2 to Friday 13 April 2018 (inclusive)

*\* Please note that schools will close at 2.30pm on the last school day before the holiday*

**May Day**

Monday 7 May 2018

Tuesday 8 May 2018 (In-service day)

**May Weekend**

Friday 25 May 2018

Monday 28 May 2018

**School closes**

Tuesday 26 June 2018

\* Please note that schools will close at 1pm on the last school day before the holiday

**Dates for Your Diary**

Monday 21st August – Big Noise after school clubs begin

Tuesday 22nd August – Meet the Teacher (Primary 1-3)

Wednesday 23rd August – Meet the Teacher (Primary 4 - 7)

Monday 4th September – Primary 1 attend full time

Thursday 14th September – Holy Cross Feast Day. Mass at 9.30am.

Thursday 21st September – Hopscotch Theatre

Thursday 12th October – Parent/Pupil/Teacher Meetings