



DATES FOR THE DIARY

17TH SEPTEMBER

**BACK TO SCHOOL SOCIAL
NIGHT**

17TH/18TH SEPTEMBER

**REFUGEE CRISIS
COLLECTIONS**

19TH SEPTEMBER

**CAR BOOT SALE IN
DONARD PARK**

STUDENT COUNCIL REFUGEE CRISIS

The 2014/2015 School Council will be working alongside Ballynahinch & Drumaness Refugee Solidarity and Cork Ireland Calais Refugee Solidarity to help collect much needed toiletries to aid the current crisis.

Collections will take place on Thursday 17th and Friday 18th September. Could all items be left in the school's Assembly hall. Thanks in advance for your support.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I would like to take this opportunity in my first newsletter to welcome everyone back to the Holy Family. May I offer a warm welcome to our new Primary One pupils and their parents. Our aim is to develop your child academically, socially, spiritually and emotionally to prepare them for the challenges of the 21st century, to achieve this we need your help and partnership to ensure all children reach their full potential.

As part of this important partnership we are holding Curriculum Meetings to provide opportunity for the class teacher to discuss with you the learning programme for the year and provide guidance on support you can give your child.

CURRICULUM MEETINGS

Foundation Curriculum Meetings

(Primary 1 & 2) Thursday 24th September at 7pm.

Key Stage 1 Curriculum Meetings

(Primary 3 & 4) Tuesday 29th September at 7pm.

Key Stage 2 Curriculum Meetings

(Primary 5-7) Tuesday 22nd September at 7pm.

There will be a short information meeting for Key Stage 2 parents on the arrangements for Transferring to Post-primary Education in the hall before the individual teachers meeting on the 22nd September.

Friends of the Holy Family Primary School Back To School Social Night

The Friends of Holy Family Primary School, following the success of last year's event, have arranged another Back To School social night. It is due to take place on Thursday 17th September 2015 from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. It will include a BBQ, Bouncy Castle and many other fun happenings.

The Admission cost is £2 per person or £5 for a family (4 people) with all funds raised going towards resources for the children of Holy Family Primary School. We look forward to seeing you there.



PRIMARY 1 1st DAY



We would like to welcome this year's Primary 1 intake to Holy Family. We are sure they will have a happy



Primary 7 Poetry

Pupils from Primary 7 have been looking at different forms of poetry. Last week the pupils tried writing Haikus, the Japanese poetry form consisting of 3 lines of 5, 7 and 5 syllables. Here are a few sample pieces.

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My Summer was great.
I went swimming and had fun
But I still love school

By Caoimhe McGuinness

Running around grass,
Playing really happily.
Also having fun.

By Hannah Kelly

I went to Kerry
And I met my friend Peter.
I had loads of fun.

By Emmett I'Donnell

Horses out grazing,
Waiting for the sun to shine,
Ponies start to sigh.

By Holly Carville

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Healthy Eating

Just a little reminder to everyone of our school's commitment to healthy eating. In collaboration with S.O.S. (Save Our Smile) we work as a health promoting school. This means that our pupils are committed to eating healthy breaks and lunches (with a little treat on Friday). With growing media concern on hidden sugars in sweets and fizzy drinks we would like everyone to support our programme in educating the children in healthy lifestyle choices.



Road Safety

In the interests of safety could we please remind parents that the zig zag lines outside the school gates should not be parked on. We would also ask that all pupils enter the school through the pedestrian crossing.



ICT Suite

We would like to announce the adaptation of our resource room into a permanent ICT suite. This room will allow whole class lessons in ICT to be easily administered by teachers. Following last year's acquisition of iPads and Apple TVs it shows our commitment in developing the ICT skills of all of our pupils at Holy Family.



Happy 
St. Patricks Day



