

AN NUACHT

Scoil na Croise Naofa



Meán Fómhair 2, 2019

Tá Fáilte Romhaibh ar ais ar Scoil

Tá fáilte ar ais ar scoil roimh gach éinne. Tá súil agam go raibh sos mhaith ag cách agus go bhfuil sibh ar aon réidh don bhlian úr scoile!

A warm welcome back to school for all. We hope everyone had a great break and are ready for another year of school. We wish a special welcome to the boys and girls in Junior Infants who are starting on a wonderful adventure in life. We pray that you will have eight wonderful years in Holy Cross School.

We also welcome back our staff and extend a welcome to some new teachers, Mr. Liam Morgan in Rang 5 and Ms. Naomi Plant and Mr David Kinsella on our Special Ed. Team.

Handy Hints! - See overleaf for some very useful tips to keep life simple over the school year

Peil/Football



After yesterday's epic in Croker all of our attention is on the drive for five for another fortnight! Here at Holy Cross the Primary Schools' Football season is about to

start again which will help us deal with the nerves!!

This year we will enter **one girls and two boys teams** in the Cumann na mBunscol competitions.

Training this week: All fourth class pupils (boys and girls) will train tomorrow, Tuesday in the front yard. Children are to be collected at 3:30p.m



All fifth and sixth class pupils (boys and girls) will train in Rosemount Park until 3:30p.m. on Thursday this week.

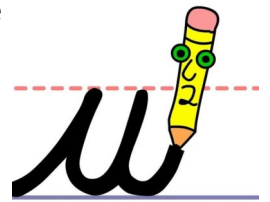
Matches will take place next week. The teachers will let teams know with regard to arrangements.

Registration for our **After School Activities** will take place on Friday, Sept 13 in the school hall. Full details in next week's Newsletter.

Cursive Handwriting 2019

This year in Holy Cross we have introduced a new methodology in how the children learn to write, based on current research and experience.

All new Junior Infants, starting with this year's Junior Infants will learn to write using cursive (joined) script.



This year's Senior Infants, First and Second Class will continue with print handwriting until they reach Third Class because they have already started on the programme as it was.

All classes from Third Class to Sixth Class will use cursive script (as per usual).

Some of the benefits of using cursive script from the beginning of school are listed below.

- ⇒ Prevents reversal and confusion of letters.
- ⇒ Enhances spelling ability.
- ⇒ Improves reading skills.
- ⇒ Prevents erratic spaces between letters and words.
- ⇒ Helps left handed children.

This is an important change in our school's policy and we know that we can rely on the support of the parents to ensure this new methodology is a success.

MEABHRÚCHÁIN THÁBHACHTACHA/IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

School Uniform – It is very important that the children learn the importance of how to present themselves for school. Please ensure that the children are in the correct uniform every day. Black shoes (i.e. shoes which can be polished – not black runners) should be worn and all hair should be kept out of the eyes with a hair band or clips. Please remember when cold or wet weather arrives, children must wear the School Jacket. The teachers will let the children know on what day they will have PE lessons and will need to wear their track suit.

Healthy Lunch – A good guide for lunches is if it's healthy it's in – if it's not, it's out. Please also be mindful of our request that nuts (and spreads containing traces of nuts) not be used in lunches including SES-AME SEEDS. Heavily marketed products like Frubes/Dairylea Dunkers are packed with sugar and should not be included in lunch boxes. Again a good general rule is that if it comes in plastic it is not healthy and should not be included in your child's lunch.

Punctuality – As you know it is important that the children develop good time-keeping habits from an early age. Please ensure that the children come to school on time each day. If your child misses a day or is exceptionally late please send in a note for teacher.

If you are dropping your child to school late please bring him/her to the office and Carina will take him/her to the class. If a child is late the class teacher will put a small stamp on his/her notebook. Information on any child who misses 20 days or more (unless in the case of hospitalisation) must be passed on to the National Education Welfare Board by the school.

We are asked by our insurance company to remind parents that the school cannot be responsible for children in the school yard outside of school times 9.00am – 1.40pm/2.40pm. Please do not leave your children unattended in the yard. A teacher will be in the yard each morning from 8.50am.

Homework – Please check your child's homework and sign the journal each night. If you have any query about the homework please contact the class teacher and he/she will be delighted to help.

Communication – If there is any matter causing you concern as a parent/guardian please call the office to make an appointment to meet with the class teacher. Please do not call to the class door as the teachers will be working with their classes.

Parking and Car Parks – Please use the car park at the rear of the school if you are driving. The Staff Car Park is for the use of staff only during school hours. Please use the pedestrian gate if you are walking in the front of the school. Pedestrians should under no circumstances use the gate for cars.

Collecting Children – If for whatever reason your child must be collected by someone other than yourself or their regular collector please let the school know. Teachers will not hand over a child to someone we do not know.

Label everything – books, uniforms, lunchboxes, coats, etc.

Party Invitations – As you can understand we are not in a position to help with the distribution of party invitations here at the school. All party invites must be distributed somewhere other than the classroom.

Breakfast Club - Our Breakfast Club will start in late September. We ask parents to remember that this is a facility to provide breakfast for children and not a child-minding service.

Contact & Health Form – every family will be given an Update Contact & Health Form going home today. Please fill out this form this evening and return it to school with your child tomorrow.