

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Feast of the Holy Cross: Pupils will finish early tomorrow, **Wednesday 14th September** for the Feast of Holy Cross. P4-7 pupils will attend mass in Holy Cross Church. No dinners will be served but there will be a BREAK OF CHOICE. P2, 4 and 6 finish @11.45am, P3, 5 and 7 finish @12.00pm & Rainbow Room, Starlight Room and Primary 1 will finish @11.30am.

Primary 1 Information:

Date	Finish time
Tuesday 13 th Sept 2022 (TODAY)	12.00pm
Wednesday 14 th Sept (Feast of Holy Cross)	11.30am
Thursday 15 th and Friday 16 th Sept (P1 Pupils to stay for dinner/lunch at school)	12.15pm
Monday 19 th to Friday 23 rd Sept (P1 Pupils to stay for dinner/lunch/playground at school)	12:30pm
Monday 26 th Sept (First full day)	2.00pm

First Holy Communion for Year 4 is scheduled for **Saturday 20th May 2023** at 11am in Holy Cross Church. Both classes will be making their Communion together.

School Closure on Monday 19th September 2022: There will be a reduction of public services (including catering) on Monday 19th September 2022 due to the Bank Holiday being declared, consequently the decision has been taken to close the school on this day. HCB will reopen at the normal times on Tuesday 20th September 2022.

Punctuality Monitoring will start on **Tuesday 20th to Friday 23rd September** to help target parents and pupils with difficulties in this regard. When children arrive late to school, they are at an immediate learning disadvantage as they are likely to have missed the teacher-led introduction phase of the morning lesson. We would recommend parents avail of the option to send their child to the Breakfast Club if finding it difficult to ensure their child attends school on time.

Allergies: We have a number of pupils who have allergic reactions to different things, including nuts and eggs. We therefore have a no-nuts approach. Should parents want to send a birthday cake in for their child's class – you **MUST** consult the teacher for permission beforehand. Please contact the school asap if you have any medical issues/concerns regarding your son that the school should know about.

Homework Monitoring takes place this week. Mr McArevey and Mr Curran will visit the P2-7 classes on a daily basis (from today) to monitor homework and target pupils who have concerns in this area. Pupils who are not completing their homework will be monitored for second week (20^h to 23rd September), until the problem is resolved. Pupils who attend school for all 5 days of the week will receive a Written Homework Pass for the following Thursday night.

Pupil Information and Consent Forms were sent home two weeks back. There are still a number of pupils who have not returned this information. Please ensure that you complete and sign the Pupil Information and Consent Form and return it to the class teacher ASAP. **It is essential that we have this information.**

Mobile Phones: Pupils are not permitted to bring mobile phones to school.

Thanks for your continued support.

Mr K McArevey Mr C Curran
(Principal) (Vice-Principal)

