



Dear Parent/Guardian,

HCB will reopen on **Thursday 2nd November 2023**, and we look forward to welcoming the boys back after their Halloween break at the normal times.

School Dinners for next Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd November 2023:

Mon 30 th Oct	Tues 31 st Oct	Wed 1 st Nov	Thursday 2 nd Nov	Friday 3 rd Nov
School Closed	School Closed	School Closed	Pizza & Chips Chocolate Muffin	Oven Baked Chicken Goujons, Baked Beans & Chips. Homemade Biscuit.

Please click on the links below to view:

- **HCB Mid-term Award Winners for Attendance, Reading and Numeracy**
<https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/hcb-mid-term-1-winners-for-attendance-reading-and-numeracy/>
- **Bookmark Competition Winners**
<https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/hcb-bookmark-competition-winners-/?p=1&tags=,1081>
- **Halloween Hooley Costume Winners**
<https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/brilliant-fun-at-the-annual-hcb-halloween-hooley/>

Upcoming dates for your diary:

- ✚ **Primary 6 Swimming:** Week 6 takes place on **Friday 3rd November 2023** at the Falls Leisure Centre.
- ✚ **Solitude Winners for Friday 3rd November:** Well done to the following boys who were selected to go to Solitude for a coaching session on the pitch with our two current staff members, Hollie Mailey and Joe Gormley (Cliftonville FC). The boys were selected for their outstanding efforts with their behaviour and attitude. Thanks so much to Cliftonville FC and especially Imelda Pettigrew for the use of their superb facilities every week. Starlight Rm/P4: Thomas Boyle, Junior Lavery, Logan Russell, Reilly Cole, Conan Magee, Odhran McGibbon, Tiarnan Murphy, Gerard Frame, Caolan Doherty & Pdraig Mallon. P5: Kai Baker, Conan McNeill, Haiden Toner, Aidan Toal, Giovanni Tchuda, Rafael Excano, Lewis Campbell & Alfie Hillick. P6: (At Swimming – Week 4). P7: Michael John Nugent, Muiz Ojo, Junior Brady Evans, Mason Jay Bradley, Faelan McGuckian, Oisin Brennan, Mason McGrandles & Tiernan Scullion.
- ✚ **NSPCC Speak Out/Stay Safe programme:** KS1 & KS2 Virtual Assemblies in class on **Monday 6th November**.
- ✚ **P6 & P7** (60 min NSPCC Speak Out/Stay Safe workshops for P6 @9.30am-10.30am & P7 @11am-12pm) on **Monday 20th November**.
- ✚ **P7H Relaxation and Therapy** sessions with Donna Hawkins on **Wed 8th, Wed 15th, & Fri 24th Nov**.
- ✚ **P7 Transfer Dates:** SEAG GL Transfer Test 2023 Test Date is on **Saturday 11th November 2023 & Saturday 25th November 2023**.
- ✚ **Anti-Bullying Week: Monday 13th to Friday 17th November.** HCB will be doing **Odd Socks Day** on **Monday 13th November** and will be giving out prizes for our Anti-Bullying Poster Competition on **Friday 17th November**. The message behind Odd Socks Day is to be kind to each other and respect each other's individuality.
- ✚ **World Philosophy Day** is on **Thursday 16th Nov 2023** (Focus on Aristotle).
- ✚ **OPEN DAY** for prospective P1 pupils in September 2024 on **Tuesday 28th Nov 2023**.
- ✚ **Christmas Holidays:** Pupils will finish earlier on **Thursday 21st December** (Rainbow Room, Starlight Room and Primary 1 will finish at 11.30am, P2, 4 and 6 finish @11.45am, P3, 5 and 7 finish @12.00pm.) and return for **Term 2** on **Monday 8th January 2024** at the normal times.

Have a lovely Halloween break and thanks for your continued support.

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