

School Calendar – September '16 to June '17

Mon 31st October - Fri 4th November	School Closed	Mid-Term Break
(School re-opens on Monday 7th November)		
Fri. 23rd December - Fri. 6th January	School Closed	Christmas Holidays
(School re-opens on Monday 9th January)		
Monday 20th— Friday 24th February	School Closed	Mid-Term Break
(School re-opens on Monday 27th February)		
Friday 17th March	School Closed	St. Patrick's Day
Mon. 10th April— Friday 21st April	School Closed	Easter Holidays
(School re-opens on Monday 24th April)		
Mon 1st May	School Closed	Bank Holiday
Friday 2nd June & Monday 5th June	School Closed	Bank Holiday Weekend
Friday 30th June (Last day of Term)	School Closes	Summer Holidays

We ask parents to keep the school calendar in a safe place as a reminder of school closures. It can also be viewed on our school website.

VOLUNTEERS

We understand that parents are very busy but if you do have any spare time and would like to help out in the school from time to time we would be delighted. Activities would range from helping out with reading to organising refreshments for special events, a little bit of gardening or even decorating our Christmas tree! If you are interested please let us know in the office. Thank you!

Our **brand new website** can be viewed at www.holychildbns.ie We will be adding more content over the next few weeks and will update regularly with news and photos.



NEW FIRST CLASS 2016/17

We welcome another new group of 1st Class pupils to our school this September. Their teachers, Ms. Lynch in Room 4 and Ms. Keane in Room 5 report that the boys are settling in very well and getting used to their new surroundings.

We also welcome Pedro, Kai, Piotr, Jakub, Darian, Cody, Abhishek, Ryan and Mason who have all joined us this year in other classes.

HOLY CHILD BOYS' BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Our current Board members are: Desmond Deegan, (Chairperson), Fr. Tom Kearney, Ms. Kathleen Berry, Mr. Des Barrett, Ms. Áine Caldwell, Mr. Alan Redmond, Mr. Paul O' Rourke and Ms. Cathy Timmons.

The Board meet regularly and are responsible for the management of our school.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we begin the 2016/17 school year I'd like to take the opportunity to welcome all of our boys back to school. We hope both pupils and parents had an enjoyable and relaxing summer. We particularly welcome our first class boys (pictured) and any new boys who have joined our school over the summer. We also welcome Ms. Drohan and Ms. Kenna to the staff.

We very much appreciate the support and co-operation of our parents throughout the year. We encourage you to take an active role in your child's learning and to work with his teacher. We will have formal parent/teacher meetings later on but if you have any concerns you can also arrange to see the class teacher by phoning or calling in to make an appointment.

We look forward to a happy and successful year for everyone at Holy Child Boys'.

Cathy Timmons
Principal



AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES

Once again we are running our after school classes - Homework Club on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday; Monday Club Gaeilge; Tuesday Chess; Thursday Sports Club and Thursday Speech & Drama. All classes began this week and will continue for a period of 10 weeks.

All classes begin at 2.45 and finish at 3.45 and children can be collected at the front door at that time.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Parents of our 2nd Class pupils will be glad to hear that the parish have confirmed the date for First Holy Communion for Saturday 13th of May 2017. A registration meeting will take place in the parish centre on Wednesday next, 28th of September.

SCHOOL GAA SQUAD

Following trials the final selection was made for this year's GAA squad. They are: Denis Grinov, Mario Hennessy, Adam Kavanagh, Jack Maguire, Dominic Chebac, Logan Preston, Gavin Lynch, Byron Preston, Dylan Farrell, Luke Leonard, Leon Deans, Callum Flanagan, Sam Murray, Daniel Barrett, Joseph Lewis, Shane Kelly and James Bryan. The boys were beaten in the opening match of the season by a very strong St. David's side and unfortunately suffered another defeat when they took on St. Pat's this week. Thanks to all the parents who gave lifts and supported the team.

PARKING

We like to remind parents at this time of year to be mindful of our neighbours when parking and not to block driveways or the clearway in front of the school gates. Also please make allowances for the school bus at drop off and pick up times. Your co-operation is in the interest of the safety of all the pupils attending Holy Child Schools and is appreciated.

PUPIL INSURANCE SCHEME

Parents have the opportunity again this year to opt in to the Allianz Pupil Insurance Scheme. This scheme covers either school based activities only or 24 hour cover and is entirely optional. Boys can bring in the form and fee up until Friday 30th of September.