



Holy Rosary School Update

10/11/2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

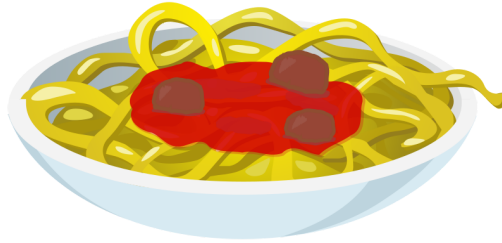
We hope the boys and girls have all settled back well after an enjoyable midterm break. We're coming into a busy but exciting time of the year with parent-teacher meetings and some nice Christmas plans that we will be sharing with you in the coming week. Please see some important information from our school below.



Parent Teacher Meetings 2023

A reminder that our Parent-Teacher Meetings are scheduled for next week. We appreciate your cooperation with the booking process. Kindly ensure your punctuality for your meeting, as teachers have multiple appointments and will adhere strictly to allocated time slots. If you have additional items to discuss, feel free to schedule an appointment with your child's teacher on a future date.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



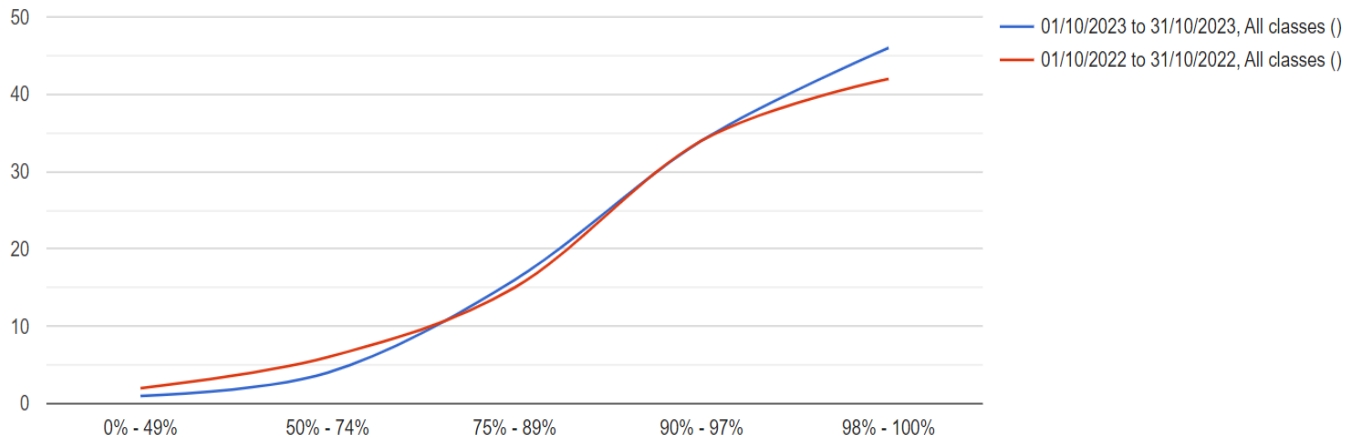
Warm School Meals

I am delighted to share some good news with you. After our school submitted an application last year, we have just received confirmation this week that funding has been granted for the implementation of the Warm School Meals Scheme at Holy Rosary, beginning in April 2024.

While a nationwide rollout is in the works in the coming years, we anticipate that our scheme will be rolled out from April 2024. More details will be provided as we engage with experienced providers in the coming weeks and months.

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Attendance



We continue our focus on attendance across the school this month. I'm pleased to say that October saw a **1.3% improvement** (please see the graph above). Our % rate of absences has fallen from 8.1% for the 2022 October period to 6.8% for the same period in 2023. I'd like to thank you all for your cooperation with this. So far for November we are just 0.5% off strong attendance rates from the same period in 2019. With your assistance I'm confident that we can get back to these figures.

Please note that once a child misses 15 days from school their parent/guardian will receive a text message alerting them to this fact. Another text will be sent if the child misses 20 days from school.

Please ensure that all reasons for absences are recorded on Aladdin.

Road Safety Update

We'd like to express gratitude to each of you for your ongoing support in enhancing road safety in and around our school. We've seen positive improvements in drop-offs, but there's more progress to be made, and we encourage everyone to continue taking action.

We are delighted to share that both Wicklow County Council and a local representative have been in touch, affirming the necessity of implementing additional safety measures. We believe that progress is being made and look forward to updating you further on this.

Thank you for your support, and a special acknowledgement to Wicklow County Council and our local representative for their efforts.

NCCA & Foróige Hub na nÓg



Well done to our pupils who took part in Hub na nÓg recently. On October 26th & November 7th, Foróige & NCCA visited to gather insights from a group of children from 3rd to 6th Class, representing our school community.

The focus was on children's thoughts and learning experiences in History and Geography. Our boys and girls engaged so well on both days. Maith sibh!

Wellbeing & Gaeilge

This year, we are prioritising the areas of Wellbeing and Gaeilge in our school. Your insights are very important in shaping these policies.

Next week, as you wait for Parent-Teacher Meetings, you will have the opportunity to contribute by scanning a QR code to complete our Wellbeing Survey. Additionally, the survey will be shared through Aladdin for your convenience.

Likewise, for Gaeilge, we seek your feedback as parents and guardians in the policy development process. Keep an eye out for both surveys, and we appreciate your assistance with these.

BOM Report

Our most recent Board of Management meeting took place on October 25th. Please see a report from the meeting at the link below.

[BOM Report to Parents & Guardians](#)

Anti Bullying Policy Annual Review

We undertook our Anti Bullying Policy annual review at our most recent Board of Management meeting. Please see our policy and associated review documents at the link below:

[Holy Rosary Anti Bullying Policy](#)

School Policies

Please find links to a selection of important school policies here. We kindly ask that you familiarise yourself with these.

[Holy Rosary School Code of Behaviour](#)

[Accepted Uniform in Holy Rosary School](#)

[Child Protection Safeguarding Statement P1](#)

[Child Protection Risk Assessment P2](#)

[Mobile Phones & Other Devices Policy](#)

Facebook Page

Please check out our facebook page for photos and updates!

[Holy Rosary Facebook Page](#)

School Calendar 2023/24

School Calendar for your convenience:

[School Calendar 23-24](#)

We will be in touch with more updates soon. Next week we will share dates of Christmas events, but for now, have a lovely weekend!

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