

Ancillary Staff :

Anne D'Arcy (Secretary), Ann Marie Harty, Sinead O'Connor, Tracy Strappe, Mary Delaney, Marie Horgan (SNAs) and Willie Ryan (Caretaker)

Parents' Association

We are very lucky to have a dedicated and supportive Parents' Association.

Current Officers are:

- Elaine Daly(chairperson),
- Fiona Spillane(secretary), and
- Rachel Murphy(treasurer).

The Parents' Association was very active during the year. The Parents' Association:

- organised the Bric-a-Brac and Cake Sale,
- organised the Santa visit at Christmas,
- helped with the sports/activity day,
- provided the "goodie bags" following the activity day.
- organised the Pupil Personal Accident insurance scheme
- helped with the school concerts and raffle
- organised a Halloween disco for the children
- are taking care of the school/community vegetable garden, poly tunnel, flower beds, wooded area, wild flower patch, etc. with the children and teachers
- are running the Book Rental Scheme and much much more.....

We very much appreciate their involvement and support.

Have your say:

Help your child by becoming involved in the Parents' Association. The Association will be delighted to welcome new members.

HOLY TRINITY NATIONAL SCHOOL

FETHARD, CO. TIPPERARY



Information Booklet 2016 - 2017

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Holy Trinity National School, Fethard, was founded, on the 1st September 2010, when Nana Nagle Girls' N.S. and St. Patrick's Boys' N.S. amalgamated. Both schools had served the Fethard area for over a hundred years under the guidance of the Presentation Sisters and the Patrician Brothers.

Mission Statement and Vision

In our school we provide a holistic education, which will enable the children to grow to their full potential and prepare them to play an active and responsible role in society. We strive to foster an environment conducive to learning, where Catholic principles and values flourish.

Our Vision is:

- That each child will develop intellectually, socially, spiritually, physically and morally.
- That a spirit of community, individuality, tolerance and respect for difference should permeate our school.
- That respect is fostered - respect for self, for others, for property, for the environment and for authority.
- That an appreciation of our heritage,
- culture, language, history and traditions be inculcated in the school community.
- That a sense of responsibility is developed in each member of the school community.
- That a standard of literacy and numeracy appropriate to each child is achieved.
- That each child's talents are recognised, fostered and celebrated.
- That the school community works in a happy, moral, encouraging and enthusiastic environment.

School Building & Grounds

Holy Trinity School was extended and renovated during 2010-2011. We now have a beautiful spacious building with extensive grounds, well-maintained lawns and wooded area for wildlife observation. We have a vegetable garden which includes raised vegetable/flower beds, a poly tunnel. We have a junior and senior play yard and also the use of the school field. We thank the parents for all their help.

Green Flag

We are proud to inform you that we have achieved the Green Flag from An Taisce in May 2012 for our efforts with our environmental work. We have been working on this project by recycling, cutting down on waste and trying to cut out the use of cling film and tinfoil for lunch wrapping. We continue to try and keep our school litter free.

Special Educational Needs

We extend a sincere welcome to children with special needs. We cater for these children to the best of our ability with the resources granted to us by the Department of Education and Skills. To meet the needs of all our children we have introduced a number of programmes and initiatives including Team Teaching, Peer Tutoring, Aistear, Ready Set Go Maths, First Steps Reading, etc.



School Community:

Our school community is made up of children, parents, Board of Management, staff and local community.

Board of Management members are Robert Phelan (chairperson), Triona Morrisson (secretary), Carmel Kiely (treasurer), Margaret Gleeson, John Delany, Rev. T.F. Breen, Suzanna Manton & Brian Sheehy.

Staff:

School Principal: Triona Morrisson

Deputy Principal: Aisling Fanning

Teachers :

Eileen Fitzgerald, Margaret Gleeson, Carmel Lonergan, Denise Meehan, Aisling Fanning, Leonie Loughman, Sarah Hogan, Róisín Ryan, Keith MacAdhaimh, Lisa Kearney, Rebecca Meagher, Catherine McMahon, Sara McGeachy, Eimear Meagher, Áine Hennessy, Clare Quigley

School Uniform

- Navy pinafore or trousers
- Navy cardigan or V-necked jumper
- White shirt or blouse
- Royal blue tie
- White, navy or grey socks or tights
- Dark shoes (flat, for safety)

No jewellery - this includes rings, bracelets, ear-rings, necklaces, chains, etc. This is for safety reasons.

P.E. Uniform

- Plain navy tracksuit (No logos or stripes please)
- White polo shirt
- Runners - any combination of black, navy, grey or white.

Please keep novelty clothing and footwear for home use.

PLEASE PUT YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON ALL HIS/HER CLOTHES AND BELONGINGS.

Curriculum

The school covers the prescribed curriculum as laid down by the Department of Education and Skills.

Sport

During the year pupils take part in various activities-hurling, gaelic, athletics, soccer, swimming, spikeball etc. We are very fortunate to have a GAA trainer come to the school for hurling and football training throughout the year and we also have trainers from the FAI doing soccer coaching.

The spike ball teams train after school. Spike ball is a version of volley ball.

Social, Environmental and Scientific Education

This year, Holy Trinity pupils participated in the Blue Star Programme which aims to foster better knowledge and understanding of the European Union and how it affects our lives through classroom projects and activities.

Our pupils were challenged to get creative and think about Europe by carrying out projects in relation to four key elements - the history, geography, culture and creativity and Institutions of the European Union. Pupils incorporated elements about the foundation and develop of the European Union, the cultural and linguistic diversity of Europe and what the European Union does and how its work affects the lives of citizens.

Challenge to Change

Each year the school is delighted to participate in the Challenge to Change project. This year the 3rd-6th class pupils are taking part in the annual "Challenge to Change" Project. Their theme is "Uisce" which hopes to raise awareness of sustainability of the earth's natural resources and the need to protect the planet for future generations. They joined all the other schools involved in showcasing their project in Kilkenny in May, 2016.

Important information

Text-a-Parent: Please ensure that we have your **current** mobile phone number so that you will receive any messages, reminders, etc. that we send.

Attendance and Absence Notes: It is essential that your child attends school regularly and is absent only when sick. The National Education Welfare Board (N.E.W.B.) requires that schools report any child who is absent from school for 20 days or more in any school year. We have to let them know the reason given to us for absences and so, we ask parents to fill out an absence note for any absences, otherwise we have to record the absence as "unexplained" and these absences will be investigated by the N.E.W.B.

Safety Alert: The school car park is not a drop-off or pick-up point. In the interest of safety the car park entrance is not a pupil entrance. All pupils are to use the main school entrance.

Appointment: If you wish to meet your child's teacher please ring the office to make an appointment. This will ensure that the teacher can give you his/her full attention as he/she will not be responsible for supervising a class while trying to talk to you.

Check in at the office: to ensure the safety of all of our pupils we ask that all visitors to the school during school time use the main entrance and check in at the secretary's office.

Healthy Eating: We ask all parents to support us in promoting healthy eating. Not alone is healthy eating important for your children's overall health but it plays a major part in improving their concentration and ability to learn. It also has a huge bearing on their behaviour. Crisps, fizzy drinks, energy drinks, chewing gum, sweets, chocolate bars are not allowed.

Permission Form: To avoid asking parents to sign permission slips at various times during your child's time in school, we ask parents to sign a permission form when a child begins in the school. This form lists the reasons / issues, etc. that require your permission, with a Yes/No tick box for each.

Change of address or phone number: if your child becomes ill in school parents/guardians will be contacted immediately. For this reason it is very important that the office has your current phone number and address. Please inform the school of any changes in address or contact details

School Times

9.30am	School begins (doors will not open until 9.20)
11am	Break
1pm-1.30pm	Lunch
2.10pm	Infants home time
3.10pm	School finishes

Policies and procedures:

School policies and procedures are available for viewing in the school office.

They are also be posted on the school website - www.holytrinityfethard.com

Newly extended school building 2010



School Uniform

The school uniform was chosen to ensure **equality** in school and with **health and safety** issues and **cost** in mind. It **eliminates the competition** regarding the latest fashions and expensive branded clothes.

The following uniform was chosen in **consultation with the Parents' Association**.