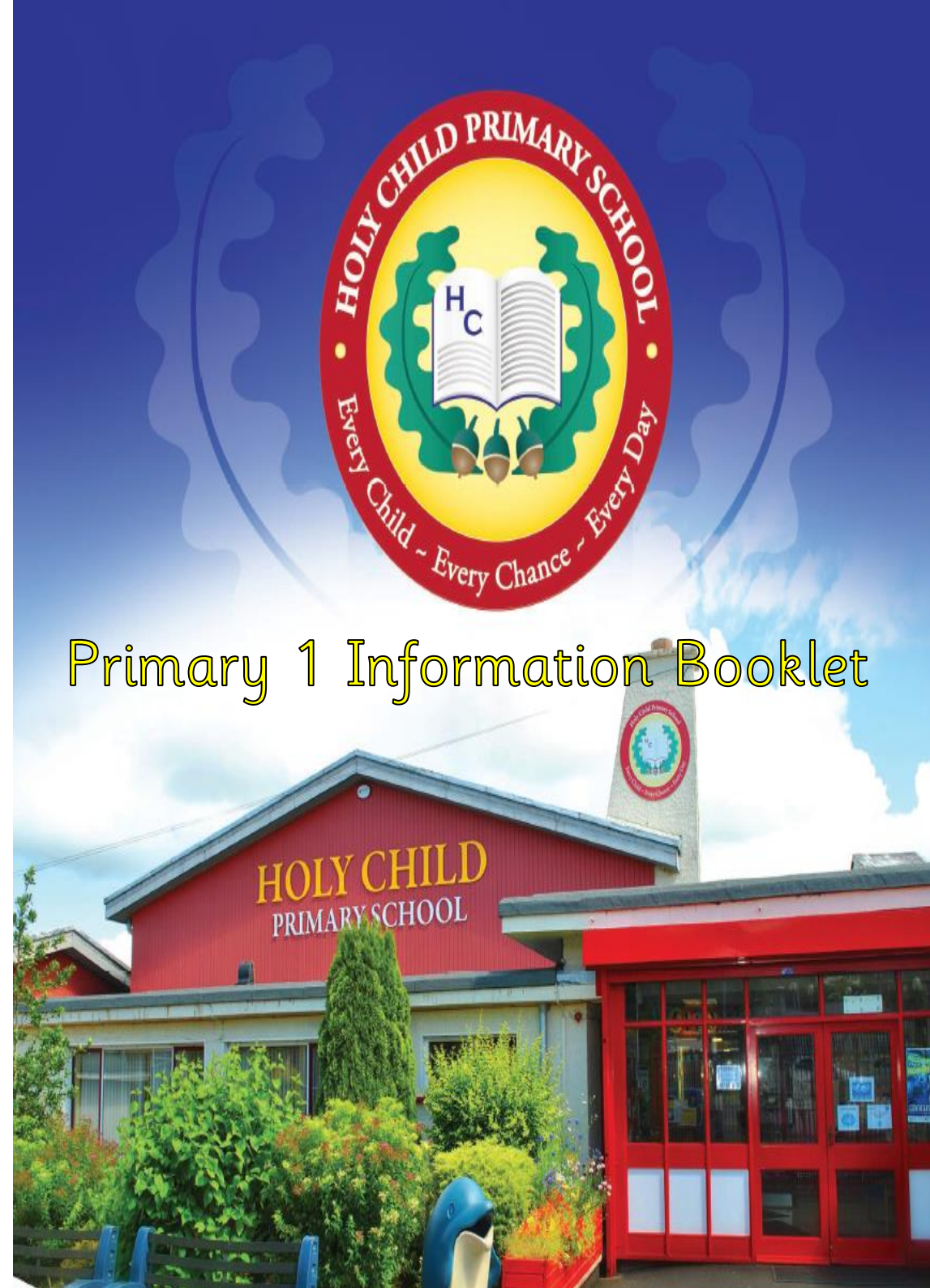


“Governments must do all they can to ensure that children are protected from all forms of violence, abuse and neglect and mistreatment by their parents or anyone else who looks after them”

Article 19, United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child



Primary 1 Information Booklet

Starting School



This year there will be a summer school for children starting in Primary 1. This will run on 30th August, 31st August and 1st September. The children will start at 9.30am and finish at 12noon. There will be no other children at school on these days so it gives the P1s a chance to explore the school by themselves, this will help them settle into Primary 1. This will also be a fun packed few days for the children and they can wear their own clothes.

All Primary One children will then start school on Thursday 2nd September in their new school uniform.

On Friday 3rd September the children will stay for dinner and go home straight after canteen at 1.00pm. The children can be collected from their classroom through the black gate at side of school.

On Monday 6th September the children will complete their first full day and finish at 2.15pm.

The start and finish times for the children are outlined below:

Date	Start Time	Finish Time
Monday 30 th August	9.30am	12noon
Tuesday 31 st August		
Wednesday 1 st September		
Thursday 2 nd September	9.00am	12noon
Friday 3 rd September	9.00am	1.00pm
Monday 6 th September	9.00am	2.15pm

Children at Outdoor Play



Prayer to my Guardian Angel

Angel of God, my guardian dear,
To whom God's love commits me here,
Ever this day be at my side
To light and guard,
To rule and guide. *Amen.*



First of all, I would like to say a huge thank you for choosing Holy Child Primary School to continue your child's education. I know the vast majority of you are progressing from our Nursery Unit, it's unbelievable that it has been a year since the children met, I know that they have made firm friends as have many of the parents. I would like to extend a warm welcome to Lailah plus her family who are joining us in Primary One.

We are now beginning a new chapter in your child's life and it is vital that we work in partnership to ensure that your child reaches his/her full potential. Please continue to be as involved in your child's school life as you have been in the Nursery and continue to play the games and read the books which are sent home.

If at any time you have any concerns about your child please speak to their class teacher, Mrs Concannon (Vice Principal) or myself – please do not let 'small worries become big concerns'.

Mrs Cullen

Principal

Every Child ~ Every Chance ~ Every Day

School Meals

The current cost of paying dinners is £2.60 per day/£13.00 per week. We would be grateful if this could be paid on a Monday morning. Alternatively, your child may bring a packed lunch. Holy Child has been awarded Health Promoting School Status and as such we would appreciate your support in providing only healthy food and drinks for lunch. We run a healthy lunchbox challenge. We would like to remind parents to make sure you have applied for free meals if you think you may be entitled to them.

To apply contact:

EA Western: Free Meals Department,

Tel: 02882 411411



NB Holy Child Nursery and Primary School is a nut-free zone including nut products please check lunch carefully.

Our Uniform



Boys

White shirt
Red and navy striped tie
Dark blue jumper
Dark blue trousers

Summer Term only:

Navy Shorts
White Polo shirt

Girls

White shirt
Red and navy striped tie
Dark blue jumper or cardigan
Dark blue skirt or pinafore
Navy socks or tights

Blue/white check dress

Please make sure your child wears sensible shoes with Velcro.

Our Belongings

Change of clothes: Please send a change of clothes in a plastic bag. These will be used if your child has an 'accident' or gets their clothes wet during the day.

Coats: A sensible warm coat must be worn every day as we do Outdoor Play whatever the weather (hat/scarf/gloves as necessary).

School bags: A book bag will be given to your child for reading books and homework books therefore a school bag is not necessary.

All belongings should be clearly marked with your child's name.



Primary One Fund

Parents are asked to make a voluntary contribution of £2.00 per week. The money collected is used to pay for:

- milk and toast at snack time
- treats and rewards
- cooking ingredients
- end of term parties
- Christmas and Easter surprises!

The School Day

Supervision in one of our classrooms begins each morning at 8.30am with our breakfast club.

Teaching begins at 9.00 a.m. every morning. It is very important that your child is on time every day to form a good daily routine.

The class teacher needs to concentrate on the children after collecting them at 9.00 a.m. so all messages after this time should be passed on via the office or Principal.

We encourage good relationships and communication between parents and staff and teachers are available in the afternoons at 2.15 p.m.

