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Parents/Guardians: Only 7 weeks of school until the Summer Holidays. Nobody's counting!

Attendance: Children have missed so much time in school due to COVID. It's really important that they are in school, once they are in good form and not sick. Please try and leave them in school for the day. Each day more than 10-15 children are taken out of school early.

First Communion: Takes place on Saturday May 14th. It's our first 'normal' First Communion since May 2019 and we are just delighted that it's taking place. Fingers crossed the sun will shine. We're having a pared back ceremony so that the church isn't packed, as many people still don't want to be in enclosed crowded places. Fr. Bryan will have the *ceremony live on his church streaming service* www.priorswood.ie Please sit back in the comfort of your home and join us.



Child Protection Inspection: We've had the very deep and thorough Child Protection Inspection by two Inspectors from the Department of Education. Each inspection lasted 2 days with 7 weeks between each. Over the 4 days all staff (teachers, SNAs, ancillary), a selection of pupils and members of the Board of Management were interviewed. All our paperwork was vigorously investigated. We are delighted that we received a very positive report and that all required protocols and policies are in place.

WEBSITE: www.stfrancisjs.com It's our official means of communicating with the community. Please look at GALLERY as you'll be amazed at the fabulous times our pupils are having and you'll wish you were back in school! Thanks to all the staff for making our school a happy environment.



There's also a link on the home page to our School Facebook Group

Ukrainian Pupils: We have welcomed many Ukrainian pupils to our school over the past two months. Their families used so many forms of transport to get here: bus, train, walking, flying whilst hiding in bunkers and subway stations along the way. It has been an emotional and extremely busy time for us. For many many weeks we were given absolutely no assistance, even though news items and ministers' talk seemed to indicate that we were being fully supported.

Tours: Take place in June. All classes have been given notes about their tour. If you haven't heard anything, please ask your child's teacher. You can pay the tour off in instalments. Again, please ask your child's teacher how they are doing this, as each year group will be different.

NEW Junior Infants September 2022: We'll be in contact with the new junior infant parents in early June. Our HSCL teacher will organise a school visit for parents and children so that they can 'see' our school and receive important information etc

HSCL Teacher: Ms. Chaney: 086 014 0321

June Bank Holiday Weekend: We are closed Friday June 3rd and Monday June 6th



Sincerely, A. Plunkett