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Welcome back!

Welcome back to all the children, staff and parents for the start of a new school year. We welcome especially our new Junior Infant children and hope that everyone is settling in well and that we will all have a great year together! Junior Infants will continue to go home at 12.20 until Friday 13th September. By then they will be well able for the longer day and from Monday 16th September they will finish at 1.45. They will be extremely tired for the month of September and will need to go to bed early!! They are settling in very well but if you have any worries, please feel free to speak with the teacher or the principal.

Labelling of school uniforms

As all uniforms are the same, we would ask you to ensure that your child's **name is clearly marked on jackets, jumpers and cardigans**. They can become mixed up very easily!

Text a Parent

You have received a letter, asking you to return the details of **one** mobile phone number for our text-a-parent messaging service. This will be used to send messages, reminders etc to you. **It is also vitally important to have this up-to-date number in case of an emergency.**

Personal Insurance and Medical Conditions

You have received information about personal insurance from the school's insurance company, Allianz. If you are interested, please return the form and money as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Phillips, Deputy Principal. If your child has any serious ongoing medical condition, please inform your class teacher **immediately**.

Collection of children

The safety and welfare of our pupils is of the utmost importance. To ensure the safe handover of each child at home time, please fill in the collection form and return to the school by **Friday 6th September**. If there are any changes regarding the collection of your child during the year, please let us know immediately. Your child will only be handed over to you or a named person on the collection sheet. Please send in a note or make a call if there is going to be someone different picking up your child. Thank you for your co-operation.

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Attendance

Regular attendance is important for effective learning. If a child is absent from school you must inform the school in writing, on return to school. Students who are absent for 20 school days must, by law, be reported to the Education Welfare Board.

Calendar for first half of Term 1

Tuesday 24th September half day for Staff

Meeting: All children to be collected at 12.25

Monday 14th October: Department of Education Planning Day for staff. School closed. Children back to school on Tuesday the 15th.

Midterm break: 28th October to 1st November inclusive.

Home School Community Liaison Teachers

Barbara and Shane are our home school liaison teachers who are available to meet with you and support you throughout your child's time with us here in Holy Family Junior School. They can be contacted at 086 6040686.

Green Schools

As part of our Green Schools' Initiative, we ask you to provide your child with a reusable lunch box and drink container. We discourage the use of tinfoil and clingfilm as these products are not environmentally friendly. Children can recycle clean plastic and paper each day. They can compost fruit and vegetable waste at school, but any non recyclable waste will go home in your child's lunchbox.

We would like to remind you that we have a Healthy Lunch Policy in the school. Children are not allowed fizzy drinks, crisps, bars, sweets or gum. Thanks to a government initiative, we are able to provide the pupils with a healthy snack at **small break** each day. Feel free to speak with the principal if you have any queries about this or any other issue.

