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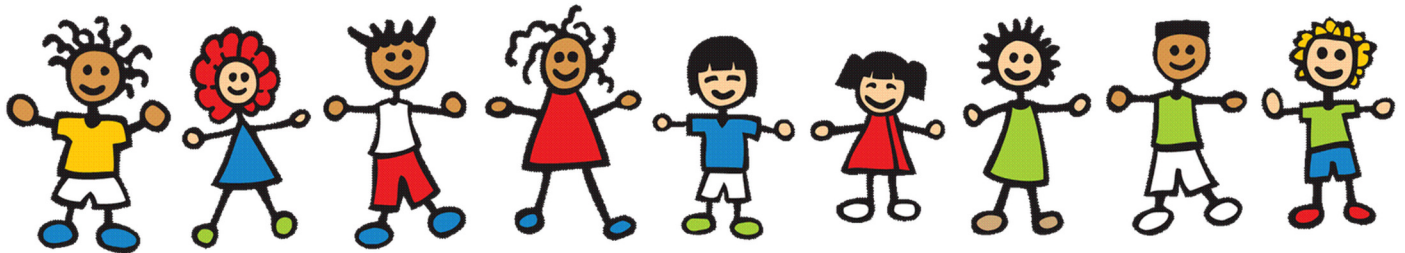


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# HAPPY NEW YEAR

Happy New Year to all our families. We look forward to another busy term working with you, the parents and guardians, to ensure the best educational experience for all our pupils. Pupils make most progress when school and home work together. We would ask you especially that you read to your child every night. If you have any questions or worries, please make an appointment to meet with the class teacher or the principal.

## Junior Infant Enrolment



We are now taking Junior Infants enrolments for the 2022-2023 school year. Please fill out the online enrolment form <https://holyfamilyjuniorschool.com/about/enrolment> or print and fill out an enrolment form and drop it into Holy Family Junior School, Station Road, Ennis, Co. Clare. You could also call the reception to collect a form. The closing date is Thursday February 3rd 2022.

## Cold Weather

As the weather gets colder pupils may wear their uniform, or tracksuit, or a combination of both to school. Children could also wear an extra layer or two under their uniform, if they feel cold. The school is centrally heated and we do our very best to ensure that the classrooms are warm but we must also keep windows open to ensure good ventilation throughout the school.

## The Stay Safe Programme

Stay Safe is a child abuse prevention programme which will be taught in our school during this term. Its aim is to develop children's self-esteem, assertiveness, and self-protection. We hope to enable the children to recognise any situation where they feel unsafe. We also hope that they will learn the vocabulary needed to tell an adult. As outlined in the Revised Primary School Curriculum, children learn the appropriate anatomical terms for the private parts of the body. The worksheets will be sent home to be signed giving you the opportunity to discuss the lessons with your child. Please go to [www.staysafe.ie](http://www.staysafe.ie) to become familiar with this programme or go online to view the Primary Curriculum <https://curriculumonline.ie/Primary/>.

## G.A.A. Coaching

We are delighted to announce that all pupils in Holy Family Junior School have started learning G.A.A. skills with coaches Ollie, Cian and Peter. The children are learning lots from their coaches. They are getting plenty of exercise and most importantly, they are having great fun.



## Antigen Testing

If your child tests positive for Covid 19, please let the school know. While we will not share any personal information relating to your child, we can help parents and guardians of other pupils in your child's class to access free antigen tests.

## Green Schools

As you know we are currently working on our seventh green flag, *Global Citizenship - Energy*, while also continuing the actions for all our other flags.

### Bird Feeding

This term we are feeding the birds in the garden and keeping a close eye out to see if we can recognise any of them. You could help your child to recognise and name some garden birds in your locality too.



### Walk on Wednesdays

In February, we plan to recommence our Walk on Wednesday (WoW) initiative. We hope that as many families as possible will join in. We'll tell you more about this closer to the time!

### Energy Saving

Children are being encouraged to save energy at school by switching off the lights when they are not needed. Hopefully they will help you out at home with this too! Our slogan for this is: ***Do the earth a favour.***

***Be a power saver!***

## Seesaw

Homework is given to the pupils each week on Seesaw, our online learning platform. Please check for the week's homework each **Tuesday** by logging onto Seesaw. If you are having difficulties logging in, please contact your child's class teacher.

## A Message from our Home School Community Liaison (HSCL) Teachers

*Hello everybody!*

*Here's hoping 2022 is a happy and healthy one for us all! It's time to put the thinking hats on!! Over the next few weeks, we'll be in touch to ask you about courses/activities that you might be interested in. We will do our best to include them when we are back organising activities and courses again.*

*In the meantime, we'll continue our chats on the yard, morning and evening.*

**Marina and Orla**

## Adult English Classes

**Starting:** January 2022 (day and evening classes)

Materials are provided and classes are free of charge. Covid safety measures in place.

## Online Yoga for Adults

Thursday evenings from 8.30 to 9.30

**Dates:** 27<sup>th</sup> January, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> February, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> March

Classes are free and via Zoom

Contact **Marina 0866040686** for more details on both courses.

## Return to Educational Facility Declaration Form

Please continue to fill in a **Return to Educational Facility Declaration Form** when your child returns to school after **any absence**. This form can be accessed by clicking - <https://holyfamilyjuniorschool.com/return-to-school-form/>

## Calendar for Term 2

**Staff meeting:** **Monday the 31st January - Half Day – children to be collected at 12.30pm**

**Mid-term break:** Monday 21st February 2022 to Friday 25th February 2022 inclusive

**St Patrick's Day:** Thursday 17th March to Friday 18th March 2022 inclusive

**Easter Holidays:** Monday 11th April to Friday 22nd April 2022 inclusive

To see our calendar for the school year 2021-2022 please click here:

<https://holyfamilyjuniorschool.com/calendar/>