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It has been a busy few weeks at school. Pupils and teachers are working hard with literacy, numeracy, and all other areas of the curriculum. The children have also been enjoying a new challenge. Each class has a flower on their classroom door. Pupils can earn petals for their flower by practicing a specific school rule each week. They have recently been earning petals for walking to their line after playtime. If the class earns lots of petals in one week their great work is rewarded. We are very proud of our pupils.



Green Schools - The Big Travel Challenge

Thank you so much for your support of and participation in The Big Travel Challenge. Many of you have been parking the car a little further away from the school so that your children can walk some of the way, and others are walking all the way to school, as this is possible for you. Today is Day 6 of our challenge. We will keep up this great effort until Friday. After the midterm break, we will recommence our WALK on WEDNESDAY initiative. On Wednesdays we will be encouraging the children to walk some or all the way to school. A Golden Boot will be awarded to the class who makes the most effort each week.



Midterm break

There will be no school for children from Monday 21st February 2022 to Friday 25th February 2022 inclusive as it is midterm break.

Safety of Children

REMINDER: **Children should be dropped and collected to and from school each day by an adult who is over 18 years of age.** Classroom doors open at 8.55am each day. Please wait with your child until the teacher welcomes him/her into the classroom. Likewise, please ensure that you, or a designated adult collects your child from his/her classroom door. The safety and welfare of our pupils is of the utmost importance to us all. Thank you for your co-operation on this.



A message from our Lollipop Lady

Please remember to drive extremely slowly on Station Road and Friar's Walk (the roads in front of the school entrances) at drop off and pick up times. Our children are very young and could forget the rules of the road.

Yellow Flag



As you know, our school has recently been awarded a YELLOW FLAG for promoting inclusion and celebrating diversity at school. On Friday next the 18th of February we invite your child to come to school in a traditional costume or to wear his/her national colours to school. You can also give your child something small that represents his/her family's culture. Pupils will show it to their class and tell them all about it.

Joining the Library

The children are really enjoying listening to the stories that their teachers read to them. They also love to look at and read books themselves. If your child is not already a member of Ennis library, it might now be a good time to join. There are thousands of books to choose from there, which would really help to support your child's interest and love of reading.



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 will continue to help parents and guardians of other pupils in your child's class to access free antigen tests.



Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent teacher meetings (except for Junior Infants) are taking place this week by phone call. Teachers have contacted parents to arrange a time slot for this call. Parent teacher meetings for Junior Infant parents will take place in March.

Home School Community Liaison (HSCL) Teachers

Marina (086 6040686) and Orla (086 1529211), our HSCL teachers, are always available to chat with and to support parents and guardians. Please get in touch if you have any queries. They will be very happy to help you.

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

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

St Patrick's Day: Thursday 17th March and Friday 18th March 2022

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/>