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Congratulations to Mrs. Phillips on her upcoming retirement

After 40 years of loyal service as a teacher in Holy Family Junior School, and as Deputy Principal for the past 15 years, Jane Phillips will be retiring on the 30th September 2022.

On behalf of the Board of Management, staff, pupils – past and present, parents, and wider community of Holy Family Junior School, I would firstly like to extend our warm congratulations to her on this very special occasion.

In addition, I wish to express our sincere gratitude to Mrs. Phillips for her valuable contribution to our school, as a teacher, as a long-standing, devoted member of our management team and as our hardworking Deputy Principal. Her commitment and dedication to our school is much appreciated and will be greatly missed. We wish her every health and happiness in this new and exciting stage of her life.

Marina Mulqueen, a teacher in Holy Family Junior School for the past 15 years, has been appointed Deputy Principal, commencing on the 3rd October 2022. She is looking forward to commencing this position and to working in partnership with all members of the school community in her new role as Deputy Principal.

Settling back to school

Welcome back to school everyone. Your children are settling in extremely well to their school routine. It is lovely to meet you all in the mornings on the yard and to greet your gorgeous children as they start a new school day. Thank you for ensuring that your child is at school every day and that they are dropped and collected on time. Please do continue to wear masks on the yard and to maintain social distancing. Your efforts with this are greatly appreciated.

Home time for Junior Infants

Junior Infants will start their longer school day from Monday the 19th of September. All Junior and Senior Infant pupils should be collected at 1.45pm.

Healthy food at School

Snacks and lunches are provided for your child at school. Junior Infants will also receive a school lunch from this Monday the 19th of September. Please log in to Carambola regularly to change your child's menu so that he/she doesn't tire of the same food each day. Children are not allowed to have fizzy drinks, crisps, bars, sweets or gum at school.

Safe 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, 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. If there are any changes regarding the collection of your child during the year, please let us know immediately. Thank you for your co-operation. **Children must be dropped to school and collected by an adult who is over 18 years of age.**

Early Collection of Children

To ensure the safety of all our pupils, when you need to collect your child from school before home time, we ask you to:

1. Inform the teacher that morning that you are collecting your child early.
2. When you come to collect your child, please go to reception. Your child will be brought to you.
3. Sign your child out in our sign out book. This will be in reception.
4. On your return, please bring your child back to reception. Please sign the book again.
5. He/she will be taken back to class.

Birthday parties and invitations

Birthday parties are great fun and a very important celebration in your child's life. However, we are not in a position here at school to distribute birthday invitations or to share out cakes and sweets on your child's birthday. While your generosity is much appreciated, parties are best celebrated outside school time. Don't worry though! We will ensure that your child's birthday is celebrated in a school friendly way!

Rainy days

As Autumn moves in, please ensure that your child has a coat when coming to school, as he/she may need it while playing outside. Also, please be aware that children are welcomed into school at 9am each morning. On a morning that it is raining try to arrive at this time so that you don't get wet waiting in the rain.

Pupil Personal Accident Insurance

If you wish you can still avail of Pupil Personal Accident Insurance for your child. The cost of €9 insures your child 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, while €6 insures your child for school activities only. Just fill in the form and send it in to your child's class teacher with the money.

Maths at Home

Each month we will send you home a sheet of 'Maths at Home' ideas for you to share with your child. This is a fun and practical way for your child to learn more about Maths in everyday life.

Frasaí na Seachtaine

Each month we will also share with you some simple Irish phrases that your child is learning at school. You could practice them together or use one or two each day with you child.

A message from our Home School Community Liaison (HSCL) Teacher Marina

Hello everybody! Welcome back!

Our Tuesday morning (9am to 10am) garden club is up and running and we would love to see some new faces. Please come and join us! After a great Summer of growth the garden has lots of tasty things to eat! You can bring some vegetables home for lunch afterwards!!

We hope to have some fun activities and courses after the midterm. I'd love to hear what activity/course you are interested in, please text or call 0866040686

I'll be on the yard morning and evening, see you then! Marina

Aladdin Connect

We use the Aladdin Connect app to communicate with you about what is happening at school. If you are having difficulty in downloading the app or validating it on your phone or other device, please ask Ita, our school secretary.

Calendar – September and October

Tuesday October 18 th	Staff meeting	Half Day – children to be collected at 12.30pm
October 31st – November 4 th (inclusive)	Midterm Break	School closed

To see our calendar for the school year 2021-2022 please click here: <https://holyfamilyjuniorschool.com/calendar/>