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Incredible Years Programme

We use the Incredible Years programme in our school, where children's behaviour is managed in a positive way. It works very well because children prefer to be praised than given out to! We are continuously 'catching the children being good' and telling them how genuinely good they are. If you ask your child what it means when we say to them, 'Show me five!', they should be able to tell you that this means they have:

1. Hands on lap
2. Feet on the ground
3. Ears listening
4. Mouth closed
5. Eyes on teacher



They also use a 'quiet hand' and wait their turn to speak in class. We are very proud of how well behaved and respectful the pupils in our school are.

Maths Week

As you know, we have been celebrating Maths Week at school this week with lots of fun activities and games. Please continue to sing number rhymes with your child and to chat to him/her about maths at home. Together you can count, measure, weigh and talk about shapes in a fun and enjoyable way.



Halloween

The children are invited to come to school dressed up in their Halloween costume on Friday the 28th October, if they wish.



Thanks to all the families who entered our Pumpkin Patch competition. Your beautiful pumpkins were collected by the Parents' Association today and will be displayed in the garden next week. Pupils will get a chance to see their pumpkins then. Check out our Facebook page over the weekend to see our lovely pumpkins

<https://www.facebook.com/hfssennis>



G.A.A. Football Skills

First class pupils are currently enjoying G.A.A. football training on Tuesdays this year with coach Gerry Fox.

Safe Collection of Children

Please remember that you or an adult nominated by you who is listed on our class collection sheets are the only people who can collect your child from school. The safety and wellbeing of your child is always our priority.

Cold Weather

It is important now that the children wear a coat to school each day, as the weather is getting colder! We want them to feel warm and cosy as they play in the yard.

Green Schools' News



As part of our Green Schools' Programme, every class has a recycling bin, a composting bin and a bin for other waste. The children are very good at using the correct bins. We also encourage our pupils to take pride in their classrooms and to keep them clean and tidy. There is a trophy awarded to the class with the tidiest classroom each week. Ask your child to help you with the recycling at home and of course with some of the tidying up too!!

Home School Community Liaison (HSCL) Teachers

Darryl (086 6040686) and Evelyn (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.

Our School Garden

Holy Family Schools have a beautiful walled garden. Parents are invited to help us to prepare it for the next growing season on Tuesday mornings from 9am – 10am. If you can give us a hand, please meet Darryl and Evelyn outside the foyer of the Junior School at 9am on Tuesday.



Headlice

Please let your child's class teacher know if your child has headlice. We will then be able to send a note to all parents/guardians in that class asking you to check your own child's hair. Don't worry – names of children with headlice will not be disclosed.

Coming to school everyday

Thank you so much for sending your child to school every day, except when he or she is sick. When children come to school every day they are happy and secure in their learning routine. They have a great sense of belonging, which is very important for each child's wellbeing.

Calendar – Term 1

31st-4th November (inclusive)	Midterm Break	School closed
Friday 25 th November	Staff Training Primary Language Curriculum	Half Day – children to be collected at 12.30pm
Thursday 22 nd December to Wednesday 4th January 2023 (inclusive)	Christmas Holidays	School closing for Christmas on Wednesday the 21 st December at 12pm. School reopening on Thursday the 5 th January 2023.
To see our calendar for the school year 2022-2023 please click here: https://holyfamilyjuniorschool.com/calendar/		