

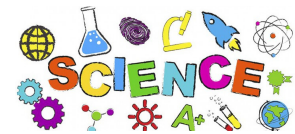


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### Science Week

This week is Science Week. In addition to the wonderful Science learning that the children experience throughout the year, pupils will enjoy fun filled experiments this week, inspiring them to be active learners, creative thinkers, and problem solvers.



### Music Generation

We are delighted to say that pupils will begin a wonderful new weekly music experience at school, starting this week. In collaboration with your child's class teacher, tutors Killian and Fiana will create inspiring experiences for children and young people through music each Monday until the end of May. Ask your child all about it!

### Attendance

Thank you for sending your child to school every day. Good attendance is directly linked to doing well at school. The more often your child is at school the better he/she will do. If your child has a new cough or cold or becomes unwell, he/she should stay at home. Otherwise, it is vital that children come to school EVERY DAY! If your child is absent, it is very important to use the Aladdin App to explain the reason why.

### Reading Books



During the year, your child will bring home reading books from school as part of his/her homework for GUIDED READING. It is very **important** that they are returned to school in the homework folder each week because other children will need to use them. Thank you for your support with this.

### School Lunches from Carambola

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. If you are having any difficulty logging on to your personal account to update their lunch weekly, please get in touch with **ITA AT RECEPTION**. She is more than happy to help you. Otherwise, you can contact a member of the Carambola Team at 061 500 200 ext 1.

Reminder: Holy Family Junior School has a healthy lunch policy. Children are not allowed to have fizzy drinks, crisps, bars, sweets or gum at school.



### A trip to Glór

We are so excited! Everyone at our school is invited to a musical show in Glór theatre on the 7<sup>th</sup> of December called **A very Whistle Blast Christmas**. The special price for children in our school for this show is €5 per pupil and this can be paid through Aladdin e-payments from today. If you'd like to read a little more about this production, please click here: <https://glor.ie/events/whistleblasts-winter-wonderland/>

### Junior Infant Parent Teacher Meetings

Junior Infant parent teacher meetings are taking place next week in school from the 21<sup>st</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup> of November 2022. Teachers of Junior Infant pupils have contacted parents to arrange a time slot for you to come. Parent teacher meetings for other classes will take place in term two.



### Green School's News

Our school now has a Green School Committee. One child from each class is on the committee. The children work with Green School's Staff to plan and organise our Green School's activities for the year. Well done to them on all on such great work.

### 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.

### Calendar – Term 1



<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Staff Training Primary Language Curriculum	<b>Half Day – children to be collected at 12.25pm</b>
Thurs. 22 <sup>nd</sup> December to Wed. 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023 (inclusive)	Christmas Holidays	School closing on Wed. the 21 <sup>st</sup> December at 12pm. School reopening on Thurs. the 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2023.
To see our calendar for the school year 2022-2023 please click here: <a href="https://holyfamilyjuniorschool.com/calendar/">https://holyfamilyjuniorschool.com/calendar/</a>		

### Safety of Children



**REMINDER:** Children must be dropped and collected to and from school each day by you or an **adult who is over 18 years of age**, nominated by you and listed on our class collection sheets.

### **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.



### **Rainy days**

As Winter moves in, please ensure that your child has a coat when coming to school, as he/she will need it while playing outside. Also, please be aware that children are welcomed by their teachers into the school from 9.00am 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.