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An Invitation to hear some Christmas Songs at Holy Family Junior School



Christmas celebrations have already started in Holy Family Junior School. Pupils are learning Christmas songs and poems and they'd love you to come and hear them sing.

- Parents and guardians of Junior Infant pupils are invited to the hall to hear the children sing their songs at 1.15pm on Wednesday the 14th December.
- Parents and guardians of Senior Infant pupils are invited to the hall to hear the children sing their songs at 1.15pm on Thursday the 15th December.
- Parents and guardians of First Class pupils are invited to the hall to hear the children sing their songs at 2.15pm on Thursday the 15th December.

On the day that your child is singing in the hall, he/she can wear colourful clothes, a winter hat or santa hat to school.

Other Christmas activities at school

This week we all enjoyed a great morning out in Glor theatre, when we went to see a Christmas show there. Ask your child all about it. We were very proud of the children. They were so well behaved and participated fantastically with the show.

The children's Christmas art and craft is on display all over the school, creating a wonderful Christmas atmosphere. They have really enjoyed working on the art and are very proud of it. Keep an eye on Facebook to see their work <https://www.facebook.com/hfssennis>. This week children are listening to Christmas stories beside the tree, decorated with decorations made by the children themselves.

Next week Mrs. Power will lead us in a lovely Christmas prayer service.

Also next week classes will visit Deck the Halls, a Winter Wonderland in the hall, created by parents and pupils. If you would like to make a decoration at home with your child for Deck the Halls, please drop it into your child's class by next Monday the 12th December.

There will be other fun surprises happening at school before the holidays. We hope that Santa might even drop into the school grounds for a quick visit! *If you do not wish your child to receive a present from Santa Claus, please inform the class teacher.*



Holy Family School
Christmas Challenge

This year the parents association have decided to turn the Hall into a Winter Wonderland for us all to enjoy.

We need your help!!!

Please make, create or design any Christmas decoration at home and bring it to your classroom on Monday the 12th of December.

All your stars, Gingerbread Men, Santa's, Christmas wreaths, wrapped boxes and other creations will be on display for the week for us all to enjoy.

**Lets work together
and make this Christmas one to remember!**

Christmas Presents

As Christmas draws near, we are aware that sometimes families feel pressurised to give a present to the teacher. While we are very appreciative of your thoughtfulness, we would like you to know that there is no need for presents for staff members this year! Thank you for your co-operation.

Advice on Winter Viral Infections

If your child is unwell, the advice from the HSE is to keep him or her at home from school.

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.

Is your child unwell?
Keep them at home



-  Keep hands clean
-  Cover coughs and sneezes
-  Get the nasal flu vaccine

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G.A.A. Skills



Our First-Class pupils have been enjoying GAA skills since September and are making great progress with Gerry, their coach. We are delighted to announce that Junior and Senior Infant pupils in Holy Family Junior School started to learn G.A.A. skills with coach Ollie. The children learn lots from their coaches. They get plenty of exercise and most importantly, they have great fun.

Safe Collection of Children

Children should be dropped to and collected from their classroom door each day by an adult who is over 18 years of age. Classroom doors open at 9am 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. Thank you for your co-operation on this.



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.

Aladdin Connect App

Thank you for downloading and using Aladdin Connect for school communication. Please check your app regularly for messages from the school. If you get a new phone, please download the app again and call into Ita at reception to receive a new activation code.



Calendar for remainder of term

Dress up in a Christmas jumper or wear some red and green (no need to buy anything new): Wednesday 21st December.

Christmas Holidays: 12 o'clock Wednesday the 21st of December 2022

Back to school: Thursday the 5th of January 2023

To see our calendar for the school year 2022-2023 please click here:
<https://holyfamilyjuniorschool.com/calendar/>

*We wish you all
a Happy and Safe Christmas!*

