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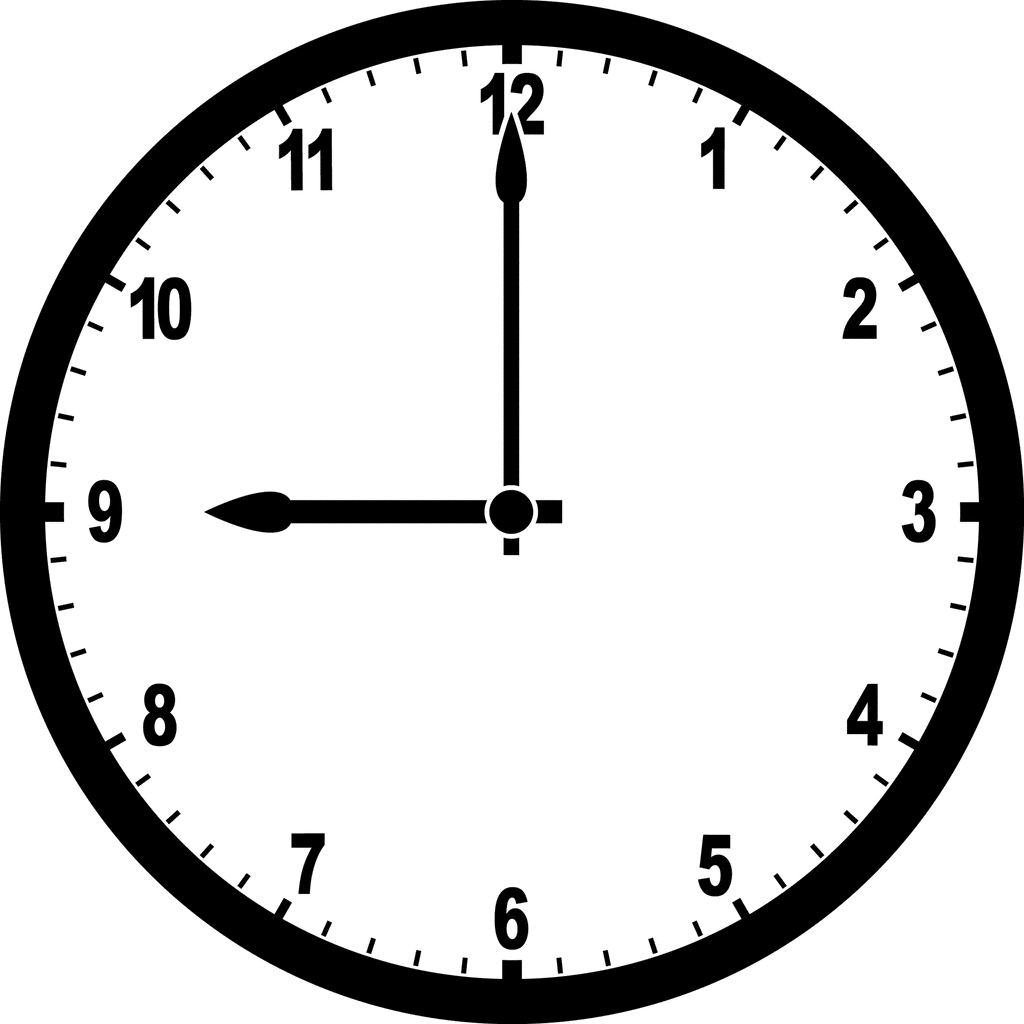
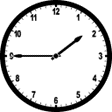
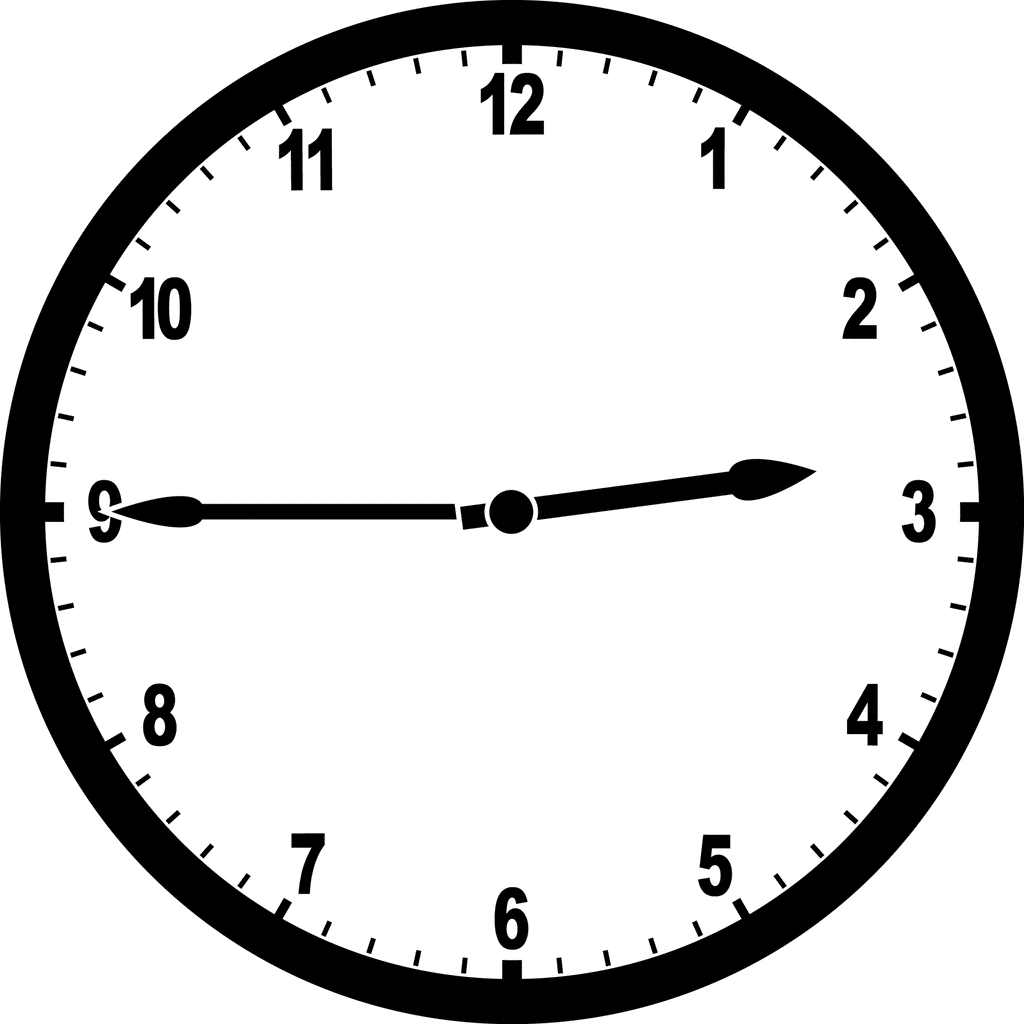
Happy New Year to all our families. Wishing you all a healthy, peaceful, and enjoyable new year. We look forward to another busy term working with you, the parents, and guardians, to ensure the best educational experience for all our pupils. Pupils make most progress when school and homework together. We would ask you specially to read to your child every day. If you have any questions or worries, please make an appointment to meet with the class teacher or the principal.

**Junior Infant Enrolment** 

We are now taking Junior Infants enrolments for the 2023-2024 school year. Please fill out the online enrolment form <https://holyfamilyjuniorschool.com/about/enrolment> or print and fill out an enrolment form and drop it into Holy Family Junior School, Station Road, Ennis, Co. Clare.  You could also call to reception to collect a form. The closing date is Thursday February 2nd 2023.

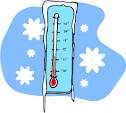
**Second Class Enrolment in Holy Family Senior School**

The closing date for enrolment of children going into Second Class in Holy Family Senior School in September 2023 is Thursday the 2nd of February. An application form has been shared with you. Please return your child’s application to the class teacher before that date. If you need any help please contact Darryl (HSCL Teacher) on 086 6040686 or Evelyn (HSCL teacher) on 086 1529211.

**Coming to school on time**

Our school day begins at 9am each morning and finishes at 1.45pm for Junior and Senior Infants and at 2.45pm for First Class pupils. Please drop and collect your child on time each day. Children are easily upset if this routine is disturbed. We thank you for your cooperation with 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.

**The Stay Safe Programme**

Stay Safe is a personal safety programme which will be taught in our school during this term. Its aim is to develop children’s self-esteem, assertiveness, and self- protection. We hope to enable the children to recognise any situation where they feel unsafe. We also hope that they will learn the vocabulary needed to tell an adult. As outlined in the Revised Primary School Curriculum, children learn the appropriate anatomical terms for the private parts of the body. The worksheets will be sent home to be signed giving you the opportunity to discuss the lessons with your child. Please go to www.staysafe.ie to become familiar with this programme or go online to view the Primary Curriculum <https://curriculumonline.ie/Primary/>.



**Green Schools**

As you know we are currently working on our seventh green flag, *Global Citizenship - Energy*, while also continuing the actions for all our other flags.

**Bird Feeding**

This term we are feeding the birds in the garden and keeping a close eye out to see if we can recognise any of them. You could help your child to recognise and name some garden birds in your locality too.

**Walk on Wednesdays**

In February, we plan to recommence our Walk on Wednesday (WoW) initiative. We hope that as many families as possible will join in. We’ll tell you more about this closer to the time!

**Energy Saving**

We are working towards our next Green Flag on the theme of ***Global Citizenship – energy***. Children are being encouraged to save energy at school by switching off the lights when they are not needed. Hopefully they will help you out at home with this too! Our slogan for this is:

***We climb a tree. We plant a flower. We save energy. We save power!***

**A Message from our Home School Community Liaison (HSCL) Teachers**

*Hello everybody!*

*Happy New Year to you all! We are delighted to be starting gardening and English classes again this week.*

**Gardening**

We will be gardening every Tuesday morning from 9 to 10 starting January 17th. We need your help getting the garden ready for Spring. New parents are very welcome. We look forward to meeting all the parents that helped us last year.

**Junior School Parents:** Meet Evelyn at Junior School reception door @ 9.00pm

Senior School Parents: Meet Darryl at the garden @ 9.00pm

**English Classes for Parents**

When?  Every Tuesday @ 9.00

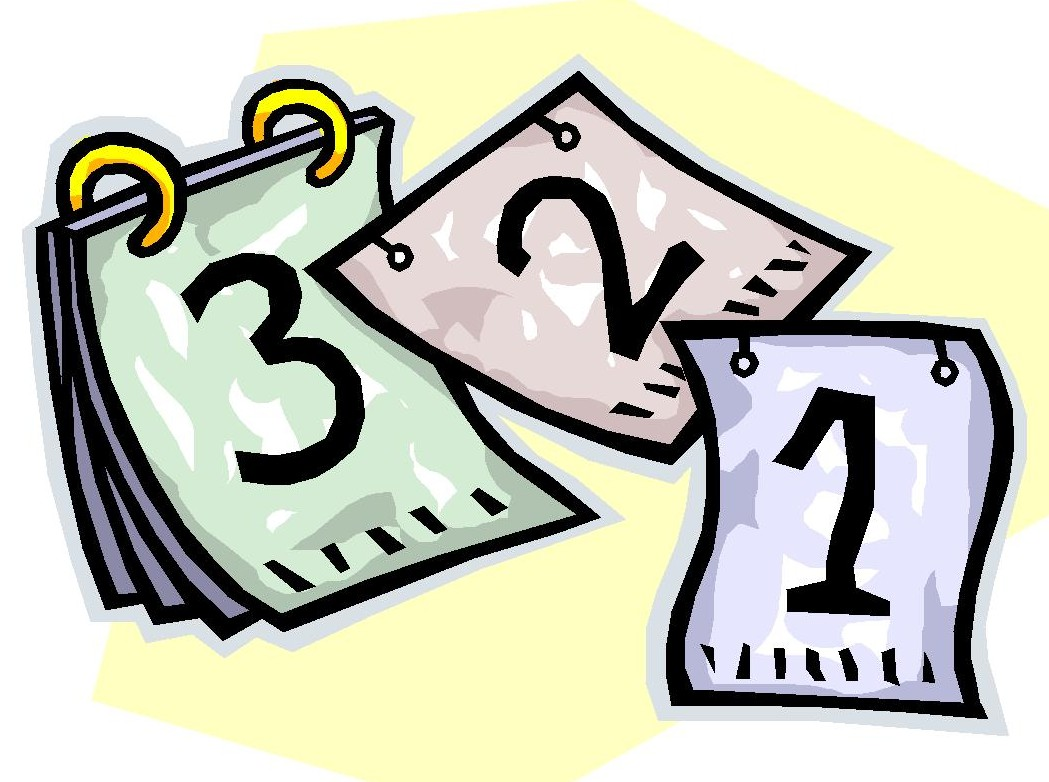
Where? Parents Room in the Senior School

How much does it cost? This is a free course.

When does it starts? Tuesday 17th

To book a place or to find more details ring Darryl 0866040686

*In the meantime, we’ll continue our chats on the yard, morning, and evening.*

***Darryl and Evelyn***

**Calendar for Term 2**

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| **St Brigid’s Day Weekend** | **Monday 6th February 2023** | **School closed** |
| **Staff Training – Primary Language Curriculum** | **Friday 10th February 2023** | **School closed** |
| **Mid-term break** | **Thursday 16th February to Friday 17th February 2023 inclusive** | **School closed** |
| **St Patrick's Day Weekend** | **Friday 17th March to Monday 20th 2023 inclusive** | **School closed** |
| **Easter Holidays** | **Monday 3rd April to Friday 14th April 2023 inclusive** | **School closed** |

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