



APRIL 2023 NEWSLETTER

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Welcome back!

We welcome all our pupils back to school. It is lovely to see everyone looking well rested, happy and ready for a busy but very enjoyable summer term at school.



Green Schools

We received great news on Friday. We have been awarded our 7th Green Flag on the theme of 'Global Citizenship – Energy'. A great big GREEN thank you to the children, staff, parents, and guardians for their continuous support in helping us to be very active and conscientious global citizens. Well done to you all!!



Free schoolbook scheme

From September 2023, schoolbooks, workbooks and copybooks for children in primary schools, will be provided to every child free by their school. There is no charge to parents/guardians for schoolbooks, workbooks and copybooks, as we receive funding from the Government to cover these costs. The schoolbooks and workbooks will be on loan to the children. School books will have to be returned to the school at the end of the school year, or if the child leaves the school. Later on this term we will let you know what other items you will need to buy for your child and what other costs you will need, to pay as your child begins a new year at school.

Uniforms

The children looked so well this week, returning to school in their school uniforms. Thanks for ensuring that your child is wearing a clean uniform each day at school. A survey was sent to you last week about our school uniform. If you have not yet completed it, please do so by clicking below before tomorrow (Tuesday) at 3pm:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=SGsoaCP5a0mAmws7hZyOyupUE8pudAFCKhInvjDKHR1UN0VWOFXRUNMSk5SVFo0RUZaQU1QTVhKNi4u>

Coming to school on time



The majority of parents drop their children to school on time and these children are there for all their classes and are progressing in school. Unfortunately, there are still some parents who drop their children to school late. These children miss out on teaching time and are not reaching their full potential. Please make sure that your child is at school on time.

Thanks to the Parents' Association

Members of the Parents' Association visited each class before Easter with an easter treat for every pupil in the school. Thank you to the Parents' Association for their thoughtfulness and generosity.

Absence from School

If your child is absent from school, **it is very important that you use the Aladdin App or write a note or to explain why your child was not at school.** If you are having technical difficulties with Aladdin, Ita is more than happy to help you. Call into reception to meet her.



Calendar for Term 3

- May Bank Holiday weekend:** Monday 1st May and Tuesday 2nd May 2023 – school closed
- Enrolment Evening:** Thursday 11th May - **Incoming Junior Infants: 6:00pm** Holy Family Junior School
Thursday 11th May - **Incoming Second-Class Pupils: 7:30pm** Holy Family Senior School
- Half Day:** **N.B.** Wednesday the 24th of May. **Children to be collected at 12.30pm**
Staff meeting
- Full Day Closure:** **N.B.** Friday the 2nd June 2024. **School closed.** Staff Training Day
- June Bank Holiday weekend:** Monday the 5th and Tuesday the 6th June 2023 – school closed
- Summer Holidays:** Wednesday the 28th June 2023 @ 12pm

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



Safety of Children

REMINDER: Children should be dropped and collected to and from school each day by an adult who is over 18 years of age.

Use of pedestrian entrances



Our school campus is very busy with cars, buses and people coming and going all the time. Safety is always our main priority. Thank you for using **only** the pedestrian entrances and walkways.

Memory Lane Photography

The school photographer will be coming to the school on Thursday 1st June and will be doing singles, siblings and class photo groups. If you **do not wish** for your child to be photographed, please contact Ita, the school secretary, at reception before the shoot.

Birthday Party Treats

Birthday parties are great fun and a very important celebration in your child's life. However, we are not in a position to share out cakes and sweets on your child's birthday, for health and safety reasons. 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!



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

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.

Donations for Ukraine

Thank you for your kind donations on Lá Glas in March. €145 was raised towards the UNICEF earthquake appeal.