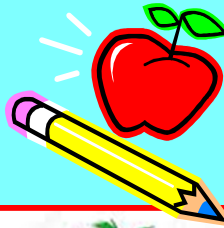


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Hello everyone!

There has been lots happening in Holy Family Junior School during the last few weeks. We had Green Schools week, Active Schools Week, Taking Care of Myself week and this week is Kindness week: celebrating inclusion and diversity. We hope that your child enjoyed the fun activities and positive learning experience that occurred. Take a look at our fun filled photos on <https://www.facebook.com/hfssennis>

Thank you for all the constant support that you give to your child, ensuring that he or she engages well during the school day. Thank you for bringing your child to school on time each day and thank you for supporting us with all the teaching and learning that happens.

The children benefit most when we work together as a team. We, the staff in Holy family Junior School, are privileged to work with you and your child, in such a cooperative, respectful manner.

### **Induction Day**

Induction Day for Junior Infants starting in September 2023 will take place on Wednesday the 14th of June from 11.15am to 12.15pm. Parents have received an invitation letter this week. Children will spend the hour with their new teacher in their classrooms and parents are invited to the Parents' Room for teas/coffees during this time.

### **Breakfast Club**

In September, pupils of Holy family Junior School are welcome to come to breakfast club in the school canteen from 8.40am until just before 9am each morning. Parents should wait for their child outside the canteen each day. Please contact the school if you would like your child to be part of the breakfast club.

## **Summer Stars and visits to the library**

Clare Libraries invite children to join the annual Summer Stars Reading Adventure and become a Climate Awareness Champion. Summer Stars, the annual summer reading programme for children runs from the 12th of June to the end of August 2023. Summer Stars is a non-competitive reading promotion initiative. Every child who reads even one book/e-book is regarded as having completed the programme – and it's all completely free! Children can sign up for Summer Stars at any of one of the fifteen library branches in Clare. They will get their own Summer Stars Reading card and other rewards to encourage continued reading during school summer holidays. When your child signs up for Summer Stars 2023 they will automatically enter a draw to win a FREE event for their school in the Autumn.

Storytimes, book clubs, craft sessions, nature and wildlife talks and environmental awareness workshops, creative writing, illustration and chess classes are only some of the activities your children can participate in during a visit to the library. Check out our Library website [www.clarelibrary.ie](http://www.clarelibrary.ie). Stay tuned to the library social media for more information and visit [www.summerstars.ie](http://www.summerstars.ie) where you can download fun printable activities and colouring pages for Summer Stars 2023.

## **School reports**

School reports will be sent to parents at the end of this week through the Aladdin Connect app. If you are having technical difficulties with Aladdin, please call into Ita at reception.

## **Books and school supplies**

Your child's book and school supplies list will be sent home through the Aladdin Connect app during the last week of school. Book and school supply lists will also be available for you to view or print on the school website.

The list will advise you that:

- Schoolbooks, workbooks and copybooks will be provided to every child free by the school in September.
- Folders and stationery should be bought by you during the Summer holidays
- €40 towards arts and crafts and computer, should be paid directly to the school through the Aladdin app in September.

## **Play Time**

The children have been having great fun playing on the grass at break time. Every Wednesday, boys and girls from Sixth Class have been playing yard games with our pupils. They are all having such fun together.



## School Calendar 2023-2024

Our new school calendar for 2023-2024 is being sent to you today by Aladdin. You will also be able to look at the school calendar for 2023-2024 on our school website at

<https://holyfamilyjuniorschool.com/calendar/> from next week. Children will return to school on Wednesday the 30<sup>th</sup> of August.



## Ms. Gráinne's Summer Camp



Ms. Grainne will be holding a summer camp this year during the first three weeks in July from 9am to 1pm for children aged from 3 – 7 years. Please call or text Call or Text 087 2033328

## After School Club

Names are now being taken for Afterschool Club for September 2023 from 1.45pm to 4.30pm each day, for children aged from 4 years to 12 year. Call or Text Isabel on 087 2062070

## Preschool/Montessori

Names are now being taken for Preschool/Montessori in September 2023.

- Morning: 9am to 12 pm
- Afternoon: 12pm to 3pm
- Part time: 9am to 2pm

Please contact Call or Text 087 2033328

## Home School Community Liaison (HSCL) Teachers

Hello everybody! These are the last updates for this school year!

- **Gardening:** The garden is a wonderful place to be in the summer. We appreciate all the time and effort each of the parents have given this year. The flowers, plants and vegetables breathe great life into our school. New parents always welcome. Our last two gardening days are as follows:
  - ✓ Tuesday, June 13th 9.00 - 10.00
  - ✓ Tuesday, June 20th 9.00 - 10.00
- **'English for Beginners':** This course takes place in the Parent's Room every Tuesday from 9.00 -12.00. This class has been full all year and ends on Tuesday, the 20th of June. We would like to thank our wonderful English tutor Noel for all his work. His kind manner and fun classes made the course very enjoyable. All the attendees have gained lots from the experience.

- **'Getting Ready for Primary School':**

We are halfway through this course. Our tutor Sonia has a wonderful attitude and is here to answer all your questions. This is a great way to prepare your child for Junior Infants this September. Join us in the parents' room at 9.15 on Monday June the 12th and 19th.

Please call Darryl on 086 6040686 if you need help or might be interested in any of our courses.



### **Health and Safety**

Thank you for remembering not to walk through the staff car park when bringing your child to and from school. Health and safety in the school requires that pedestrians do not walk through the car park.