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Settling back to school

Welcome back to school everyone. Your children are settling in extremely well to their school routine. It is lovely to meet you all in the mornings on the yard and to greet your lovely children as they start a new school day. Thank you for ensuring that your child is at school every day and that they are dropped and collected on time. Your efforts with this are greatly appreciated.



MMR and 4 in 1 Vaccinations Forms

MMR and 4 in 1 Vaccinations Forms have been handed out to Junior Infant and new pupils in other classes. Please return these forms by Friday the 22nd September 2023.

Home time for Junior Infants

Junior Infants will start their longer school day from this Monday the 18th of September. All Junior and Senior Infant pupils should be collected at 1.45pm.

Nut Free School

Some pupils in our school have a severe allergic reaction to nuts. To minimise risk to these children, Holy Family Junior School is now a NUT FREE SCHOOL. This means nuts, seeds, bars containing nuts or seeds, nutella and peanut butter are not allowed at school.

Healthy food at School

Snacks and lunches are provided for your child at school. Junior Infants will also receive a school lunch from this Monday the 18th of September. 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. Children are not allowed to have fizzy drinks, crisps, bars, sweets, or gum at school.

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.

Safe Collection of Children

The safety and welfare of our pupils is of the utmost importance. To ensure the safe handover of each child at home time, your child will only be handed over to you or a named person on the collection sheet. Please send in a note or make a call if there is going to be someone different picking up your child. If there are any changes regarding the collection of your child during the year, please let us know immediately. Thank you for your co-operation. **Children must be dropped to school and collected by an adult who is over 18 years of age.**



Early Collection of Children

To ensure the safety of all our pupils, when you need to collect your child from school before home time, we ask you to:

1. Inform the teacher that morning that you are collecting your child early.
2. When you come to collect your child, please go to reception. Your child will be brought to you.
3. Sign your child out in our sign out book. This will be in reception.
4. On your return, please bring your child back to reception. Please sign the book again.
5. He/she will be taken back to class.

Rainy days

As Autumn moves in, please ensure that your child has a coat when coming to school, as he/she may need it while playing outside. Also, please be aware that children are welcomed into school at 9am 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.



A message from our Home School Community Liaison (HSCL) Teachers Darryl and Orla



Hello everybody! Welcome back!

Garden Club

Our Tuesday morning (9am to 10am) garden club is up and running and we would love to see some new faces. Please come and join us! After a great Summer of growth, the garden has lots of tasty things to eat! You can bring some vegetables home for lunch afterwards!!

We have lots of new free courses for parents starting next week.

English Beginners For those with limited English	Tuesdays	9.00 - 10.30am
English Improvers For those who wish to learn more English	Tuesdays	11.00 – 12.30am
Incredible Years Developing your child's self-esteem and learning through play. Handling your child's behaviour. Praising and rewarding your child effectively.	Wednesday	10.00 – 12.00am
Art & Craft Using Clay, Collage, Sock puppets, Mosaics	Thursdays	9.10 – 11.00am
Beauty Course How to look after your skin. The benefits of looking after your skin. Different makeup application techniques. How to look after your make up tools.	Thursdays	1.45 – 2.45pm

If interested you can catch us on the yard before and after school.
Feel free to contact us on this number 0866040686.

Darryl & Orla

Pupil Personal Accident Insurance

If you wish, you can still avail of Pupil Personal Accident Insurance for your child. The cost of €9 insures your child 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, while €6 insures your child for school activities only. Just fill in the form and send it in to your child's class teacher with the money.

Maths at Home

Each month we will send you home a sheet of 'Maths at Home' ideas for you to share with your child. This is a fun and practical way for your child to learn more about Maths in everyday life.

Frasaí na Seachtaine

Each month we will also share with you some simple Irish phrases that your child is learning at school. You could practice them together or use one or two each day with your child.



Aladdin Connect

We use the Aladdin Connect app to communicate with you about what is happening at school. If you are having difficulty in downloading the app or validating it on your phone or other device, please ask Ita, our school secretary.



G.A.A. Football Skills

This week First Class pupils started G.A.A. football training on Tuesdays with coach Gerry Fox. They had fantastic fun.

Birthday parties and invitations

Birthday parties are great fun and a very important celebration in your child's life. However, we are not in a position here at school to distribute birthday invitations or to share out cakes and sweets on your child's birthday. 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!

Calendar – September and October

Tuesday October 3 rd	Staff meeting	Half Day – children to be collected at 12.30pm
October 30 th – November 3 rd (inclusive)	Midterm Break	School closed

To see our calendar for the school year 2023-2024 please click here: <https://holyfamilyjuniorschool.com/calendar/>