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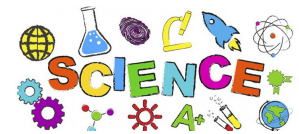


Hi everyone,

How quickly the year is passing by. In only a few weeks it will be Christmas. The children have settled back to school so well after the mid-term break and are fully engaging in all the wonderful learning experiences prepared and organised for them. Parents and guardians, you are so supportive in this process by bringing your child to school every day, by helping him/her out with homework and by engaging so positively with school staff. Thanks to those of you who have been working with us on Maths trails, our Halloween pumpkin competition, and by your attendance at classes and courses. Children do better at school when they see the adults in their lives engaging positively in their education.

Science Week

This week was Science Week. In addition to the wonderful Science learning that the children experience throughout the year, pupils enjoyed fun filled experiments this week, inspiring them to be active learners, creative thinkers, and problem solvers.



They will also played with Bee-Bots, which are interactive robotic toys, used to introduce coding to young learners

Pompoms in the jar!

From Monday 20th November for two weeks, we will be promoting attendance. Each day your child is in school they will get a pompom and put it in a jar. When the jar is full the children will get a treat! Our hope is that every child (who is well!) will come to school, get a pom pom and fill the jar! 😊

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. **Please do not walk through the car park behind the Junior School.**

Our School Uniform

The children look so smart in our school uniform. Thank you for ensuring that they wear a clean navy tracksuit bottoms (not leggings), a blue top with crest and a white polo shirt to school every day.



Late Late Toy Show



The annual Late Late Toy Show takes place on Friday the 24th November 2023 at 9.30pm on RTE television. In preparation for the boys and girls watching the toy show on that Friday evening (or over the weekend on the player, if the 9.30pm show is too late), we invite the children to dress up in a Christmas jumper or wear some red and green (no need to buy anything new) to school that day.

Reading Books



During the year, your child will bring home reading books from school as part of his/her homework for GUIDED READING. It is very **important** that they are returned to school in the homework folder each week because other children will need to use them. Thank you for your support with this.

School Lunches from Carambola

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. If you are having any difficulty logging on to your personal account to up-date their lunch weekly please get in touch with **ITA AT RECEPTION**. She is more than happy to help you. Otherwise, you can contact a member of the Carambola Team at 061 500 200 ext 1.

Reminder: Holy Family Junior School has a healthy lunch policy. Children are not allowed to have fizzy drinks, crisps, bars, sweets or gum at school.



Reminder- Nut Free School

As you know, 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.

Junior Infant Parent Teacher Meetings

Junior Infant parent teacher meetings will take place from the 27th November – 1st December 2023. Teachers of Junior Infant pupils have contacted parents to arrange a time. Parent teacher meetings for other classes will take place in term two.

Green School's News



Our school now has a Green School Committee. One child from each class is on the committee. The children work with Green School's Staff to plan and organise our Green School's activities for the year. Well done to them on all on such great work.

Home School Community Liaison (HSCL) Teachers

Darryl (086 6040686) and Orla (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.

Calendar – Term 1



Monday 25th December 2023 to Friday 5th January 2024 inclusive	Christmas Holidays	School closing on Friday the 22 nd December at 12pm. School reopening on Monday the 8 th January 2024.
To see our calendar for the school year 2023-2024 please click here: https://holyfamilyjuniorschool.com/calendar/		

Safety of Children



REMINDER: Children must be dropped and collected to and from school each day by you or an **adult who is over 18 years of age**, nominated by you and listed on our class collection sheets.

Rainy days

As Winter moves in, please ensure that your child has a coat when coming to school, as he/she will need it while playing outside. Also, please be aware that children are welcomed by their teachers into the school from 9.00am 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.

Talking to Teacher

If you have a worry or concern about your child at school, please arrange to speak to his/her class teacher or Special Education Teacher. You can do this by asking the teacher at the door for an appointment, or you can call to Ita at reception, and she will organise a meeting time for you and the teacher.

