

# NEWSLETTER

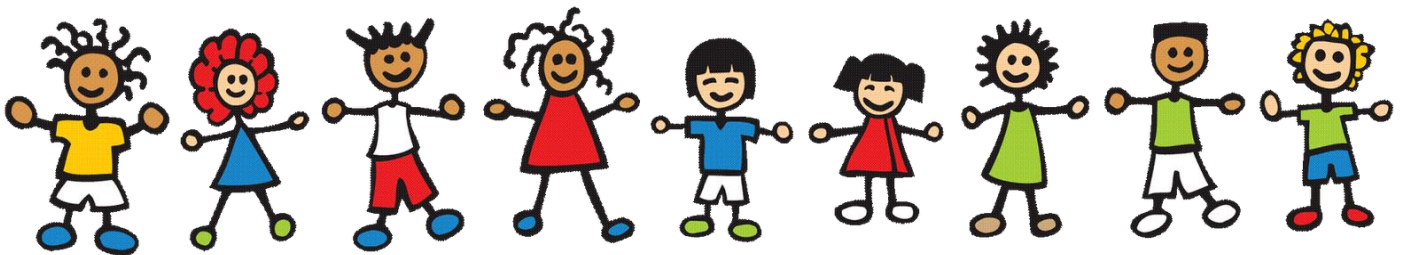
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## JANUARY 2024



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 your child's class teacher.

### Junior Infant Enrolment



We are now taking Junior Infants enrolment applications for the 2024-2025 school year. You can call to reception to collect an application form or apply online by clicking:

<https://holyfamilyjuniorschool.com/about/enrolment>. The closing date is Thursday February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

## 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 2024 is Thursday the 1st 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 Orla (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

Temperatures are low at the moment so children could wear an extra layer or two under their tracksuit if they feel cold. It is very important that the children have a **warm coat** with them every day during these colder months of Winter and Spring.



### 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](http://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 eighth green flag, *Global Citizenship - Marine*, while also continuing the actions for all our other flags.

#### **Recycling**

The boys and girls are doing great recycling in their classrooms every day. Each classroom has three bins. Ask your child to explain this to you. Children often use recyclable materials to create art too, which is another way to save our planet!

## 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!

### Home School Community Liaison (HSCL) Teachers

Darryl (086 6040686) and Orla (086 1529211), our HSCL teachers, are always available to chat with and support parents and guardians. Please get in touch if you have any queries. They will be very happy to help you.

### Calendar for Term 2

<del>Staff Training – Primary Maths Curriculum</del>	<del>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024</del>	<b>CANCELLED</b> School is OPEN
St Brigid's Day Weekend	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	<b>School closed</b>
Mid-term break	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 inclusive	<b>School closed</b>
Staff meeting	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	<b>Half day for pupils at 12.30pm</b>
St Patrick's Day Weekend	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March to Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> 2024 inclusive	<b>School closed</b>
Easter Holidays	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March to Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 inclusive	<b>School closed</b>

To see our calendar for the school year 2023-2024 please click here:

<https://holyfamilyjuniorschool.com/calendar/>

### Resolving Conflict with Children in Six Steps

Clare County Childcare Committee are delighted to launch this short video animation. about 'Resolving Conflict with Children in 6 Steps'. This animation is available to watch on YouTube in:

- English: <https://youtu.be/fYyg1RV2MKw>
- Ukrainian: [https://youtu.be/dMWMsx2\\_gkE](https://youtu.be/dMWMsx2_gkE)

Please find attached a poster to support these videos in English and Ukrainian.