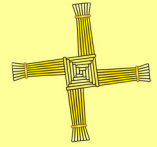


NEWSLETTER

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It has been a busy few weeks at school. Pupils and teachers are working hard and having great fun with literacy, numeracy, and all other areas of the curriculum. This month the children also enjoyed Grandparents' Day and stories and art all about St. Brigid.

School Uniform Survey

Pupil, Parent and Board of Management votes in our most recent uniform survey specifically about the pupils' sweatshirt are as follows:

- Current Sweatshirt: 264 votes
- New Sweatshirt – 413 votes
- Neither – 5 votes

As a result of this poll, the new sweatshirt will be available to purchase from **Mc Cannon's Clothes Shop, The Market, Ennis**, after Easter. Both our current sweatshirt and the new sweatshirt are and will be equally recognised uniform items in Holy Family Schools.

Valentine's Cake Sale



The Parents Association will be running a Cake Sale on Valentine's Day next Wednesday the 14th of February. Parents, pupils, and teachers can make, bake, or buy treats. Please drop the cakes and buns to the café on Wednesday morning before school. Each class will visit the cake sale during the day. Pupils can buy 3 treats for €2.

Miss. Gráinne's Montessori / Preschool /Afterschool Enrolment

Miss. Gráinne's Montessori / Preschool / Afterschool are now taking names for September 2024. Children aged between 3 years and 13 years are welcome. Call or text Gráinne or Isabel for more information on (087)2033328.

Green Schools

- **WALK ON WEDNESDAYS**

After the midterm break, we will recommence our WALK on WEDNESDAY initiative. On Wednesdays we will be encouraging the children to walk some or all the way to school. A Golden Boot will be awarded to the class who makes the most effort each week.



- **GARDENING**

During this term parents will be invited to work in the garden with their child for one Tuesday morning from 9am to 9.45am. There will be a notice on your child's classroom door when it's your turn to enjoy our garden with your child!



Midterm break

There will be no school for children on Thursday and Friday the 16th and 17th of February as it is midterm break.

Safety First!!

Safety is very important to us in Holy Family Junior School. To help us we work together to keep everybody safe:

- Please make sure that your child is dropped and collected each day by a named adult
- Please dismount all bikes, scooters in the school yard
- Please refrain from vaping
- If you see an open gate, please close it.



Thank you for your help!

Joining the Library

The children are really enjoying listening to the stories that their teachers read to them. They also love to look at and read books themselves. If your child is not already a member of Ennis library, it might now be a good time to join. There are thousands of books to choose from there, which would really help to support your child's interest and love of reading.



Irish Course

We will be having great fun in the parents' room at 9am for the next four Mondays. We learn very basic Irish and enjoy the company of our wonderful Tutor Rhona. All parents welcome.

Cash For Clobber

Thank you so much for all your contributions to this year's Cash for Clobber. We had an amazing response and managed to fill the truck with black bags from Holy Family Schools.



Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent teacher meetings for Senior Infants and First Class are taking place next week in school. Please book a slot for your child's parent teacher meeting, on our Aladdin app, if you have not done so already. If you are having difficulties with this, please get in touch with your child's class teacher or with Ita at reception. Parent teacher meetings for Junior Infant parents will take place in March.

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.

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 for Term 2



Mid-term break	Thursday 15th February to Friday 16th February 2024 inclusive	School closed
Staff meeting	Tuesday 27 th February 2024	Half day for pupils at 12.30pm
Referendum Day	Friday 8 th of March 2024	School closed
St Patrick's Day Weekend	Friday 15th March to Monday 18th 2024 inclusive	School closed
Easter Holidays	Monday 25 th March to Friday 5th April 2024 inclusive	School closed

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

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