



APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER

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Welcome back!



We welcome all our pupils back to school after the Easter holidays. It is lovely to see everyone looking so well rested, happy and ready for a busy but very enjoyable summer term at school.



Calendar for Term 3

Primary Maths Curriculum Training Day	Thursday 11th April 2024	School closed
May Bank Holiday	Monday 6 th May to Tuesday 7 th May 2024 inclusive	School closed
June Bank Holiday	Monday 3 rd June to Tuesday 4 th June 2024 inclusive	School closed
Local Election Day	Friday 7th June 2024	School closed
School closing for Summer Holidays	Wednesday 26 th June 2024	School closed

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



Green Schools

Our **Walk on Wednesday** campaign continues this term. We are delighted to let you know that you can now **PARK AND STRIDE** every day to and from school by parking your car in the GLÓR car park for 30 minutes, free of charge, while you accompany the children to school. Your child will bring home a leaflet explaining this in his/her school bag today.



Uniforms

The children looked so well, returning to school in their school uniforms. Thanks for ensuring that your child is wearing a clean uniform each day at school. The uniform consists of

- a navy tracksuit bottoms/shorts
- a blue tracksuit top with crest
- a white polo shirt

In term three, we hope that the sun will shine. On warm days the children can wear uniform shorts instead of their navy tracksuit bottoms. If you are buying new shorts, please buy NAVY shorts. Cycling shorts or leggings are not allowed and are not part of the school uniform. If you already have grey shorts from last year, these can also be worn.



A Message from our Home School Community Liaison (HSCL) Teachers

THE GARDEN

Our new 'Parent & Child' gardening programme has been a great success. Over the last 6 weeks 47 Junior school parents have joined their child to help out in the garden on the Tuesday mornings. The garden is now perfectly prepared for the upcoming growing season. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents for all your efforts. The garden remains open every Tuesday morning at 9pm for any of you who would like some fun outdoor activities.



ENGLISH CLASSES

English classes continue every Tuesday morning at 9am in the Parents' Room beside the café. Please feel free to get in touch if you are interested.

Darryl (086 6040686) and Orla (086 1529211) have the pleasure of working with you, the parents, every day. Please feel free to connect with them if you need any support. Their door is always open.

Coming to school on time



The majority of parents drop their children to school on time and these children are there for all their classes and are progressing in school. Unfortunately, there are still some parents who regularly drop their children to school late. These children miss out on teaching time and are not reaching their full potential. Please make sure that your child is at school on time.

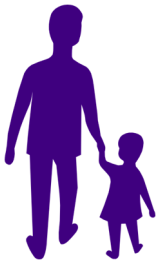
Thanks to the Parents' Association

Members of the Parents' Association visited each class before Easter with an easter treat for every pupil in the school. Thank you to the Parents' Association for their thoughtfulness and generosity.



Absence from School

If your child is absent from school, it is **very important that you use the Aladdin App or write a note or to explain why your child was not at school**. If you are having technical difficulties with Aladdin, Ita is more than happy to help you. Call into reception to meet her.



Safety of Children

REMINDER: Children should be dropped and collected to and from school each day by an adult who is over 18 years of age.



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.

Donations for Ukraine

Thank you for your kind donations on Lá Glas in March. €110 was raised towards school Maths equipment.

Birthday Party Treats

Birthday parties are great fun and a very important celebration in your child's life. However, we are not in a position to share out cakes and sweets on your child's birthday, for health and safety reasons. 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!

