

JUNE 2024

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Hello everyone!

There has been lots happening in Holy Family Junior School during the last few weeks. We celebrated Green Schools week, Active Schools week, Taking Care of Myself week and this week is Kindness week: celebrating inclusion and diversity. We hope that your child has enjoyed the fun activities and positive learning experiences that have been occurring. Take a look at our fun-filled photos on: <https://www.facebook.com/hfssennis>

Thank you for the constant support that you give to your child, ensuring that he or she engages well during the school day. Thank you for bringing your child to school on time each day and thank you for supporting us with all the teaching and learning that happens.

The children benefit most when we work together as a team. We, the staff in Holy family Junior School are privileged to work with you and your child, in such a cooperative, respectful manner.

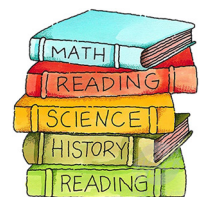
Induction Day

Induction Day for our new Junior Infants starting in September 2024 takes place today from 11.15am to 12.15pm. Parents have received an invitation letter. Children are spending the hour in their classrooms during which time parents are invited to the Parents' Room for teas/coffees.

Books and school supplies

Your child's school supplies list will be sent home through the Aladdin Connect app during the last week of school. School supply lists will also be available for you to view or print on the school website. The list will advise you that:

- Schoolbooks, workbooks and copybooks will be provided to every child free by the school in September.
- Folders and stationery should be bought by you during the Summer holidays.
- €40 towards arts and crafts and computer, should be paid directly to the school through the Aladdin app in September.



School reports

School reports will be sent to parents this week through the Aladdin Connect app. If you are having technical difficulties with Aladdin, please call into Ita at reception.

Bottle Tops and Buttons

Thank you to those who have been collecting plastic bottle tops for us. Please keep sending them in as they are very useful for teaching Maths. **We are also now collecting buttons** for Maths. If you have any spare buttons please drop them into reception.

Summer Stars and visits to the library

Clare Libraries invite children to join the annual Summer Stars Reading Adventure. It runs from 4th June - 31st August 2024. Every child that joins will get a free activity book and other rewards for taking part. Every child who reads even one book/e-book is regarded as having completed the programme – and it's all completely free!



- Summer Stars will help your child maintain good reading.
- It's free to join the library and there are no penalties for late books or lost children's books!
- You can borrow lots of amazing books and get reading recommendations from the library
- Visit Ennis library to join in! Click here to learn more <https://www.librariesireland.ie/services/right-to-read/summer-stars>.
- Libraries will also have free workshops, clubs and story times to keep children active during the holidays. Click here for more information <https://clarelibraries.ie/for/children/>

School Calendar 2024-2025

Our new school calendar for 2024-2025 is being sent to you tomorrow on Aladdin. You can also look at the school calendar for 2024-2025 on our school website at <https://holyfamilyjuniorschool.com/calendar/>. Children will return to school on Wednesday the 28th of August 2024.



Summer Holidays

Summer holidays will begin on Wednesday the 26th June 2024 at 12pm.



Ms. Gráinne's Summer Camp

Ms. Grainne will be holding a Preschool/Junior Fun and Games Summer camp this year during the first week in July, July 1st to 5th. 9am to 1pm for children aged from 3 – 7 years. 65 euro per week. Please call or text 087 2033328.

After School Club

Names are now being taken for Afterschool Club for September 2024 from 1.45pm to 4.30pm each day, for children aged from 4 years to 12 years. Call or text Isabel on 087 2062070 for more information.

Preschool/Montessori

Names are now being taken for Preschool/Montessori in September 2024

- Morning: 9am to 12 pm
- Afternoon: 12 pm to 3pm
- Part time: 9am to 2pm

Please call or text 087 2033328.

Uniform Sale

The Parent's Association will also be holding a second-hand tracksuit uniform sale on Tuesday the 25th of June from 1.30pm-3pm in the school Café. You are very welcome to come along.

If you wish to donate or sell a uniform tracksuit top, please come to Holy Family Junior School reception between 8:40am and 9:00am on Monday the 24th of June. All uniforms for resale should be in good condition and clean.



Home School Community Liaison (HSCL) Teachers

Darryl & Orla have the pleasure of working with the parents on a daily basis. Please feel free to contact them if you need any support. Their door is always open. See below for recent parent-led activity happening in the school.

Garden

Our new 'Parent & Child' gardening program has been a great success. Thank you all for joining your children in the garden. The garden is in full bloom and looks great. When we return to school in September, we are hoping to invite the parents in again for a once off gardening experience.

Grandparents 'Share Your Story' Workshop

On the May 31st, twelve Grandparents joined their grandchildren in the canteen. Stories were shared and each of the different cultures celebrated. Next October, we hope to run a 5-week program connecting grandparents, grandchildren and our school community in a meaningful way. A special thanks to all those who joined us last Friday.

Cash for Clobber

This Summer's Cash for Clobber was very well supported. We donated 137 black bags of clothes and shoes. The money raised will support our garden project next year.

English Classes

Our English classes end on Tuesday the 25th June. Thank you to our wonderful Tutor Noel and to all the parents who attended the classes since last September. We have started taking names for next year's classes already. Please get in touch if you are interested.

Health and Safety

Please note that for health and safety reasons, some of our school gates will be closed each day as follows:

Time	Gates	
9:15am	Dunnes Gate	Gates will be closed at 9:15am. Please use main front gate on Station Rd in front of Junior School Reception.
	Friar's Walk Gate	
	Pedestrian Crossing Gate Station Rd	
11:45am-12:15pm	Dunnes Gate	Gates will be opened at 11:45 to allow collection from Ms. Grainne's Montessori and closed at 12:15
	Friar's Walk Gate	
1.30pm – 2.00pm	Friar's Walk Gate	Friar's Walk and Pedestrian Crossing Gates will be opened at 1.30pm to allow collection of Junior and Senior Infants and the Friar's Walk gate will be closed again at 2:00pm
	Pedestrian Crossing Gate Station Rd	
2:30pm- 4:30pm	Dunnes Gate	Dunnes and Friar's Walk gates open at 2:30pm and close at 4:30pm
	Friar's Walk Gate	

Late arrivals and early leavers during school time are to use the main front pedestrian gate on Station Rd, (in front of Holy Family Junior School reception), which will be **open all day** for picking-up/ dropping off children. **Please use the pedestrian walkways and refrain from walking through car parks.**