

Holy Family Herald



Welcome to our Newsletter

➤ Some important dates:



The book fair will start on **Tuesday, April 17th** and run **until Monday, April 23rd** with hundreds of new children's books to browse and buy. There are over 200 titles for you and your child to choose from, and with prices starting from only €3.70, there is sure to be a book for everyone! Don't forget that every book you buy can help to get **FREE BOOKS** for our library!

Sacraments

Service of Light: Tuesday, April 26th at 8pm.

Confirmation: April 28th at 11.30am.

Confirmation Photo: Tuesday, May 1st at 9.15am

First Communion: Saturday, May 19th at 11.30am.

Communion Photo: Tuesday, May 22nd at 9.15am

A word from the Principal.....TELL YOUR FRIENDS!

It is a very exciting time for the children of Holy Family school. In 2016 our enrolment was 125 children, 142 in 2017 and as of September 2018 it looks like we are going to have 150+. The increase last year meant that we could split our 3rd and 4th classes. If we continue to grow, we will be able to split our 5th and 6th classes. So we need your help - If you know of anyone moving to the area or looking for a placement in any class from Junior Infants right up to 6th class, please tell them about all the wonderful work and activities going on in Holy Family school. Splitting our 5th and 6th classes will guarantee all the pupils of Holy Family a pupil-teacher ratio of less than 22:1. This is lower than the national average (most schools have over 30 children per teacher) and will provide wonderful learning opportunities for all of our children. **So spread the word – COME TO HOLY FAMILY!**

2nd Class visit to the Lexicon with Bank of Ireland Time to Read Volunteers



We are Sailing!

Application forms have gone out to 5th/6th class students this week to enrol in Sailing classes. The classes take place afterschool on **Tuesdays starting 17th April** at a total cost of €15 per child. There are 20 places available. Forms and fees to be returned by Friday 13th.

Monster Easter Raffle

A sincere thank you to the local business's that supported our Monster Easter Raffle. Their generosity meant a great deal to our school. The school raised over €2000.00.

A Big Thank you to.... Heritage Wealth, The Royal Marine Hotel, Fitzpatrick's Castle Hotel, Mikes Bikes, Dunnes Stores, Glanmore Foods, Magpie Inn, Tesco, Haven Pharmacy, Persona, George's Fish Shop, Pictorium, Centra, Base Pizza, Yellow Fig Café, H'Ombre Salon, Mardi, Winnie's Café, Supervalu and staff the Parents Association of Holy Family N.S.

Hip-Hop Show March 9th



March 2018 Attendance Drive. Every Day Counts!

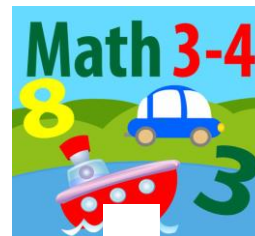
A huge thank-you to all the children and of course the parents who made such an effort to improve attendance during the month of March. In November we had 47 children with 100% attendance, this number jumped to 66 children with 100% attendance in March! Well done to those 66 children and the winning parent of the €30 Tesco voucher is Louise Quinn Kennedy. (Parents please be aware that the school is obliged to report any child to the Education Welfare Service who miss more than 20 days of school. It is important to ensure your child attends school and if they are absent, a written note must be given to the class teacher explaining their absence.)



Sewing and Needlecraft.

Back by popular demand. Pick up some useful needlecraft skills to make some beautiful crafts. Starts **Wednesday 25th April**, 9.30-11.30am in NYP. €2 per class

Maths 4 Fun



Junior Infants and Horizons Junior are starting Maths 4 Fun on **Friday, April 13th**. Junior Parents are invited

in to play fun maths games with the children starting at 9am until 9.45. Parents to meet in the parents Room at 9am.

Zumba with Claudia is back!

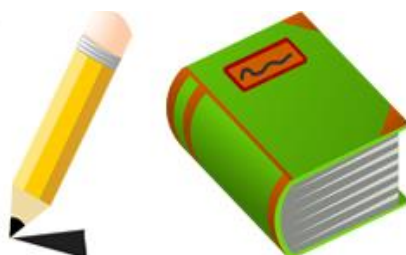
Starts **Thursday April 12th** 9.15-10.15 in school hall. €3 per class

Afterschool Activities

Art Club and Sports Club for 1st-3rd classes start back **Tuesday and Wednesday 17th/18th April**. Application forms have been sent out. There are 20 places available for each. **Notification to go out Monday 16th**



Reminder that our **Bag 2 School collection** is on. All bags to be dropped into the school by **Wednesday 18th April**. The collection raises money for the school and also for the Laura Lynn Children's Hospice.



NOW ENROLLING FOR SEPTEMBER 2018