## **Holy Family Herald**

# **Newsletter** January 2020





### **Welcome to our Newsletter**

#### > Some Important Dates:

**Mid-term break:** The school will be closed on Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> & Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Sacraments:** First Confession: Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7.45pm.

**First Holy Communion:** Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11.30am

**Service of Light:** Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8pm **Confirmation:** Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 11.30am

#### **Christmas Fair**

A huge thank-you to everyone who contributed to our wonderful Christmas Fair but especially the Parents Association who did trojan work in the lead up to and on the day itself to ensure a fantastic fun day was had by all. Santa was very impressed by all the boys and girls in the school and said it is one of his favourite places to visit!

We raised a grand total of just under €2500.00



Ms Martyn, Mary Mitchell O'Connor & Santa!

A word from the Principal.....Happy New Year to all and welcome to the first newsletter of this year. I hope you all had a very enjoyable Christmas break. Our school is a hive of activity once again, as we get ready for a new term filled with new activities and events to look forward too. After a very successful attendance drive in November we are moving the focus this month to BEING ON TIME and IN OUR LINE at 08:55am. I would also ask all parents to ensure that their child is wearing their full school uniform to school everyday.

Our school website is currently being updated with new photo's to display some of the fantastic work your children are doing in their classrooms. Be sure to pay the website a visit!

#### **6**<sup>th</sup> class visit to Templemore in December





Despite their fully packed schedule of the Christmas Play rehearsals and end of term assessments, 6<sup>th</sup> Class still found time for a fun packed trip. They recently visited the Garda Síochána training college in Templemore, Tipperary. Having being transported all the way in a fully customised police minibus, the pupils enjoyed the opportunity to observe what it takes to become a Guard. They got to see the lecture halls, fitness and training exercises and were allowed to try on historic uniforms from police forces across Europe.

#### **Parents Classes**



Zumba with Claudia - Every Thursday from January 9<sup>th</sup> in the school hall. *9.15-10.15am Cost €3 p/w* 



Starts: Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup> Parents Arts & Craft classes starting Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup> 9.15-11.15am All welcome to a relaxing creative class with a variety of crafting techniques. Free of charge. (PPS number required to participate)



Parents English Classes- for beginners: *Starts Monday*, *January 13<sup>th</sup>in My Project* from 9.15-11.15am. Free of charge. (PPS number required to participate)

**Parents English Classes**- for Intermediate/Advanced more complex conversational skills and specific grammar and vocabulary support: *Starts Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>in My Project* from 9.15-11.15am. Free of charge. (PPS number required to participate)

#### Hip Hop is back!

Our amazing Hip Hop teacher Sadbh starts back Monday, January 13th and all classes from Junior to 6th class will take part during school time. 10 weeks of classes provided free of charge by the school. All children to wear runners and school tracksuits on Mondays.



#### Attendance

Did you know that the school is obliged to report any child who misses more than 20 days of school to the Tusla Education Support Service. If your child is absent an explanatory note/phonecall/doctor's cert is required by the school. Congratulations to the 57 children who had 100% attendance in our November Attendance Drive in particular Mr.Creamer's 3rd class who had the highest percentage of 100% attendees! We will be running another attendance drive in February.



#### **Operation Fit Farm**

February will be here before we know it and we will have a host of activities to keep ourselves fit and active, more details to follow soon.....





