



Dear Parents and Guardians,
Christmas Preparations are well underway in Holy Family Senior School and there is such a lovely atmosphere throughout our school. We have had wreath making with lots of our parents and are still putting the final touches on decorations to contribute to **The Christmas Tree Festival in St. Columba's Church on Bindon Street** next week. We always love to see new faces at our various parent/child activities and courses, so watch out for lots more opportunities to get involved in the New Year. The children have had a very busy time since Halloween and have had so many wonderful learning experiences. Our school looks beautiful with all their art, creations, and Science Week displays. Rehearsals are also happening for our first Christmas Performance in 4 years!! So we are really excited about this.

As we approach the end of this term, I want to thank you for your continued support and the interest and commitment you have to your child's education.

I wish you all a happy, peaceful and safe Christmas and enjoy your special family time together over the Holiday Season.

With best regards, Jillian Bridge, Principal.



An Invitation to see our Christmas

Production at Holy Family Senior School.

Parents are invited to our school hall to see our Christmas Production **'Together we Stand - A Celebration of Light, Unity, Hope and Joy at Christmas Time'**.

- Parents of 2nd and 3rd class children to attend on Tuesday December 19th @ 11:30am
- Parents of 4th/5th/6th class children to attend on Wednesday December 20th @ 11:30am
- Parents who have multiple children in our school to attend the show of their eldest child

Due to works currently being carried out in the Cathedral and upcoming works on our stage we are confined to the front steps of the stage in our school hall.

This is our first show since 2019 and we are so excited to be back and giving our students this wonderful opportunity.

If you do not want your child to take part in our Christmas show please let his/her teacher know. We ask you not to take photos or videos during your child's performance for GDPR reasons. We will share pictures of the performance on our Facebook Page for you to see and enjoy. Thanking you in advance for your cooperation on this matter.



A gentle reminder to adhere to our School Uniform. Children to wear white polo shirt, navy tracksuit bottoms and our blue crested jumper.

Leggings and shorts are not allowed.

HSCL Report

Our new Parent's Room is located at the back of the Café. The door is always open and we are happy to help and support you whenever possible.

Parent Courses

Our Beauty & Make-Up course has ended. We would like to thank our wonderful tutor Joann for all her guidance.

Both English classes are now full and run every week until the end of June. Please contact us if you would like to put your name on the reserve list.

We have a team of wonderful parents that meet every Thursday morning for tea, a chat and some school related projects. At the moment we are busy creating Christmas tree decorations for a Christmas Tree festival. Thanks to Magda for all her artistic guidance. This Christmas we held a Wreath Making Workshop. 14 students joined their parents for this enriching experience.

School Garden

Parents from both schools have been busy in the garden this winter. We meet at the garden gates at 9am every Tuesday morning. In January any parent that helps can invite their child from the classroom to help also.

Parent Association

Thanks to all the parents for all their time in preparing for this week's Toy Sale.

Have a lovely Christmas, Darryl & Orla.

Parking outside the School.

When dropping and collecting children from school, please adhere to parking regulations. Dunnes Lane is strictly not allowed. Parking in yellow boxes outside of school is also not allowed. We appeal for your cooperation on this to ensure the safety and welfare of all our school community and, in particular pedestrians.

Aladdin App.

If you haven't already done so, please download our Aladdin App. Especially this time of the year with adverse weather it is essential that we can communicate with you. If you get a new phone, please download the app again and call into Darryl/Lucy at Parents Room/Reception to receive a new activation code.

School Closure.

Our school will be closed on Monday 15th January to facilitate staff training in the new Primary Maths Curriculum. Holy Family Junior school will also be closed on this day.

Christmas Dinner.

Christmas Dinner will be served to all the boys and girls of Holy Family Senior School on Thursday 21st December in the Café. This is always a wonderfully festive occasion, enjoyed by all. Linda will gladly have any volunteers to help set up and serve Christmas Dinner. If you would like to volunteer please contact HSCL Darryl.

Dress Up Day - Children helping Children.



We will have a Christmas Jumper Dress Up Day on Friday 22nd December, our last day in school before Christmas. Children are encouraged to donate €1 that will go to ClareCare, who are creating lovely gift bags for children this Christmas. School closes at 12pm that day for the Christmas Holidays. See attached calendar.

Sports Update and Information:

After-school sport for Term 1 has finished and will resume on Monday, January 15th.

A full outline of afterschool activities for Term 2 will be provided on the first week back after Christmas.

We would like to extend a big thank you to our visiting coaches and volunteer teachers who have enhancing the sporting experiences of our students over the past four months. Looking forward to starting again in January!

	School Calendar 2023 - 2024.	
Christmas Holidays: 12pm Fri 22nd December	Monday 25 th December 2023 to Friday 5 th January 2024 inclusive.	
School Closure for Primary Maths Curriculum	Friday 15th January.	
St. Brigid's Day Weekend:	Monday 5 th February 2024.	
Mid-term break:	Thursday 15 th February and Friday 16 th February 2024	
Half Day Staff Meeting:	Tuesday 27th February @ 12:30pm	
St Patrick's Day Weekend:	Friday 15th March to Monday 18th March 2024 inclusive.	
Easter Holidays:	Monday 25 th March to Friday 5 th April 2024 inclusive.	
May Bank Holiday:	Monday 6 th May to Tuesday 7 th May 2024 inclusive.	
June Bank Holiday:	Monday 3 rd June to Tuesday 4 th June 2024 inclusive.	
School closing for Summer:	Wednesday 26 th June 2024 (12pm)	