

Important Dates:**St. Patrick's Day:** Wednesday, 17th. March, 2021. School closed.**Easter Holidays:** School will close on Friday 26th March, 2021 at 12 noon. School reopens on Monday 12th April, 2021 at 9 am.**3rd. Midterm break:** Bank Holiday Monday 3rd to Friday 7th May, 2021 inclusive. School closed.**Bank Holiday: Monday 7th June, 2021.** School closed.**Summer Holidays:** Friday 25th June, 2021 school will close at 12 noon.**HOLY FAMILY SENIOR SCHOOL****March, 2021.****www.hfss.org****Contact HSCL - Barbara Buckley or Shane Griffin on 086 6040686.**

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We will celebrate **Seachtain na Gaeilge** the week starting 15th of March. During this week we will be encouraging our children to use their 'cúpla focal' of Irish. We will have a week of activities in the classroom which will culminate on Friday with a zoom assembly where class groups and individuals will perform poems, dances, tunes, raps and agallamh béirte. To encourage children to use frásaí an lae, raffle tickets for an Easter Egg will be distributed to children who make the greatest effort and classes will also participate in a Seanfhocail Art Competition.



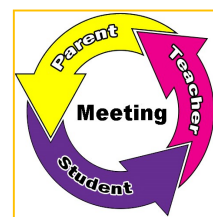
On Tuesday 16th March, we will have a Lá Glás (Green Day), when we will celebrate being Irish. The children can dress in anything green on that day. We are asking parents to donate €2 and all funds raised will go towards a Junior and Senior shared Sensory Room for children with Autism in our schools.

World Book Day in Holy Family Senior School.

As you know, we are always trying to think of different ways to promote reading in our school. The boys and girls celebrated World Book Day in a variety of different ways, throughout the school and in their homes. Children continued to read books and take quizzes on Accelerated Reader. We now have, 9 word millionaires and another 7 with over half a million words. Some children dressed up as their favourite book characters. In other classes the children photographed themselves 'Getting Caught Reading' in all sorts of interesting places. The children read to their younger siblings, some students even read to their pets!! In another class, the children created characters from cardboard or materials they had around their homes. Some students took on the challenge to 'Recreate A Book Cover'. In the senior classes students recreated their own book cover and wrote their own personal blurb. There was book scavenger hunts, book reports, book marks, table quizzes and much more. Look out on our Twitter and Facebook page, early next week to see our students celebrating World Book Day and the joy of reading.

**Parent Teacher meetings:**

Parent teacher meetings are an important way for parents and teachers to communicate about children's educational development. Our annual Parent Teacher meetings in Holy Family Senior School have been completed this term. If you have missed your meeting please contact the school by phone, or email your child's class teacher directly.

**Seesaw:**

Even though we are back at school, teachers will continue to use Seesaw for some activities. We



will be working very hard in school each day so homework will be lighter than normal and may be sent through Seesaw. Please ensure that your child's Seesaw notifications are kept on so that you will know when there are Seesaw updates.



To all our wonderful Mums, Enjoy Mother's Day on Sunday. Thank you for all your efforts and help with home-schooling the children over the past two months. You have been super. Thank you from all the Staff in Holy Family Senior School.

Important information before your child returns to school on Monday.

Your child enters and exits the school grounds following the same timetable that was in place before Christmas. Please do not send your child to school before their assigned time as they cannot congregate outside the school grounds.

If your child is travelling by school bus/taxi please contact the provider and make sure this transport is running.

Please complete a declaration form to self-certify that your child is healthy and fit to return to school.

This is available in your Aladdin connect app under Attendance/Notices. This must be completed after 3pm on Sunday the 14th of March so your child can return on Monday.

Alternatively, this form is also available on our website. www.hfss.org It can be downloaded, filled in and an image uploaded to your child's SeeSaw account on Sunday 14th March. Children cannot be admitted to class without a completed declaration form. Please email your class teacher or contact the school before 8.50am on Monday if you have any difficulty accessing a form. Alternatively, this form is also available on our website. www.hfss.org It can be downloaded, filled in and an image uploaded to your child's SeeSaw account on Sunday the 14th March. Children cannot be admitted to class without a completed declaration form. Please email your class teacher or contact the school before 8.50am on Monday if you have any difficulty accessing a form.

Class	Teacher	Room Number	Entry/exit	Times
3 rd class	Mr. Brennan Ms. Kennedy Mrs. Neylon/Vaughan	Room 5 Room 6 Room 3	Pedestrian gate/Front entrance/Old Ground	9.05am/2.50pm
4 th class	Ms. McMahon Mr. Ryan	Room 1 Room 18	Dunnes Stores/Back gate	9.00am/2.45pm
5 th class	Mr. Eade Ms. Ford/Boland Ms Shaughnessy	Room 15 Room 17 Room 16	Pedestrian gate/Front entrance/Old Ground	9.00am/2.45pm
6 th class	Mr. Bell Mr. Cooney Mr Moroney/Ms Lillis	Room 19 Room 20 Cafeteria	Dunnes Stores/back gate	9.05am/2.50pm
Siblings (brothers and sisters from one family)	All teachers	All Rooms numbers	Enter and exit yard through eldest child's entry/ exit point	8.55am/2.40pm

Lunch arrangements; Carambola will provide snacks and lunches each day. Your child's account will be activated and you can order a lunch before midnight on Friday 12th March. If you need support with this you can text Linda on (086) 0322222 for help.

Parents/Guardians who enter the school grounds must wear masks at all times.

There should be no congregation of parents/guardians outside school or on yard during this phase or at any stage.

All unnecessary travel should be avoided to minimise the spread of Covid-19 in our schools.

Children must have their own supplies of pencils/pens etc.

Children should wear warm clothes under their uniforms as classes will need to be ventilated well so will be colder than normal.

Children should bring back to school any materials/resources that their teachers may have posted out to them during the past 6 weeks

You can contact school staff through the main office phone or by email.

For further information please read our school Covid-19 Response plan which has been updated and is available on our school website www.hfss.ie.

It is important that everyone is very familiar with the following **Infection Prevention Control Measures** to prevent the introduction and spread of Covid-19 in our school. Please read the parent advice leaflets attached to your Aladdin message.

Pupils must self-isolate or restrict their movements at home if they display any signs or symptoms of Covid-19 and contact their family doctor. Pupils do not return or attend school in the event of the following: They are identified by the HSE as a close contact of a confirmed case of Covid-19. If they live with someone who has symptoms of the virus. If they have travelled outside Ireland; in such instances staff are advised to consult and follow latest Government advice in relation to foreign travel. Pupils and their families are to co-operate with Public Health officials and the school for contact tracing purposes and follow any public health advice in the event of a case or outbreak in the school.

Children will have lots of feelings about returning to school. Each one will feel different and that is okay as they are all unique and special.

Here is a nice video to watch with your child so you can answer some of their questions or alleviate their fears or concerns.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MVLb0jAm55Y>

A reminder about handwashing.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IsgLivAD2FE>

Thank you so much for your cooperation with all the above. We so look forward to seeing all our amazing pupils and look forward to happy and safe times together in the coming weeks.

Kind regards,

Sarah Barnes and Staff.