

Important dates for your diary:

Friday December 4th: The Apprentice Sorcerer in Holy Family Hall @ 12:30 pm - €2.00 per student.

Christmas Concert: December 16th. & 17th., 2015 @ 7 pm.

Christmas Dinner in the Café: Monday 21st. December, 2015. Cost: €2.00 per child.

Christmas Holidays: School will close on Tuesday 22nd December at 12 noon and will reopen on Wednesday January 6th., 2016 at 9 am.

Confirmation Ceremony: Saturday 16th. April, 2016.

Holy Communion Ceremony: Saturday 21st. May, 2016.

HOLY FAMILY SENIOR SCHOOL

December 2015

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Check the website regularly to find out what is happening in school.

Primary School Choral Evening

Well done to Holy Family School Choir who performed beautifully last Thursday night in the Cathedral as part of a diocesan choral evening for primary schools in Co. Clare. Over 80 of our choir members opened the concert with a wonderful performance of "This Child, This King" and "For Just a Little While". Other choirs in attendance were Clarecastle School Choir, St. Tola's and St. Conaire's, Shannon, Newmarket School Choir and Barefield N.S. School band. We will receive a diocesan certificate for our involvement in this event.



Ali Baba, The Musical.

Rehearsals are in full swing for our upcoming show, Ali Baba, the Musical and every child from 2nd to 6th class is busy singing, dancing, acting and making props and costumes. They are all so excited. Our show will take place on Wednesday and Thursday Nights, 16th and 17th of December at 7:00 pm in the school hall. This year tickets will be on sale in the classrooms from next week and it is strongly advised that purchases are made quickly to avoid disappointment. Please be sure to specify the night you wish to attend. Letters have been sent home regarding costumes, what your child needs to bring in to school and the date by which we need to have these items in school.

Letters will be circulated nearer the date of the show with arrangements for the night - drop off times/collection points etc. It promises to be a wonderful night of music, song, dance and make believe! Thank you to all the parents who are working so hard on making costumes also.

Music Generation

This is the second year that our 5th class children have been involved in the strings programme of Music Generation and are enthusiastically learning the violin under the instruction of Mr Eddie McMahon. We are delighted with the progress they are making. Music Generation director, Emer O'Flaherty has recently approached us about an upcoming performance opportunity/fundraiser for both our violin players and our rock band, who work with Graham Keane.

Our violin players will take part in a pop-up performance in the foyer of Glór theatre on Saturday 12th December in the afternoon. Parents are invited to come along and enjoy the performances, which will be very informal. Our Rock band have been invited to perform as a support act on Glór's main stage to the world-famous singer songwriter Julie Feeney at 8:00pm.

After School Activities:

This past term we have seen a huge uptake in the number of children attending after school activities in all classes. The introduction of soccer to our after school programme proved a huge hit with the boys and girls in 4th., 5th. and 6th. Class.

Our schools teams in Gaelic football for both boys and girls performed extraordinarily well in their competitions with the boys reaching the semi-finals stage while the girls lost out narrowly to Kilnamona NS after an outstanding performance in the final. All the teachers were delighted with the children's improvement in their skills throughout the term. As always we would encourage the children to remain active over the break and try and get the recommended one hour of physical activity each day.

Our Active School Motto:

"Commit to be fit, live long, stay strong".

The Apprentice Sorcerer by West Midlands Children's Theatre Touring Co.

will visit Holy Family Senior School on Friday December 4th at 12:30 pm as part of our Drama Education.



Children are asked to bring in €2.00 for this event.

"Come with us to a magical kingdom where the King has decreed that everyone must take on an apprentice, the Royal Sorcerer selects his apprentice from the audience and no sooner is he dressed in his gown and hat, than the first job comes along."

Packed with comedy, excitement, adventure and of course audience participation the Apprentice Sorcerer will appeal to children of all ages. We are looking forward to a wonderful performance.

Home School Links

Our parents are very busy helping out in the school in the run up to Christmas. They are working hard making the costumes for our Christmas Show, Ali Baba. The Parents' Room is a hive of activity and we greatly appreciate all the hard work.



The Parents' Association are meeting with all the children in the school to help them make Christmas Crafts for decorating our School Christmas Tree. A big thank you to all parents involved.

The Parents' Association have also organised a **Christmas Fair for this Sunday 6th December** from 11am in the School Hall. This promises to be a great day with lots of fun activities for children and an opportunity to pick up some Christmas gifts.

Our Annual Collection for Clarecare Hampers will take place again this Christmas.

This will be a great opportunity to help families who may be struggling at this time of year.



More information to follow next week.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents for their help this year and wish them a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday. We look forward to continuing our partnership in 2016 where we will have lots of opportunities to continue with courses and become involved in your children's learning.

Parents Association Festive Craft.

On Tuesday, some members of the Parents' Association came to our class to show us how to make decorations for our school Christmas Tree. We used green felt for the Christmas tree, square felt for gifts at the bottom of the tree and then we stuck lots of glittery stuff on the tree. The parents and our teacher helped us with some things that were hard. We all enjoyed making our decorations and we are looking forward to hanging them up on the Christmas tree at the end of this week. It is going to be really nice because all the classes made something different. We would like to thank the Parents' Association for helping us and wish them a Merry Christmas. Dea Krasniqi. 2nd. Class.



Changes in Personal Details: It is important that the school has up to date addresses and mobile and house telephone numbers for every child. As you know we use "**Text a Parent**" to inform you of up-coming activities or changes within the school. Failure to supply us with a current mobile number will mean you may miss out on important notices. *It has also come to our attention that*

some parents are not receiving texts from time to time. We have been in contact with our provider and they have told us that some technical issues were experienced in recent times but have been sorted. If you continue to not receive texts from Holy Family Senior School please check with your own mobile phone provider to see if, by any chance, they have a block on group texts or can explain the situation to you.



Wednesday & Thursday

16th & 17th December, 2015 at 7 pm

In Holy Family Hall.

Tickets on sale in the school next week.

Family Ticket (2 Adults + 2 Children €18.00)

Adult: €6.00. Child/O.A.P.: €4.00