

**Important dates for your diary:**

**Thursday 18th December:** Liam Lawton concert with school choir in Glór at 8pm.

**Friday 19th December:** School closes at **12 noon**.

School re-opens: **Monday 5th January at 9am**.

**Midterm:** Monday 16th - Friday 20th February 2015.

**Bank Holiday:** Monday & Tuesday March 16th & 17th. School closed.

**Confirmation Ceremony:** Saturday March 7th., 2015 in the Cathedral at 11 am.

First Communion: Saturday May 16th., 2015.

*HOLY FAMILY SENIOR SCHOOL**December 2014*[www.hfss.org](http://www.hfss.org)

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

*In 2015 our school building is 50 years old so watch out for plans to celebrate this special year*

**Choir News:** Choir have been incredibly busy this term and have performed brilliantly to date. The Winter Warmers Concert was a huge success the children sang beautifully and represented our school so well. The Irish Heart Foundation were thrilled with the night.

Our Nativity was as always a wonderfully special festive night and a huge thank you to you the parents for all your support.

**Upcoming choir events:**

**Liam Lawton concert in Glór** - Thurs 18th December @ 8:00 pm.

This is a huge event for choir as they sing so much of Liam Lawton's church music on a regular basis. The organisers have given us the following arrangements for the night but we are still awaiting a final confirmation of times/programme etc. The following is a rough idea of what will happen on Thursday night:

Drop off - Glór @ 5:20 pm for sound check and rehearsal

Uniform - Full formal school uniform with white knee socks and black shoes. Please ensure your child has a tie, cardigan etc. - if not please let Ms Bridge know at school.

Sound check and rehearsal will take approx. 1 hour - after that the children will be walked back to school where they will have pizza and watch a movie - you may provide them with snacks also for this period of time.

At approx. 7:45 we will walk the choir back to Glór, where they will wait in one of the Green Rooms until they are required to sing their programme. As yet we are unsure whether they will appear in the 1st or 2nd half. At the end of the concert they will join with Liam Lawton and Cantare Chamber Choir in a medley of Christmas Carols.

The concert should be over between 10-10:30 but times will be confirmed closer the date, once organisers have got back to us.

**Christmas Food Hamper Appeal:**

During the month of December Holy Family Junior and Senior Schools will be collecting supplies for our Clarecare Food Hamper Appeal.

At this time of year it is so important to give to the less fortunate so we are asking our parents and children to contribute something to this very worthy cause. The items must be non-perishable food items or toys.

There will be a collection box in the main reception of the school where you can drop off your items. Last chance to make a donation is **Thursday**

**morning**.

Thanking you in advance for your generosity.

Have a Merry Christmas.

HSCL Teachers.



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have had a very busy 1st term and are really looking forward to our Christmas holidays to spend time with family and friends and to come back renewed and refreshed on Monday January 5th.

Our school has been a hive of activity this term with sports, music, science, quiz, school trips, music events, skipping, healthy eating etc. Our choir has had a very exciting few weeks and have performed to their highest standard. We are very proud of them. Much thanks is due to Ms Bridge and Mrs Hickey who are working through until late Thursday night with these children.

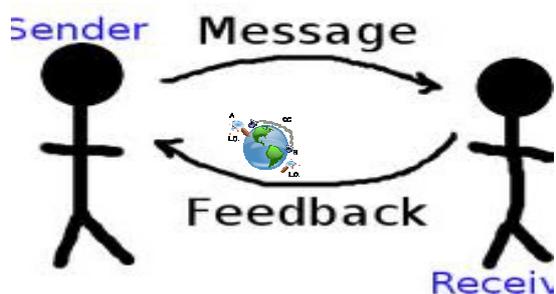
Mrs Whyatt is leaving us for a short while and we wish her a wonderful time in Austria. Congratulations to Ms Ford on the birth of her little baby girl Robin Kate and good luck to Ms Guilfoyle who is going on maternity leave. A warm welcome back to Mrs Darmody and to Ms Kennedy, Mr Brennan and Mr Cooney. As we all work very closely as a team all new teachers have plenty opportunity to be mentored and to get to meet their pupils prior to transition.

On behalf of the staff and management of Holy Family Senior School, I would like to wish you and your family happiness and many blessings over the Christmas and into the new year.

Nollaig shona daoibh go léir.  
Sarah Barnes (Principal).

### Changes in Personal Details:

It is important that 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. Please ensure that you inform the School Office if you have changed your name or address. We thank you for your co-operation in this.



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from all at Holy Family NS