

## Important dates for your diary:

**St Patrick's weekend:** Monday & Tuesday March 16th & 17th: School closed.

**Easter Holidays:** School closes on Friday March 27th @ 12 noon. School reopens on Monday April 13th. @ 9 am.

**First Communion:** Saturday May 16th., 2015.

May Bank Holiday: Monday May 4th. School closed.

June Bank Holiday: Monday June 1st. School closed.



## HOLY FAMILY SENIOR SCHOOL

March, 2015.

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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*

## 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS:

**Slipper Day:** Friday February 27th was a great success with reminders of by gone days when we wore slippers or indoor shoes in the classrooms.



**Past Pupils' Musical Evening:** A free concert for past pupils, featuring past pupils and our Senior School choir, takes place on Thursday evening 12th March in the Hall. Tickets are limited. If you are a past pupil and you are interested in attending or you know of past pupils who might like to attend, please contact the school office.

**Facebook:** A 50 year celebration Facebook page has been set up. If you have any old photographs that you would like to share, make contact! Search for 'Holy Family School Ennis'.

***WATCH THIS SPACE AS THERE WILL BE MANY MORE EVENTS FOR OUR PUPILS AND PARENTS BEFORE THE YEAR ENDS***



## Choir News



**The choir will be performing at the past pupils concert on Thursday Night  
All choir members to be dropped off to the Holy Family School at 6:45 pm  
on Thursday 12th. March, 2015.**

- Children in Rows A and B in Room 1.
- Children in Rows C and D in Room 2.
- Rock band to Room 3 with instruments.

All children to wear full school uniform - Girls - white socks and black shoes, boys - dark footwear. After the concert children are to be collected from the classroom they were dropped off at @ approx. 9:30 pm as they will need to collect their personal belongings. No child is allowed to walk home unaccompanied. Children will not be released from the classroom until a parent/guardian/older sibling collects them.

**Confirmation:** *Congratulations to our 6th Class pupils who were confirmed on Saturday at a beautiful ceremony full of prayer, song and music. They were a credit to their parents and their teachers on the day and we are so proud of them all. Thank you to Fr Ger Fitzgerald who celebrated the ceremony on the day.*



**HSCL:** Do you want to be able to help your child with Irish Homework? Are you a complete beginner or have you forgotten the Irish you have learned? If so, take note that Irish classes are starting on Monday 9th March in the Parents' Room. There are still some places available so please contact Breege or Stacey at 086 6040686 to book your place. Cookery classes have begun again this term. This has proven a very popular course thanks to our very talented chef Noelle Easkins. Noelle is delighted with the opportunity to share her knowledge and skills with interested parents. Breege and Stacey are always available to answer any questions or concerns you may have and to offer support if required. They can be contacted in the Parents' Room in the Senior School or by phone at 086 6040686.

## Basketball

The school recently participated in a basketball blitz in Ennis N.S. Hall on 24<sup>th</sup> February. The boy's basketball team played against Ennis N.S first and lost narrowly by three baskets to two. In their second game, they were outclassed by Knockanean N.S. The girls' basketball team had better luck. In their first game they beat Ennis N.S by four baskets to two. In their second game, they lost a very tight game to Knockanean N.S. The girls and boys teams have no more games to play in their group. Well done to their coaches on the day Mr O' Neill and Mr Cooney.

## Sportshall Athletics:

After last year's fantastic All Ireland success, Holy Family Senior School has been very busy practising and picking the teams for the Sportshall Athletics. Transition year students from St. Flannan's College have spent the last eight weeks coaching each child from 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> classes. The support from the Transition Year students has been fantastic. Sportshall Athletics involves a combination of field and running events. The competition for places on the teams has been very high this year with a great buzz around the school.



The Clare Finals of the Sportshall Athletics will take place in Corofin Hall on Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 10am. Fingers crossed that some of the teams can build on the success from last year!!

## Cycling Training

The fifth class students are in their final week of Cycle Training with John Clancy. They have been learning how to cycle safely and the dangers on the road for cyclists. The children have really benefitted from this initiative. This has been one of our targets for the Active Schools Programme for the second term.



**Holy Family Active School Motto:** *Commit to be fit, stay strong, live long!*

**Sport:** Éire Óg Hurling and Gaelic Football Academy resumes this Friday at 6:00 pm for boys of all ages. Training for girls takes place every Saturday morning at 11:00 am. For more information contact Kevin on 0863979788.

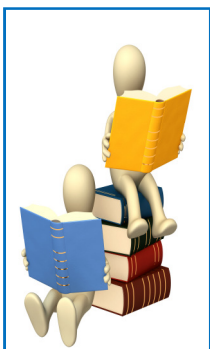
## Seachtain na Gaeilge:

Seachtain na Gaeilge (Irish Language Week) is an international Irish language festival and one of the biggest celebrations of our native language and culture that takes place each year in Ireland and in many other countries. The festival gives an opportunity to everyone to enjoy Irish, whether you are a fluent speaker, learner or have a cúpla focal, with a calendar of entertaining and fun events for every type of interest and every age group. In keeping with tradition in Holy Family Senior School, we will all be making an effort to practise useful phrases for topics such as food, the shop, trees, animals and many more.

**Our Monday Assembly** was conducted as Gaeilge with the children performing.

## Lá Glas (Green Colour Day)

On Friday March 13<sup>th</sup> we will have renowned Irish dance teacher Maggie Hutton come to the Hall where all the children will have a chance to learn some céilí dances. Friday is a no-uniform day. Children can dress in green and bring along a €1.00. Our charity for this event is our own school as we are fundraising to put a new PA system in our hall. **Beidh an spórt againn!!!!!!** Irish is for everyone.



World Book Day was celebrated in Holy Family Senior School on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Teachers devoted the afternoon to giving the children an opportunity to celebrate this really special day by allowing them time to design a bookmark or book cover. Some children just enjoyed a quiet time reading from their favourite book. They were allowed homework off to spend time reading a book at home or sharing it with their families. Every child got a book token which they can use to purchase a book to the value of €1.50. Some reasons why children love to read include: *to escape, to imagine, to understand, to dream, to laugh, to cry, to empathise*. No doubt your child will come up with many more!!!!