

Important Dates:

Parent/Teacher Meetings: Tuesday & Wednesday 29th & 30th November, 2022. Please book your time slot on Aladdin.

Christmas Holidays: School will close on Wednesday 21st December @ 12 noon. School will reopen on Thursday 5th January, 2023 @ 9 am.

Bank Holiday: St. Brigid's Day. School closed on Monday 6th February, 2023.
2nd. Midterm break: Thursday & Friday, 16th & 17th February, 2023. School closed.

St. Patrick's Day: Friday & Monday 17th & 20th March, 2023. School Closed.

Easter Holidays: School will closed on Friday 31st. March @ 12 noon. Reopen on Monday 17th April, 2023 @ 9 am.

Bank Holiday: Monday & Tuesday May 1st & 2nd. School Closed.

Bank Holiday: Monday & Tuesday June 5th & 6th. School Closed.

Summer Holidays: School will close on Wednesday 28th June @ 12 noon.

HOLY FAMILY SENIOR SCHOOL

November, 2022.

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Principal's Message:

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you and your children have settled back well to school and the school routines following the mid-term break. It is a short half term with only three and a half weeks left until the Christmas Holidays. This is always a lovely time to be in school and we have lots of lovely activities planned with you and your children that you will see on this newsletter. I greatly look forward to working with you, your children and our wonderful staff at HFSS in my new role as Principal. I am a past pupil of HFSS and have been on staff for the past 22 years, 7 of which I have been Deputy Principal. We have a wonderful, inclusive, child-centred, welcoming school and do our utmost to give your children the best time at school in terms of care, education, opportunities and positivity. I will be on the yard each morning to meet and greet you all and our new Deputy Principal, Antoinette Loftus will be at the front gate doing the same. We look forward to a happy, healthy, safe and productive time at school during this festive season.

Le gach dea-ghuá,

Jillian Bridge.

Parents Association AGM:

The AGM for our Parents Association will take place on Thursday 8th December at 8 pm, we welcome current members of our PA and all new Parents.

Parent Teacher Meetings 29th and 30th November.

We are delighted to have our in person parent teacher meetings back again and look forward to meeting all the parents and guardians next week. Please ensure you book your slot on Aladdin Connect. If you cannot access Aladdin, please phone the school office to schedule a time with the class teacher. If you cannot make your appointment, please contact the school office to reschedule.



Attendance:

Thank you for sending your child to school every day and thank you for explaining the absences on Aladdin Connect. Please continue to log and explain absences on Aladdin Connect or by writing a note in your child's journal or by phoning the school office on 0656828893.

Peace Proms:

Following a wonderful rehearsal in the University of Limerick, the boys and girls in HFSS are working very hard on perfecting the choreography and learning the lyrics of the songs for Peace Proms. Our concert will take place on Saturday 28th Jan in UL. There will be a €10 fee to cover the cost of the bus to and from the venue and the children attending will be required to wear a plain white t-shirt and black jeans/ pants/tracksuit/ skirt underneath. The requirement from the Peace Proms organisers is that the children are dressed in white and black— see website for details. www.peaceproms.com Details will follow in January. Tickets for this event seem to be gone, this is completely outside of our control here at school. We advise that you put your name on a waiting list on the site and tickets may become available closer to the concert date.

Cross Border Orchestra of Ireland | Peace Proms



We are delighted to announce that Peace Proms 2023 will take place in Dublin, Belfast, Limerick, Waterford and New York. Schools can now complete their 'Registration of Interest' online [HERE](https://www.peaceproms.com) Peace Proms is a FREE music education resource for Primary Schools which culminates in a large-scale performance for choirs and orchestra at iconic venues throughout the USA Ireland and Northern ... www.peaceproms.com

After-school music tuition.

There will be no lessons on the week of 19th December as we prepare to close for the Christmas Holidays. Lessons will resume in January, 2023. Please ensure that your payments are up to date in advance of the Christmas holidays and before the new term of lessons begin. Payments can be made to Lucy in the office or via Aladdin Connect.



Sport.

We had a very busy lead up to our midterm break with school teams in action in a number of Gaelic Football competitions. Both our boys and girls teams had great days out in Éire Óg and Lissycasey respectively as they played off against other schools from around the county. These were wonderful learning experiences for our students and will stand to them in the future.

In other sports news – 4th class travelled to Éire Óg on the last week before Halloween for a town school Gaelic football blitz. All students from our 4th classes look part in this event where they faced off in teams of 8 against teams from other Ennis schools. Our children performed really well and showed great improvements in their football skills.

With thanks to Cian O’Dea and St. Flannan’s Transition Year Students for their co-ordination of such a great event!

As we move past Halloween, our afterschool sports programme changes over a number of activities (see below).

We are very grateful to our volunteer teachers and visiting coaches for all the work that they do.

All afterschool sports activities run from 2.50 - 3.30 pm and permission slips for attendance can be obtained through the class teacher. Helmets are required for the hurling/camogie sessions.

Day	Sport
Monday	Hurling/Camogie for 4 th , 5 th & 6 th Classes.
Wednesday	Yoga (selected 6 th Class Students)
Thursday	Indoor Hurling/Camogie for 2 nd & 3 rd Classes.
Mornings	Badminton (School Teams)



Amazing Amy!

The **Clare Schools Cross Country Finals** were held in Lee’s Road last Tuesday, November 15th. Schools from all over the county who qualified gathered in Lee’s Road to compete in the final event of the School’s XC calendar. Our amazing Amy Mc Arthur, from 6th class, represented the school in the toughest and most competitive race of the year.

Running a distance of 1200m, Amy was placed very highly in her age category.

She was supported by her super proud team mates, the Over 10 Girls team.

We are incredibly proud of Amy and know she has inspired next year’s HFSS XC athletes.



Gardening for Parents: Our school has an amazing garden. We would like to invite all the parents to work together in maintaining this healthy space for our school family. Happiness blooms when seeds of love and joy are planted. Join us every Tuesday at 9am.



Parents Morning - Coffee & Cookies.

We invite all our parents to the Parents Room on Thursday December 1st for a cup of coffee, some festive cookies and a good chat.

What courses will we book for the new year??? Beauty course, Carpentry, English, Cookery, Creating your own CV or Resume. The list is endless.

Colaiste Muire Show – Mamma Mia. Next Wednesday, 30th November, our 6th class students will attend the Colaiste Muire production of Mamma Mia – subsidised cost is €5 per child and is always a wonderful day’s entertainment.

A Christmas Treat for all the boys and girls from HFSS.

On December 7th, the West Midlands Theatre Company will come to HFSS hall and perform Sleeping Beauty for all the boys and girls. This is always a wonderful show, filled with laughter and presented in pantomime form. We hope the children will enjoy this performance.

Reminder: This Friday, 25th November, school closes at 12.30pm due to staff training in the new Primary Language Curriculum.

Election of Father Representative to the Board of Management of HFSS: see letter attached.