

Holy Family N.S. Tubbercurry, Co. Sligo



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Dear parents/guardians,

Well done to everyone for getting to the end of this very unusual school year. It has been a big change for us all. I want to thank the staff for all the work they have done preparing work for all the children every week. The teachers changed the way they worked to support your child's learning. It was a challenge to all of us working through Google Classrooms – but well done to everyone who tried it out and sent work back to the teachers.

We aim to open the school at the end of August. We have not had any information from the Department yet about what changes will be in place for next year. It does sound like there could be some online learning as well as class learning. Everyone who has worked on Google Classroom already will be well prepared for next year. We will be sending letters home over the summer with guidelines for September so please make sure you let us know if you move house.

Your child's report card is enclosed. The report reflects work done up until closure. There may also be information on work you did with your child at home. This year the Department cancelled standardised tests so that section is blank. Attendance on the report card is up to the date when school closed. If your child had missed 20 days before March 13th a report will be sent to TUSLA. Certificates for children who missed no days will also be sent home. Medals will have to wait until September!!

Book lists for September will be posted on our website. We hope to purchase books/workbooks/copies through the school and parents can pay in September. This will reduce the need for families to go shopping. We are just finishing book lists now as we need to check out some work books for next year. The school will have a lot of extra expenses preparing for next year so we expect everyone to pay for their books.

Book rental books will be collected on Friday 19th. A text will be sent home with the time. The books will be stored in a plastic box until August when we can check them. This is a hygiene measure to protect staff.

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When bringing the book rental books back please keep to the social distancing guidelines.

Families that don't return books or return books which have been ruined will not be able to avail of the book rental scheme next year.

We wish you and your family all the best over the summer months. We would like to thank the parents who have kept an eye on our school during closure. We really appreciate people ensuring our school is kept safe and secure.

As we get to the end of the school year we wish 6th class all the best as they prepare for their transfer to St Attracta's. There was a lovely article in the Sligo Champion about our 6th class. The staff have been busy keeping the website and social media sites busy during closure. Keep watching over next two weeks as I'm certain there will be some tributes to Rang 6.

We would like to thank their parents/guardians for enrolling them in our school and allowing us to share in their educational journey. We have enjoyed working with your children. We would also like to thank all the parents who added so much to our school I- by supporting the staff, by helping out at games/training and sports days, by helping with communion and confirmation preparation, by helping out with the Parents' Association and BOM – by bringing a smile to our faces with a kind word or a joke! Thank you for everything.

Best wishes to you all for the summer

Bernadette Ryan