



5th September 2023

To Parents and Guardians of Children in Year 1 at School

I am pleased to welcome your children and you to the Children's Catechism course for the year 2023-2024. I thank our catechists and my other collaborators for the availability to serve generously in the Christian formation of your children.

1. Catechism Sessions for children in Year 1 at school, continue to take place **every Monday from 4.30pm to 5.15 pm**. Children are invited to come from 4.15pm onwards for games.
2. An important meeting for Parents/Guardians and all Catechism children will be held on **Monday 18 September at 7.00pm in the Parish Church**. The presence of the parents is essential. It is important that everyone is seated in church by 6.50 pm. During this meeting, details of how we will proceed this year will be explained. The children will be given a personalized electronic card to use when they come here. This is issued free of charge. If the card is lost please fill in the google form [Replacement Electronic Cards 2023 --2024 - Google Forms](#) a new card will be made for them at a price of €5 per card. New children are always given a new card for free.
3. You are invited to the **Mass and Blessing of the School Bags on Sunday 24 September at 11.15 am**. Children should bring their school bags with them. It is important to be seated in the church by 11.10 am.
4. **Donation and books** - Since there will be necessary resources accessible online for free you will not be asked to buy books for your children. This year all the children will be given a set of prayer cards to use at home and during catechism to help them learn to pray by heart.

During this summer, new chairs were bought for some classes and for the Parish Hall. The railing of the main staircase of the Parish Center has also been modified to comply with health and safety regulations. This at a cost of €9,000.

Each room is equipped with internet and air conditioning. We are continuing to offer the services of the Iklin Children's Commission, inclusion in learning and a varied program that includes games, and meetings where we help children pray and discover more the importance of the Word of God in their lives.

I kindly suggest a donation of **€15** for a whole year for each child, if this is possible for you. Until Friday 15 September 2023 by transferring the money to the bank account of the parish. It is important to write the name of the child and write the year of the child next to the name.

If you are unable to send the donation directly to the bank account, you can bring cash or a cheque headed 'Holy Family Parish, L-Iklin' on the day of the Open Evening. It is important to write clearly on the envelope the name and surname of the child and the school class.

The parish account details with APS Bank Ltd are:

Account Name: Holy Family Parish Iklin

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With every good wish

Fr Keith Bonnici
Parish Priest