

HOLY TRINITY PRIMARY SCHOOL
PARENTS NEWSLETTER
February 2020

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS AND EVENTS

Mid Term Break - School will be closed from Monday 17th to Wednesday 19th February. School will resume as normal on Thursday 20th February.

St Patrick's Break – There will be a St Patrick's Dress up Day for P1-5 on Friday 13th March.

School will be closed Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th March. School will resume as normal on Wednesday 18th March.

P7 Confirmation will take place on Friday 13th March at 11am in Holy Trinity Church.

P3 First Penance will take place on Friday 3rd April in Holy Trinity Church.

P5 Park Life Bird Study

P5 had a visit from Aaron in Ulster wildlife on Thursday January 30th to help us complete a bird study. Aaron brought in a stuffed starling and blue tit. We made bird feeders with pine cones, suet and meal worms. We hung these on trees in the nature walk around school. We then created a wall display with coloured birds and trees and uploaded some pictures to Seesaw.

P1 Trips to Salto

Our Primary One children are extending their gymnastics programme taking turns to visit the world famous SALTO Gym in Lisburn where they receive expert tuition in using a variety of apparatus like the rings, ropes, beams and climbing frames. These visits to SALTO which commence in February, help our children develop their gross motor skills, their fundamental movement skills and their general co-ordination. Each class will have two

sessions in Term 2 and two more sessions in Term 3.

Litter Picking Games

On Tuesday 4th February, the children from P5MH took part in a litter keeping games session organised by Miss Cushenan in conjunction with community sports network. This class are litter pickers around the school grounds during the week. The children participated in discussions about waste, litter and recycling, as well as games and races organised around these themes. This will develop their knowledge and keep them motivated as they continue to keep the school grounds neat and tidy.

Explore Learning

Primary Three participated in a Numeracy 'Safari Shapes' session with Explore Learning in February. Whilst on safari we came across a funny looking elephant! The pupils were challenged to identify the properties of the shapes making up the elephant and investigate the relationship between them. This session involved problem solving and knowledge of 2D shapes. The children thoroughly enjoyed the session and participated fully.

Cancer Focus NI

Cancer Focus NI visited our school on Wednesday 29th January to deliver health programme talks to our pupils from P1 to P7. The programmes include the following cancer prevention messages: healthy eating, sun safety, exercise and smoking. They are delivered in a very colourful and child friendly manner. KS1 classes took part in storytelling sessions and interactive games, while KS2 classes developed their decision making skills and take part in quizzes to consolidate their learning.

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Travelling Book Fair

The Travelling Book Fair visited our school from Monday 3rd until Friday 7th February. The Book Fair is an excellent opportunity for your child to obtain up to date, high quality books at reasonable prices. It also enabled our school to purchase books from the excellent commission. Many thanks to those families who supported our Book Fair.

Valentine Craft Morning

Mrs Heffernan is having a Valentine Craft morning on Thursday 6th February in the sunshine room from 9 to 10am. Parents and pupils will enjoy making chocolate heart sandwiches, designing Valentine cards and enjoying a game of bingo and snakes and ladders.

Parking

We ask all parents, carers and family members to exercise the utmost caution when driving in the school grounds. To ensure the safety of all the children and especially the very young we ask you to follow the recommendations below. These are also designed to ensure cars can enter and exit the school grounds quickly and safely.

The bays at the 'Turning Circle' are for dropping off and picking up only.

If you are leaving the car, please use one of the three car parks provided.

1. Do not park on the double yellow lines on the hill up to the main school entrance.
2. This prevents the flow of traffic up and down the hill and means only one lane is available; it prevents the flow of traffic.

3. It is also a danger to young children crossing the road to get the upper car parks.

4. Do not park in front of the barrier at the main school entrance at any time.

Thank you for helping to ensure the safety of everyone in the school grounds.

Parents' Courses

We currently have a 'Positive Parenting' course running on Wednesday mornings in St Vincent De Paul from 9:00 to 11:00. If you are interested, please contact Mr White at the school who will provide more information or simply drop into St Vincent De Paul.

ICT NEWS

Celebration Time!

What a celebration! As part of our Safer Internet day 2020 celebrations on 11th February, we had the presentation of our two eSafety awards, the SWGFL Online Safety Mark and the CR-IS (Cyber Resilience and Internet Safety) Badge. We were delighted to welcome Deputy First Minister Michelle O'Neill, Mrs Avril Allen from South West Grid for Learning, Dr Victor Mc Nair from Digital Schools NI, Damian Harvey and Eamon McAteer from C2k, Mr Martin Shortt from CCMS, Micheal Donnelly our local councillor, our sponsor Jim Boyle from IceMOS Technology, Park Centre sponsor and our Board of Governors teachers, parents and children. Thank you to all our guests and speakers, our choir, our Primary 3s and

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our Digital Leaders! Thank you to all our staff and children who work so hard.

Check out our video below and follow us on Twitter @holytrinitybelf to see all the media coverage.

Check out our short video.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=2&v=XVkkHbRQ7sQ&feature=emb_logo

broadcast on local media for parents to collect children.

Safer Internet Day 2020.

The theme for this year is Free to Be!

Check out the new Digital Parenting Magazine from Vodaphone which has been sent home to every family.

RIGHT OF THE MONTH

We have the right to an adequate standard of living.

(Article 27)

RIGHTS RESPECTING BEHAVIOUR

We can respect each others' rights by taking care of our school environment to allow everyone to enjoy it.

ADVERSE WEATHER

Our aim is at all times to keep the school open. However, there are certain times which make this impossible. In the event of severe weather like a very heavy fall of snow it may not be possible to ensure the safety of our parents, staff and pupils. Should the school be unable to open we will follow these procedures:

- A decision will be made by 8:30am
- Text message to parents
- Posted on our school website and Twitter account

If the school should have to close due to unforeseen worsening conditions during the day parents will receive a text message and information will be sent to