

# HOLY TRINITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## PARENTS NEWSLETTER

### SEPTEMBER 2012

#### EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

**10th September-** Paired Reading Meeting and curriculum meeting for parents of P3 and P6 children 1.30

**11<sup>th</sup> September-** P2 and P4 Curriculum Meeting 1.30

**18<sup>th</sup> September-** P5 and P7 Curriculum Meeting 3.00

**25<sup>th</sup> September-** P1 Curriculum Meeting- 9.15

#### WELCOME BACK

The Principal and staff would like to take this opportunity to welcome back the children and parents after the Summer break. The children all look fantastic and ready for the school year ahead.

#### CURRICULUM MEETINGS

Your child's curriculum meeting will take place during the month of September. It is very important that you make very effort to attend as you will be given important information about the school and the curriculum which your child will be following this year. The Principal will address the meeting and then teachers will escort parents to the classrooms to discuss what they are planning to do this year. The meeting will take approximately 30 minutes.

#### AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Staff are currently planning activities which will be sent out as a request form over the coming weeks. Children can select the activities they wish to join. As lots of activities have to be limited due to health and safety we encourage children to stick at the activity which they choose as they are stopping another child gaining a place if they don't attend every week.

#### COUNSELLOR

This year Holy Trinity has three counsellors working in the school. If your child is lacking in self confidence, if they have experienced bereavement, family separation, if they have anger management difficulties, have difficulty making friends etc your child may benefit from speaking to the counsellor. If you would like your

child to see the school counsellor please contact Mrs Boyd and she will arrange this for you.

#### **School Dinners**

If you think your child maybe entitled to a school meal please request School Meals Form from the Office. Policy has now changed and if you receive Family credit you will be entitled to free dinners. Menus will be distributed this week. Our dinners are excellent and both healthy and nourishing. Dinners cost £2.30 daily



#### **Packed Lunch**

Your child may choose to bring a packed lunch. In order to ensure a healthy snack **NO** sweets, crisps, chocolates, fizzy drinks or nuts should be put in lunches.

Peanuts are not allowed as we have a number of children with anaphylaxis which could prove fatal if they come in contact with nuts

#### PARENT COURSES

We just want to let you know that we will be offering a wide range of parent courses this year. These will include School Readiness, Incredible Years, First Aid, ICT, Internet Safety, Linguistic Phonics, Fractions, Art and Craft activities and much more. We will also be organising regular coffee mornings. We will send out information about these events. Why not come along and join in.



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#### **Procedures for Drop Off/Pick Up Mornings:**

P1 and P2 children may be left into the classroom from 8.50 each morning. P3 children may play in the bottom yard from 8.45 to 9.00. Staff will collect them at 9.00. P4 children will be collected from the playground at 9.15. There will be staff on duty from 8.45. P5-P7 children should play in the top yard from 8.45-9.15.

#### **Pick-up in the afternoon:**

- P1-P3 children should be collected from the classroom at 2.00. The teacher will send your child out to you. Parents should not take a child without the teacher's permission
- P4 children should be collected from the bottom yard or the side gate at 2.45.
- P5-P7 children should be collected from the side gate, back gate or car park at 2.45.

**Parents are asked to use the two parent car parks and not park on the double yellow lines or block the turning circle.**

#### **REGISTRATION**

School begins at 9am for P1-P3 pupils and 9.15am for P4-P7 children. It is important that your child is present from this time. Children who arrive into school fifteen minutes after the starting time will be marked absent for the entire morning session as the school day is divided into morning and afternoon sessions for registration purposes.

Children who arrive in late due to medical appointments, etc (accompanied by a parental letter) will be registered accordingly – not marked absent.

If you are aware that your child will be late/absent due to medical/dental appointments, etc please send in a note to your class teacher in advance.

Parents are asked to make appointments after school so your child does not miss out on lessons. If you do need to remove your child from school early you must contact the Principal or Vice Principal.

**Children whose attendance falls below 85% will automatically be referred to the Education Welfare Officer.**

Parents who wish for their child to attend a Grammar school next year must apply to a Grammar school before 4.00 on the 21st September

#### **P1- P3 AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

The After School Club for children in P1-P3 will begin in October. The club will only be available to those pupils who have a brother or sister in P4-P7. Parents will be issued with a letter at the end of September and it will be issued on a first come basis. Pupils who do not get into the club, their names will be placed on a waiting list. Pupils whose attendance at the club is sporadic or who do not come to the club for a two week period will lose their place and it will be given to a child on the waiting list. We apologise in advance as we are aware that the need will exceed the places but we must ensure the safety of the children.

#### **DATES AND EVENTS IN THE FIRST TERM**

October- Meetings with parents to discuss IEP's

NINA/NILA tests to take place for P4-P7 children.

31st October to the 2nd November- Mid term break

7<sup>th</sup> December- Parents meetings

11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> December- School Concert

Half day 21<sup>st</sup> December, holidays 24<sup>th</sup>

December-4<sup>th</sup> January - Christmas

holidays. Children return- 7<sup>th</sup> January

#### **INFORMATION UPDATE SHEET**

Enclosed with this newsletter is an information sheet which we would like you to complete and return to the class teacher as soon as possible. We need updated phone numbers and medical information in order to update our computer system so that we can contact someone in the case of an emergency.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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