



HOLY TRINITY PRIMARY SCHOOL
PARENTS NEWSLETTER
JANUARY 2013

EVENTS IN TERM 2

7th January- School re-opens after Christmas holidays.

8th January- Incredible Years Programme for Parents begins and will take place every Wednesday from 9.15-11.15

14th January- P1-P3 after school club re-commences

17th January- TTRS Programme begins for parents

22nd January- 10.00- Mass in Holy Trinity Church

24th January- Service of Commitment- 10.45 in Key Stage Two Hall

30th, 31st January and 1st February-

**Annual Reviews for Unit children
18th, 19th and 20th February- Mid Term Break**

13th March -Confirmation

18th March- Off School for St Patrick's Day

PARENTS ARE REMINDED THAT CHILDREN ARE NOT PERMITTED TO BRING MOBILE PHONES, IPODS, PSP PLAYERS ETC INTO SCHOOL AT ANY TIME.

PRIMARY ONE ENROLMENT

Enrolment forms for parents wishing their child to begin P1 in September are now available from the office in Holy Trinity School. **It is essential that you return your completed form along with your child's birth certificate and baptism lines (if the child was not baptised in Holy Trinity Church) to the school by Friday 11th January .** We can only take in 90 children and over the past few years we have reached this quota. We feel that this is as a result of the excellent reputation Holy Trinity has both in and outside the community with regard to the excellent education

provided, the high level of pastoral care, sporting excellence, links with parents, high standards of behaviour etc.

All forms must be completed by the 11th January at 12.00 noon but we strongly urge you to get your form in as quickly as possible.

MLD UNIT INSPECTION

In December the Moderate Learning Difficulty Units in Holy Trinity went through a detailed and thorough inspection by the Department of Education. As well as observing classroom lessons, examining in detail the planning, assessments and paperwork and speaking at length to the staff, Principal and Vice Principal, she also talked to the children and examined their work. The Inspector was very impressed with all that she saw and awarded Holy Trinity the highest award possible "Outstanding". She praised the high standard of work, the excellent integration process, the high quality teaching and learning taking place, the meticulous planning and record keeping, the excellent training courses provided and the supportive management of the school. Congratulations to all staff and pupils involved.

PARENTS' ROOM

Last year we had to close the Parents' Room as some parents were not supervising their children when using it. The Parents' Room will re-open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday (not Thursday) from 1.30-2.00 to facilitate parents who have a child in nursery and Holy Trinity. If parents fail to supervise their children it will close again.



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**Touch, Type, Read Spell (TTRS)
Literacy programme.**

Holy Trinity Primary School has purchased the licence for the Touch, Type, Read, Spell (TTRS) Literacy programme. Research has shown that this computerised programme has led to great improvements in children's and adult's reading levels. It has proven to assist adults with specific difficulties such as dyslexia, literacy difficulties, memory problems etc and also help improve spelling, reading and fluency. TTRS is a unique **multi-sensory (seeing, hearing, speaking, touching)** computer-aided learning course to help improve literacy levels. Research has shown that adults who have taken part have noted a definite improvement in all areas of English and it has led to them being able to read, write and spell with greater accuracy. It involves the adult using the programme for one hour per week. They wear a set of head phones and follow the instructions of typing words which appear on the screen. Everyone starts at level one and works at their own pace. There is no teaching involved as it is all done by repeatedly typing words which are on the screen and said through the headphones. There is no need to have any ICT experience or any keyboard skills. If you are interested in taking part in this programme which will run from the 17th January to the end of June please contact Mrs Boyd on 90616465.

It will take place from 9.15-10.15 every Thursday

PARENT COURSES

Incredible Years Parenting Programme- 9.15-11.15 every Wednesday in the Parents' Room 31st January- 9.15-11.15- Tommy, our School Counsellor, will deliver a course on Anger Management- strategies to help

parents manage children with anger management problems.

If you are interested please contact Aileen or Isobel on 02890616465 or why not just come along.

SCHOOL COUNSELLING

SERVICE Are you worried about your child? Do they seem very quiet and shy? Do they always seem angry? Are they easily led and make the wrong choices? Are they sad over a bereavement, separation etc. Then why not use the services of the school counsellors. If you are interested in getting support for your child contact Mrs Boyd in the school.

BEING ON TIME FOR SCHOOL

For the children who are arriving late for school or picking their child up late/too early every day can we ask parents to put this on your list of new year resolutions. It is not a child's fault if they are late but they feel vulnerable having to go into the classroom when the class is settled to work every day.

Teaching begins immediately the children arrive in their classroom and the children arriving late are playing catch-up. Please give your child a good example for life by having them in school on time.

BAD WEATHER

Hopefully we will not have extreme weather conditions like last winter. If the weather is very poor and there is heavy snowfall under health and safety the school may be required to close. If parents wish to check if the school is closed they should check the school website and listen to the following radio stations- Downtown, Cool FM, Radio Ulster, U105 and City Beat. Parents should ensure the school has an up to date mobile number in case we need to contact parents.