PARENT NEWSLETTER MARCH 2013

HOLY TRINITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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EVENTS IN MARCH

6th March- <u>First Penance Holy Trinity</u> <u>Church 10.30am</u> 13th March- <u>Confirmation: 11.00 in</u> <u>Holy Trinity Church</u> 18th March- School closed for St Patrick's Day-25th March- FREDDIE FITNESS 28TH March - School will close at 11.45 for the Easter Holidays 8th April- School will re-open -9.00-11.45



CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will take place this year on the 13th March. Bishop Farquhar will preside over the service. P7 children will be confirmed and all P6 pupils will sing at the ceremony. All children and parents should be seated in the church by 10.40 am. Refreshments will be provided in the parish hall after the ceremony. Primary six children may go home afterwards. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff and Father Wallace and Father Mulhall for helping prepare the children so well for their confirmation. We would like to also thank the pupils themselves and the parents for their continued support.

Mobile Phones

Just to remind all parents,

mobile phones are **not** allowed in school unless an arrangement has been agreed with the Principal or Vice-Principal. For the safety of all children and staff this is an essential rule. If you require your child to bring a phone on any occasion you must contact the school to tell us. If a child has a phone with them in school without prior permission this will be kept in the Principal's Office until one parent comes to collect it. For agreed mobile phones in school, children **MUST** bring this phone to the main office immediately when they enter the school and collect it when they are leaving the premises in the afternoon.

HALIFAX STUDENTS

Twelve Canadian students from St Mary's University in Halifax visited the school on Friday 22nd February as part of the Peaceful Schools Initiative. They worked with children in P5 and P6 on drama activities and on conflict resolution. They were impressed with the children's behaviour, their contributions, understanding and responses. This is the fourth year that the students have visited the school and our partnership is continuing to strengthen

UGANDA PARTNERSHIP

This year Miss Murphy and Mrs Devlin will visit Uganda with a group of teachers from Belfast to further develop links with schools in Kampala. Holy Trinity is linked with St Andrew's School which has over 600 children. Over the last two years, due to fund raising efforts by staff, parents and pupils we were able to purchase land and maize to provide a daily meal for the children. We hope to continue with this worthwhile venture again this year. Once again thanks to everyone for their generosity.

Healthy Eating

HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY

Our healthy eating policy is an important part of school life. We ask parents to always select healthy food for your children's' lunches. Sweets, chocolate bars, fizzy drinks are all not allowed. Children who bring these foods into the canteen will be asked to bring them home again.



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PARENT COURSE

On Friday 22nd March from 9.00-12.00, Andrea Kearns will hold a training session for parents on **Understanding and Managing Stress.** Andrea held a similar session on Understanding Depression last year and parents who attended said it was a fantastic, informative course. If you are interested in attending this course contact Aileen on 90616465.

<u>FORTHCOMING TRAINING</u> <u>COURSES</u> If interested in these courses please contact the school office for more information

- 1. <u>TTRS- Improve your reading</u> <u>and writing skills using this</u> <u>computer based course.</u> <u>Thursday 7th March 9.30.</u>
- 2. <u>How to use the IPAD- 4 week</u> <u>course on how to use the IPAD</u> (Starting date to be confirmed)
- 3. <u>Understanding Fractions</u>
- 4. <u>Essential Skills-</u> <u>Maths- BMC on Whiterock</u> <u>Road Saturday 9.30</u>
- 5. <u>Cookery Demonstration:</u> <u>Whiterock Children's Centre</u> Thursday 14th March10am- 12.00

TROCAIRE

Thanks to all the children and parents who have been working so hard to raise money for Trocaire. The generosity of the community, in these difficult times is remarkable. The cake fair will take place in school on the 20th March.

Hurling News

Congratulations to the Hurlers who recently participated in the Cumann na mBunscol indoor 5-a-side. With victories over Christ the Redeemer, St Bride's and St Joseph's, Lisburn they won this section and will receive their medals at the next Assembly. Holy Trinity was ably represented by: N O'Hare, N Brady, G Mc Cabe, D Dixon, C Boyd, J Burns, L Caggese, E Kelly. Training continues every Thursday. The number of pupils at training has been fantastic and any new pupils wishing to join are very welcome.

Star of the Month:

Caitlin Lavery, Abbie Muir, Jessica O Neill, Mark Clark, Oisin Mc Carthy, Evie Mc Court, Orliath Hyland, Nathan Mc Kenna, Tiffany Rose King, Kristin Walsh, Jack Ireland, Eamonn Donnelly, Caoimhe Braham, Caolan Duffy, Adam Hyland, Ciaran Dempsey, Sean Carlisle, Seamus Mc Keaveney, Rachel Kerr, Kyle Mc Greevy, Conor Cassidy, Megan Corbett, Thomas Rice, Shea Walsh, Aaron Curran, Louis Lennon, Darren Cahill, John Savage, Caoimhin Mc Guigan

BUG CLUB

We would ask parents of children in P1-P4 to continue to encourage their children to read at home using the electronic books available through the Bug Club. The school has purchased the license for this and it is proven to improve children's literacy levels and develop a love of reading. If parents are unable to access the Bug Club on their PC or tablet please contact the class teacher who will be happy to assist



