

HOLY TRINITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

PARENTS NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2013

NEW PRINCIPAL

As you know Mrs Armstrong has retired as Principal of Holy Trinity Primary School. I have now been appointed as new Principal. My name is Mrs Fiona Boyd and I have been working in Holy Trinity now for 25 years, firstly in the Hearing Impaired Unit and for the past seven years as Vice Principal. Many of you will already know me and for those who do not can I reassure you that I will continue to ensure that the high educational standards will be maintained and the high quality teaching and learning and the excellent pastoral care will continue. I would like to develop further the excellent partnership we have with our parents and we have a series of parent courses and events planned. If any parent has any concerns or worries please do not hesitate to contact me – my door is always open. I am confident that with our caring, dedicated, highly trained staff, our well behaved, motivated, happy children and our interested and committed parents-together we will make Holy Trinity Primary School even better.

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to a new school year. Thank you for sending your children back in their lovely new uniforms and all the equipment necessary to make a positive start to their learning.

I hope you had a lovely summer holiday and everyone is now ready to settle back into school routines which I am very confident will happen.

EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

3rd and 5th September -new P1 pupils commence school 9.00-12.15.

10th September- 1.15 -P3 and P6 Curriculum meeting and Paired Reading Meeting

10th September- 3.00- P5 and P7 Curriculum meeting

17th September- 1.30- P2 and P4 Curriculum meeting

17th September- 9.15- P1 curriculum meeting

CURRICULUM MEETINGS



Your child's curriculum meeting will take place during the month of September. At these meetings for parents, teachers will outline the year ahead in their classroom. This includes routines and procedures and an outline of what your child will be taught in the year ahead. It is very important that you make every effort to attend the meeting which will take approximately 30 minutes.

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.

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PARENTS' ROOM

We just want to let you know that we will be moving the Parents' Room to what was previously the Postman Pat Mobile. The Room will be available for use for the weekly coffee morning from Friday 4th October.



We will once again be offering a wide range of parent courses this year. We will also be employing a Parent Facilitator to plan the coffee morning and courses.



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 9.00-9.15. There will be supervision in the yard from 9.00.

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. If a different adult is collecting your child please let the teacher know in advance.
- 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.**

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 register before the 27th September at 2.00

SUCCESSFUL IPAD BID

We are delighted that Holy Trinity has been selected to take part in an Ipad pilot scheme. Out of the hundreds of schools who applied, we were one of only four schools who were selected to take part in this programme which will see our P1 and P2 children working with I pads on a daily basis. The aim of the programme is to assess the extent to which the use of I pads can improve children's literacy and numeracy skills. We already primary hold the prestigious ICT Mark and the 3rd Millennium ICT awards, so this programme will expand our ICT talents even further.

Congratulations also to the school for obtaining the Bronze Eco School Award



Don't forget to check our website weekly for information

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