

# PARENT NEWSLETTER

## FEBRUARY 2014

### IMPORTANT DATES

3<sup>rd</sup> February – 7<sup>th</sup> February- Transfer meetings for parents of P7 pupils.  
6<sup>th</sup> February- First Penance Enrolment 10.45 in KS1 Hall.  
17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> February- Mid Term break

### SACRAMENTAL DATES

6<sup>th</sup> February- First Penance Enrolment 10.45 in KS1 Hall.  
3<sup>rd</sup> April- First Penance Ceremony in Holy Trinity Church -11.45. Children may go home afterwards.  
Confirmation- 21<sup>st</sup> March at 11.00 in Holy Trinity Church  
First Communion- 17<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00 in Holy Trinity Church

### TRANSFER MEETINGS

Parents of P7 pupils will be invited to a meeting with Mrs Boyd on the week beginning the 3<sup>rd</sup> February to select a secondary school for their child. It is essential that you make every effort to attend. If you are unable to attend please contact the school office and they will arrange a new appointment for you.

### PUNCTUALITY

There are still a number of children arriving late for school every day. This is a poor habit to form at this early stage in a child's life. All classes do mental arithmetic, phonics, tables and spelling immediately after arriving into the classroom. Children who arrive late to school are missing these essential curriculum activities. Whilst we realise that there may be occasions when everyone can run a bit late we would urge you to ensure your child is in school on time. School starts for P1-P3

pupils at 9.00 and P4-P7 children start school at 9.15.

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

After school clubs commence again this week and there are a wide range of clubs on offer. These include Art and Craft, Drama, Gaelic Football, Hurling and Camogie, French and German, Homework, Guitar and ICT. Please encourage your child to take part in extra curricular activities because as well as helping them develop a range of skills it also helps them make new friends.

### COURSES FOR PARENTS

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February Mrs Bernie Lavery will be holding a First Aid class for parents from 9.30-12.30. Why not come along and learn some of basic first aid.

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February the Incredible Years Parenting Programme will begin in Holy Trinity. This amazing ten week course will give you support and strategies to help you manage your child's behaviour. There will be two outside trainers taking this course and there are currently two places still available. Child minding can be arranged. If you are interested please contact the school office.

Why not come along to our coffee morning every Thursday in the Parents' Room. You may wish to join in the weekly weigh in, share some diet tips or just share the tea and biscuits.



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### **BUG CLUB**

As I'm sure you are aware Holy Trinity is always at the forefront of new initiatives and we are always eager to try out different strategies to improve our children's learning. This year we purchased the licence for BUG CLUB. Last year this was only available to P1-P4 children but because it was so successful we decided to roll it out to our P5-P7 pupils also. This is an online, interactive reading programme which has been set at each child's individual level. Your child has been given a password and they are able to access the wide range of reading material from home. We would ask you to encourage your child to take part in this fantastic educational and fun programme.

### **P3 PUPILS TAKE PART IN BASKETBALL PROGRAMME**

The P3 children are taking part in a six week basketball programme as part of the Healthy Bodies and Minds programme. As well as learning the skills of basketball they are having great fun. The programme will culminate in a basketball tournament between other schools involved in the programme.

### **ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS**

Last year Holy Trinity pupils collected more Active Kids Sainsbury's vouchers than any school in the whole of Belfast. The 27,000 vouchers collected enabled us to purchase a wide variety of PE equipment. The scheme has started again and we would ask as many parents and pupils as possible to once again support the school by collecting the vouchers. We really value your support.

### **HURLING AND CAMOGIE NEWS**

Every Thursday there has been over seventy children coming to Hurling and Camogie. This has been a fantastic response and we hope the interest continues as there will be some outdoor blitzes for different year groups later in the year. If anyone is not already involved with a club we would encourage them to join up with Gortnamona.

### **HURLING**

Congratulations to our P7 Hurlers who topped their section at the Cumann na mBunscoil Indoor 5-a-sides held at St John's. We had a 2-2 draw against perennial table toppers, St Colman's Lambeg, but recorded excellent victories against St Oliver Plunkett and Gaelscoil Eanna to top the group on goal difference. Holy Trinity was represented by: L Caggese; C Boyd; D Dixon; J Burns; L Mc Mahon; R Greene and D Ward.

### **CAMOGIE**

Our camogs played an excellent tournament at the 5-a-sides at St John's. They recorded fantastic victories over St Kevin's and St Patrick's. This led to an eliminator game against St Joseph's Lisburn. It was a fiercely contested game with the scores locked at 1-1 until the last seconds. Unfortunately, St Joseph's grabbed the final goal of the day ensuring that Holy Trinity finished in second place. This was our best results in Camogie for several years and we look forward to more tournaments later in the year. Holy Trinity were represented by: C Mc Crory; L Collins; C Morgan; JL Walsh; C O'Brien and F Marley.