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Important Dates

P7 Mass of Commitment

Tuesday 21st October at 10:00 am in Holy Trinity Church.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Holy Trinity held a Macmillan Coffee morning for the staff last Friday. Thanks to Sainsbury's who sponsored the event and to Anne, Chris and the school canteen staff who provided scones and cheesecakes. It was a great success raising £445.50 in total. Well done to all involved!

Key Stage One Assembly

Mr Colgan's and Miss Scott's classes led the Key Stage One Assembly, which this month was on the theme of bullying. The children were reminded that there are different types of bullying and that it is vitally important that if a pupil feels they are being bullied they should talk to their teacher as soon as possible. Sometimes a pupil who is being bullied may not want to tell a teacher so pupils were reminded that if they see another pupil being bullied they should have a quiet word with a teacher so that the school can get the matter resolved.

After the assembly Mrs Boyd presented the Key Stage One awards for Star of the Month. The award winners were: Grace Mc Conway, Anisha Mc Glade, Manus Craig, Tierna Braham, Clodagh Duffy, Jay Mc Mahon, Andre Maguire, Jay Hanvey, Erin Cordner, Cairbre Mac Adaimh, Aodhan McKenna, Grace Donnelly-Rules, Zara Mc Cusker, Amber Muckian, Kacie Mc Keown, Sean Smith, Seamus Doherty – Brady and Shanice Hyndman.

Once again, congratulations to all these pupils.

Key Stage Two Assembly

Mrs Carabine's class led the Key Stage Two Assembly on the theme of 'Using our gifts and talents'. In this presentation the pupils reminded us that we all are born with different abilities which we should try to use and develop in our lives. In Holy Trinity we organise a vast variety of clubs which are taken after school. We hope our children will take advantage of these to develop their interests. All of these clubs are free of charge. The pupils sang and spoke out with confidence. After the assembly Mrs Boyd presented the Key Stage Two awards for Star of the Month. The award winners were: Corey-Lee Mc Cormack, Orlaigh Begley, Niamh Murtagh, Jessica Murphy, Nicole Daly, Chantelle Mc Gauley, Niamh Maxwell, Corey McCann, Grace Tolan, Nathan McKee, Chloe Lennon, Donal Gaskin, Caitlin Smith and Jack Daly. Congratulations to them all.

School Attendance

This week we have distributed to all parents a leaflet supplied by the Department of Education entitled 'School Attendance Matters – A Parent's Guide'. We would ask all parents and guardians to read this advice. It points out why attendance at school is so important; what the law says about school attendance; family holidays and how parents can help. It makes the point "For some parents, 90% attendance may seem acceptable but the reality is that your child misses 19 days in the school year – that's nearly 4 school weeks". At Holy Trinity we have very high standards and take great pride in seeing our



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children achieve their potential. In order for us to continue to achieve our goals we need our pupils to have a pattern of good attendance throughout their school career.

Bug Club

This month your child will receive a 'Bug Club' login to access a wonderful variety of online books. This is a brilliant resource which the school has purchased to enhance the reading skills of all our children from Primary 1 to Primary 7.

Using a PC

To access this go to www.bugclub.co.uk if using a personal computer or laptop.

Using a Tablet

If using a **tablet device** you will need to download the free '**Puffin Academy**' app.

Once you have done this, in the Search box type BUG CLUB and hit the return key.

Click on the Bug Club icon and then click on the Bug Club web address.

www.bugclub.co.uk

Your child's teacher will have given your child the relevant passwords.

Text Messaging Service

Holy Trinity PS is in the process of setting up a text messaging service for parents. Recently an information sheet was sent home with the children to ensure we have an up to date phone number. We need these back as soon as possible to establish this service.

School Uniform

We extend our thanks to our parents and guardians for ensuring that our pupils are so beautifully turned out for the new school year. The new PE uniform is working out particularly well. The school is aware that shops are selling black hoodies. This is not part of the school uniform, if children wish to purchase one they can be worn to school as an outdoor jacket/coat but they should be hung on the hooks provided outside the classroom.

September Mass

Our first mass of the year took place on Tuesday 30th September. Thanks to all the pupils who sang and spoke out so beautifully and a special thanks to our pupils who lead the readings and brought up the gifts - Aimee Kelly, Niamh Maxwell, Jake Patton, Megan Muir, Naomi Campbell, Emma Reynolds, Mark Mc Kee, Sean Scullion, Stephen Bradley, Caitlin Smith, Bernadette Irwin, Marc Mc Donnell and Owen Donnelly.

After School Clubs

During the year Holy Trinity P.S. offer a wide variety of after school activities like music, sports, art, science, languages, homework support, etc. There is no charge to participate in any of these clubs. The teachers provide these clubs so that children have opportunities to develop their interests and skills and we hope that pupils will continue with these interests long after they have left our school.



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Boys' Football

Congratulations to our boys who had a magnificent victory in the first league match of the year against St Anne's played at Gortnamona. Both sides served up a closely fought encounter with excellent skills and tenacious tackling on display. A late Conor Scannell goal helped Holy Trinity's boys to a 2-6 to 1-6 victory. Well done to all the boys and it is great to see the fantastic numbers turning up for training. Holy Trinity were represented by: Ryan Brown, Garric Mac Adhaimh, Declan Uprichard, Kyle McGreevy, Conal Keenan, Corey Clarke, Callum Walsh, Pdraig Mc Shane, Conor Scannell, Sean Brown, Joshua Mc Bride, Aaron Skelly, Aaron Mc Lean, Sean Christopher Carelton.

St. Vincent de Paul Services

ST. Vincent de Paul, situated at the Mountain View Centre, Norglen Gardens, offer some services which may be of interest to our parents.

Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club runs from 8:00 am to 9:00 am and the staff walk the children to Holy Trinity PS at 8:50.

Out of School Hours Child Care

This runs from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm for primary school age children. The centre also runs a school collection service.

Homework Club

The Homework Club runs from 2:45 to 5:00.

For further information regarding the services and prices you can contact Kay Shortt at the centre on 02890601903.

Further Education for Parents

Holy Trinity Primary School has over the years tried to provide a variety of opportunities for parents to continue or improve their education. When there are courses available taken by our teachers or by outside agencies we will send a note to all parents to let you know what is available. We would like to draw your attention to a letter from the 'Job Assist Centre' which has teamed up with the school to offer parents and adults the opportunity to complete a certificate in Maths, English or Information Technology. If you wish to find out more about the courses available you can contact Mr White on 02890616465 or complete the form which can be found at the back of this newsletter.

Counselling Service

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 or 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.

Parents' Room

We are glad to report that our coffee morning in the Parents' Room is now back in operation and will open each Friday from 9:15 to 10:45. Mr White and our parent facilitator, Mrs Steele, will be organising a series of events throughout the year and are looking forward to seeing some old and new faces there.



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Letter to Parents/Guardians

RE: Further Education

Contact details:

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Name:

If you would like to continue or improve your education in English, Maths or I.T. you can now do so. The Job Assist Centre has teamed up with the school to offer our parents and adults the chance to receive a certificate in Maths, English or I.T. It is an OCN level 2, the equivalent to a GCSE grade C. If there is sufficient interest and numbers (minimum 10) we can have classes in the school or in special circumstances, the evenings. If you would be interested please fill in the details below and return to the school office as soon as possible.

Mobile

E Mail

Name of child in school (if applicable):

Class Teacher:

Thank You
