



PARENT NEWSLETTER

January 2015



Welcome Back

We hope you had an enjoyable Christmas break and we look forward to another successful year in 2015. Holy Trinity is renowned for the standards our children attain as well as for their manners and behaviour and we would like to thank our parents and carers for your vital role in helping our children to realise their potential.

Primary 1 Intake – September 2015

Forms are still available from the office to enrol children for next year's Primary One classes.

The closing date is 12:00 pm
Wednesday 14th January.

Important Dates

Service of Light – Thursday 12th
February at 10:45 in Holy Trinity
Church.

Confirmation – Thursday 5th March at
11:00 am in Holy Trinity Church

First Penance Enrolment Service -
Thursday 12th March at 10.45am in
Holy Trinity Church.

First Penance -Friday 27th March at
10.45am in Holy Trinity Church.

Communion – Saturday 16th May at
11:00 am in Holy Trinity Church

ICT Mark Again!

Three years ago Holy Trinity Primary School was the first BELB school to be awarded the prestigious 'ICT Mark' by

NAACE (National Association of Advisers For Computers in Education). This award lasts for three years and again this year, following an extensive external assessment, we have been awarded the ICT Mark for the second time. The award recognises the school's success in developing the strategic use of technology in both administration and across the curriculum. Holy Trinity Primary School remains at the forefront of modern technology.

Mark Chambers, Naace CEO, said, "Holy Trinity Primary School thoroughly deserves the accolade of an ICT Mark accreditation. They clearly demonstrate how important it is to take a whole school approach to using technology in schools. We look forward to working with Holy Trinity to demonstrate how technology can have a substantial impact on learner outcomes in the future."

Outstanding Inspection!

Holy Trinity Primary School had an inspection from the Department of Education on Thursday 11th of December. The inspectorate found the school to have an inclusive and welcoming ethos and commented that nurture was at the heart of the school. They felt that teaching and learning as well as our assessment and planning were excellent. The inspectorate commented on the self-reflective nature of the school and how we are constantly looking for ways to improve.

Tag Rugby Blitz

Two of the P6 classes took part in a 5 week programme of Tag Rugby organised and run by Ulster Rugby. The children learned skills in catching,



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passing and evading tackles over the 5 weeks. The classes then provided 9 players who took part in a mini blitz with several schools from all over Belfast, which took place at the home ground of Belfast Harlequins. This was a great opportunity for the pupils to showcase the skills they had learnt over the previous weeks. The players involved were Emma Reynolds, Kieran Mulvenna, Stephen Bradley, Aimee Kelly, Christopher Kenneway, James Neill, Amy Morgan, Shea O'Hara and Ellie Burns.

Right of the Month

Article 12:

The right to have our opinions listened to about things that concern us.

Rights Respecting Behaviour:

We can respect each other's right by thinking carefully about our opinions and being willing to listen to the opinions of others.

P1 Fundamental Skills

In the first term the Primary One classes were fortunate to practise their Fundamental Movement Skills with a coach from Active Communities. We are delighted to find that it is to continue for the next 4 – 5 weeks. This is invaluable experience for the children as it encourages physical activity and develops skills such as hopping, jumping, catching etc and it links in perfectly with the Primary One P.E. scheme and sessions at Salto Gymnastics.

Parents' News

Parents' Room

Our coffee mornings for parents continue every Friday morning from 9:15 to 10:45. These mornings are organised by Mrs Steele and Mr White. Please feel free to call in; it is always great to see some new faces.

Activities and Courses:

At present we are organising some courses that parents have requested.

- **Subtraction** - This course will look at how we teach subtraction and will be of interest to parents who may have learnt subtraction by a different method than the type used in schools today.

- **Fractions** - This course will show parents how we teach fractions and is aimed at Primary 5 & 6.

- **Stop Smoking**

We are organising a Smoking Cessation course and hope to begin it at the end of the month.

- **Exercise Programme**

We will have an exercise programme which will involve learning skills and playing games like basketball, volleyball, dodge ball, etc. This will be taken by Stephen from Active Communities and the emphasis is very much on having fun.

A separate sheet giving more detailed information about the courses will be handed out next week.