## Dear Parent

I hope you all had a wonderful summer. The children have returned to school looking fantastic in their new uniforms and all ready for work. Can I remind you to please write your child's name on every part of their uniform including their coats in case they get lost.

## **Awards**

We had an amazing year in 2014-2015. We excelled at sport, our transfer and standardised test results were amazing and as well as this we ALSO ACHIEVED THE TREBLE. Through a lot of hard work by staff and pupils we were awarded the ICT Mark, The Eco Award and the Marjorie Boxall award. We are the only school in Northern Ireland to hold all three awards- an outstanding achievement. On Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> September staff from the Nurture Network in England, CCMS, the Education Authority and DENI will be visiting Holy Trinity to present us with the Marjorie Boxall award. This prestigious award is in recognition of the excellent pastoral care and Nurturing ethos which is so prevalent in Holy Trinity. I am so proud of the staff, parents and pupils for these outstanding achievements

## **School Dinners**

If you think your child may be entitled to a free school meal please request a School Meals Form from the Office. Policy has now changed and many more people on a range of incomes and benefits are now entitled. Even if your child may not eat a dinner every day can I ask all parents if they think they may be entitled to please apply as the percentage of children on free school meals does have a huge impact on our budget allocation. We get additional money into our school budget the more children we have on free school meals so I would ask if in doubt please apply.

Menus will be distributed next week. Our dinners are excellent and both healthy and nourishing. The Education Authority have increased the cost of dinners to Dinners cost £2.50 daily.

## Reminder of school Rules

- 1. School begins at 9.00 for all children. Please ensure your child is not late as it disrupts their routine and they miss out on valuable learning.
- 2. School will finish for all children in mainstream at 1.45 every Monday.
- 3. We would ask that children contribute to the school fund every Tuesday by contributing 50p per child and £1.00 per family.
- 4. We are a healthy school and crisps, fizzy drinks, chocolate and sweets are not permitted at break or lunchtime.
- 5. Dogs, even those on a leash, are not permitted in the school grounds at any time.
- 6. If your child is off school please send in a note explaining their absence on the day of their return.
- 7. We would ask parents to please make every effort to appointments are made outside of school hours. If you wish to get your child out of class early you must speak to Mrs Boyd or Mr White. Please do not go directly to the classroom.
- 8. If you have a problem please come and speak to the class teacher or Mrs Boyd. Please give us the opportunity to try to solve your problem. We would prefer you talk to us rather than use Facebook.
- 9. If there is a problem at home which couls affect your child in school please come and see Mrs Boyd or Mr White confidentially.
- 10. Counselling is available again this year. If you feel your child would benefit from counselling please see Mrs Boyd.
- 11.Coffee morning for parents will commence Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 9.15-10.45.
- 12. Please note that this is a no smoking school both in the school building and in the school grounds.
- 13.Independence and Homework- Please support staff and ensure that your child completes their homework every night. If there is a problem with this please speak to the class teacher.
- 14. If you change your phone number please inform the school immediately to ensure we are able to contact you and you can receive texts.
- 15. Please check the school website regularly- all relevant information will be posted here.