



PARENT NEWSLETTER

Christmas 2015



Primary 1 Intake

September 2016

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

The closing date is 12:00 pm Wednesday 13th January.

Important Dates

School closes for the Christmas holidays at 10:45 on Monday 21st December and reopens after the holidays on Wednesday 6th January.

Carol Service

The P5, 6 and 7 classes will lead our Carol Service which will take place in Holy Trinity Church on Friday 18th December at 1:30. We invite all parents and parishioners to join us for this service as we prepare for the celebration of Christmas with some readings from the bible and some traditional carols - A perfect afternoon out to remind us of what Christmas is really about.

Service of Light

The Service of Light for Primary 7 pupils who are making their Confirmation will take place on Thursday 28th January at 10:45 in Holy Trinity Church.

Confirmation

This year the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Friday 4th March in Holy Trinity Church at 11:00 am.

Bodies and Minds

Miss Armstrong's and Mrs Walsh's classes are participating in the Bodies and Minds programme for six consecutive weeks. The programme involves the children learning about healthy eating choices and the importance of physical activity; pupils are developing their basketball skills at present and are thoroughly enjoying the experience.

Bug Club

Bug Club is an online reading programme which has been used by teachers and pupils for several years. We have reinvested in the licence for the next 12 months. It is a brilliant resource which the school has purchased to enhance the reading skills of all our children from Primary 1 to Primary 7.

Here is a reminder of how to access it: Type www.activelearnprimary.co.uk into your search engine. Each child has been given the relevant username and password. You will then be prompted to enter the school code which is tgpr.

Choir at St Anne's Cathedral

On Thursday evening the 10th of December fourteen members of Holy Trinity School Choir performed in a concert in aid of 'Chest, Heart and Stroke' in Saint Anne's Cathedral. They accompanied Northern Ireland's King of Swing, James Huish, in an arrangement of Silent Night. The pupils were outstanding and proved more than a match for Queen's University's Brass Band and The Voice's Andrea Begley, who also entertained on the night. A great evening was had by all and lots of money raised for a very worthy cause.



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The Gruffalo Trail

Parents and children from LSC1 went on The Gruffalo Trail in Colin Glen Forest Park on Tuesday 9th December. The Gruffalo is a world famous story that is enjoyed by people of all ages. The children had the opportunity to meet some of their favourite characters and make the story come to life. This is lovely trip which only takes twenty minutes that would a lovely family day out and is completely free.

Visit to Belfast Christmas Market

Mrs Norris'/Mrs Sheehan's, Mrs Mc Greevy's. and Mrs Heffernan's classes visited the Christmas market in the city centre. The children were taken on an official tour of the market and allowed to sample food from various stall holders, including chocolate crepes, donuts, hot dogs and they even tried kangaroo burgers!!! The children met traders from Poland, France and Germany. They also had the opportunity to go on the carousel and visited Santa in his grotto. They had a fantastic time.

SALTO

Our Primary One children are continuing their gymnastics programme taking turns to visit the world famous SALTO Gym in Lisburn where they receive expert tuition in using a variety of apparatus like the rings, ropes, beams and climbing frames. These visits to SALTO help our children develop their gross motor skills, their fundamental movement skills and their general co-ordination.

Free Microsoft Office

Some children may get new computer devices (laptops and tablets) from

Santa at this time of year! Every child can get 'Microsoft Office' free of charge using their C2k username. Please contact your child's teacher if your child needs this and does not remember their username.

St Louise's Christmas Show

Our Primary 7 children visited St Louise's Comprehensive College on Friday 4th December. They were there to see the school's Christmas Spectacular. The fantastic cast of dozens included girls and boys and consisted of many past pupils, acting, singing or dancing in a truly wonderful show. We hope that some of our P7s may take part in future productions there in the years to come.

Car Parking

As you are aware there can at times be a build-up of traffic at certain busy times. Over the last few years we have built extra car parking spaces reserved for parents. In the interests of safety to the children and the public parents are asked to use the two parent car parks and not to park on the double yellow lines or block the turning circle.

Dropping Off Zone

There are several spaces for cars at the front of the Key Stage 1 yard. These are specifically for dropping off children and moving away. This is not a parking area.

Staff Car Park

This is situated in front of the main entrance to the General Office. In the interests of our pupils' safety parents are asked not to use this car park as it is also the main walkway for our Primary One children to go and come from their classes.



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Adverse Weather

Our aim is at all times to keep the school open; however there are certain times which make this impossible. In the event of severe weather like a very heavy fall of snow it may not be possible to ensure the safety of our parents, staff and pupils. Should the school be unable to open we will follow the following procedures:

- A decision will be made by 8:30am
- Text message to parents;
- Information given to BBCNI (Radio Ulster)
- Posted on our school website

If the school should have to close due to unforeseen worsening conditions during the day parents will receive a text message and information will be sent to broadcast on local media for parents to collect children.

If you have changed your mobile number it is important that the new number is given to the office as soon as possible.

School Concert

We would like to thank our parents, family members and friends for supporting our concert over the last week. We were all treated to a fantastic array of acting and singing which yet again goes to show the outstanding talent that our children have. We hope that in the years to come our children will have more opportunities to pursue their interests and develop their gifts

and talents. Our thanks to all the pupils and teachers for the hard work they put in to entertain us and a special word of thanks to Miss Donnelly, Mrs Mc Kinney and Mr Hackett for organising and providing the music.

Right of the Month

Article 12:

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

Rights Respecting Behaviour:

We can respect each other's rights by thinking carefully about our opinions before we say them, we should also be willing to listen to and respect the views and opinions of others.

Parents' Information

West Belfast Works

West Belfast Works is a Social Investment Fund for West Belfast and Shankill. There are currently over thirty jobs and training opportunities available in the West Belfast area. Anyone interested should contact the Job Assist Centre on 90322003 or have a look at their Facebook page.

Thank you for the great interest shown in the courses we would like to offer. We are currently collating the information and we will organise dates and times in the new year.



**We wish you a merry Christmas
and a happy new year**





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HOLY TRINITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

MONAGH ROAD BELFAST BT11 8EG

View our website on www.holytrinitybelfast.co.uk

FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN ENTERING PRIMARY ONE IN SEPTEMBER 2016

Holy Trinity School is committed to providing to all pupils the highest level of education and pastoral care in a safe, caring, well equipped and attractive learning environment. Our talented and committed staff have high expectations and a belief that every child can achieve their full potential

We provide:

- A happy, well disciplined, supportive and well-resourced learning environment
- A broad, balanced and differentiated curriculum.
- A wide range of after school clubs (hurling, gaelic football, basketball, choir, tin whistle, guitar, brass, recorder, sewing, games, homework, science, French Irish, German)
- High quality teaching and learning leading to excellent academic achievements
- An Open Door policy and an effective educational partnership with parents and the community.

HOLY TRINITY ARE THE PROUD RECIPIENTS OF THESE PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS

THE ICT MARK

THIRD MILLENNIUM ICT AWARD

MARJORIE BOXALL AWARD FOR OUR NURTURING

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AWARD

ECO SCHOOLS GREEN FLAG AWARD

Planning has been approved for a 3G pitch on our school grounds.

Application forms are available from the school office. Children are welcome from all areas



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USEFUL NUMBERS OVER THE HOLIDAYS

Emergency Contact numbers

Northern Ireland Housing Executive

Repairs Line 03448 920 901

Out of hours emergency services

email: emergency.services@nihe.gov.uk

Northern Ireland Electricity

Emergency Service 08457 643 643

NORTHERN IRELAND Water

Faults/Emergency Service 08457 440 088

Water Service Text phone 08457 023 206

Northern Ireland Gas

Emergency Service 0800 002 001

(Phoenix) 0845 4555555

Text phone/minicom 0800 7314710



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OTHER ORGANISATIONS

DRD Road Service	02890 540 540
Housing Executive.....	0844 892 0900
Northern Ireland Electricity	0845 7455455
Northern Ireland Water	0845 7440088
Phoenix Gas.....	0845 4555555
Lifeline	08088088000
Samaritans.....	08457909090

Ring our 24 hour repair line 03448 920 901
Report your repair online at www.nihe.gov.uk or
Email our out of hours emergency services
emergencyservices@nihe.gov.uk

Useful Numbers

Northern Ireland Electricity

Emergency Service 08457 643 643

Northern Ireland Water

Faults/Emergency Service 08457 440 088

Water Service Text Phone 08457 023 206

Northern Ireland Gas

Emergency Service 0800 002 001

(Phoenix & Firmus) 0845 4555555

Text phone/minicom 0800 73147710

BELFAST CITY COUNCIL

Community Awareness Team.....028 90 500 501

Recycling Enquiry Line.....0800 0328100

Dog Warden Service 028 90 270 431 || Noise Hotline..... | 028 90 373 006 |
Community Safety Unit.....	028 90 270 469
Pest Control	028 90 270 431
Consumer Advice Centre.....	028 90 270 428