



PARENT NEWSLETTER

January 2016



Welcome Back

We hope you had an enjoyable Christmas break and we look forward to another successful year in 2016. 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.

Important Dates

Service of Light – Thursday 28th January at 10:45 in Holy Trinity Church.

Confirmation – Friday 4th March at 11:00 am in Holy Trinity Church

First Penance -Thursday 10th March at 10.45am in Holy Trinity Church.

Communion – Saturday 14th May at 11:00 am in Holy Trinity Church

Dinner Menu

The Dinner Hall is now using the eight week menu which was supplied to all families last week. This week (beginning 18th January) we are on Week 6. The full menu has also been posted on our website.

Only pupils who have Free Schools Meals entitlement can go to Free Dinners. Should you wish to apply for Free Schools Meals a form is available from the school office. It needs to be completed and sent to the Education Authority - Belfast Region. The forms are usually processed quite speedily. If you think you may be entitled but your child prefers to go to lunches it is still very useful to have the form completed

and processed in case they forget to take their lunch to school.

Dinners cost £2.50.

Adverse Weather

We would like to remind you of the procedures should the school be unable to open because of snow.

- 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.

Thanks to our parents/carers for your help last week during the snow. It is important to keep cars moving on the 'turning circle' so that we prevent a traffic jam and get the pupils into school quickly and safely.

Junior Apprentice

Twenty-Four pupils from P7 began an interesting ICT project on Wednesday 13th January. It is called the Junior Apprentice E-Learning Project and the pupils will visit St Louise's ICT suites and participate in a range of different activities, which cover the '5Es' that make up the ICT curriculum. The sessions take place every 2 weeks finishing with a presentation workshop in June.



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Childline

Childline spoke to the Primary 7 pupils about the importance of staying safe, being aware of dangers that unfortunately exist in society and about what they should do if they encounter such difficulties. This is very important in all aspects of life but is especially important these days with regard to internet safety.

Podcasting

On Thursday the 14th and Friday the 15th January a group of P7 pupils were involved in a podcasting project on the theme of Healthy Eating. School podcast is a new safe web facility which allows children to plan, research and create podcasts on any aspect of the curriculum. The pupils prepared their 'podcast' by writing a script, dressing up and acting out the parts. They came up with some fantastic ideas for scripts and used the themes of Star Wars, Big Bang Theory, The Simpsons and Fantastic Mr Fox. They then filmed it and edited it using Windows Movie Maker. This activity encourages the pupils to develop their creative skills and gives them a small insight into the world of film making. They really enjoyed taking part and we are looking forward to some of them collecting Oscars for best film in the future. Our thanks to Niall and Catrina from 'Tonnta' who helped our pupils bring their ideas to life. You can view the four podcasts produced by the pupils by going to <http://www.schoolpodcast.org/> and it is currently on the front page. Enjoy!!!

Lost Property

Every week we find school jumpers, jackets, PE gear etc that have left behind by pupils. Even though we send clothes around the classes many items are left unclaimed. We would ask

parents to please ensure that all clothes have the child's name written on the label.

Parents' News

Parents' Room

This Friday we will have a lesson in how to practise massage. This will take place in the Parents' Room from 9:00 to 10:00.

Activities and Courses:

There was a great response to our offer to organise a range of courses for parents. Courses include: Understanding Bereavement, Managing Stress, Childhood Anxiety, Understanding Depression, Cookery, Creative Writing, Driving Theory, Yoga, Boxercise and Essential Skills in English/Maths.

If you are interested in one or more of the courses mentioned but did not complete a form to express your interest in a particular course/activity please let the office know and we will add you to our lists.

Right of the Month

Article 40:

We have the right to be treated with respect and dignity.

Rights Respecting Behaviour:

Children can: We can respect each other's rights by treating others the way we would like to be treated and learning from our mistakes.

Adults can: Ensure that we have a clear set of class rules that are based on our Catholic identity; that rules are consistent and fair relating to our behaviour and school work.