

Holy Trinity P.S. Newsletter

October 2016



Welcome back everyone!

The new Primary Ones

The new Primary Ones have settled in well and are coping with the routines of the day e.g. eating lunch in the Dinner Hall. At present they are in school until 12:15 and from **Monday 3rd October will be in school for the full day.** In October each class is visiting Lady Dixon Park for our autumn walk where we observe signs of autumn and try to spot squirrels gathering nuts in preparation for hibernation.

Pizza Express Trip

All four primary three classes will be visiting Pizza Express over four consecutive Thursdays. The children will visit Pizza Express on the Lisburn Road and they will each make their own individual Margherita pizza. Their pizzas will be cooked and they will get to bring them home that afternoon. Back in school, the children will then be able to write the instructions for how to make a pizza.



New York City Global Partners.

This year for the first time ever, Holy Trinity will be taking part in an online exchange program with New York City. This program provides a fantastic opportunity to foster global awareness in different countries around the world, build computer literacy, and develop communication skills in English.

Miss Murphy's Primary 7 children have been selected to participate in the *My Welcoming City* topic which focusses on immigration. They will explore the role cities play in promoting the inclusion of immigrant and refugees. They will share their reflections, opinions, and projects with their international peers through blog posts, digital galleries, and video chats in the ICT Suite with Mrs Rooney.

Further Education for Parents

Holy Trinity Primary School, in association with the Trade Union 'UNITE' and Belfast Metropolitan College, is running two award bearing courses – Essentials in Maths and Essentials in ICT. There has been a very good take up of these courses. If you would like to sign up for either or both of these courses you should leave your name and contact details at reception or if you would like more information contact Mr White. Essentials of Maths begins on Wednesday 5th October and Essentials of ICT begins on Friday 7th October.

Upcoming Holidays

The school will be closed for mid-term break from

Mon 31st October – Friday 4th November

inclusive the school will reopen on Monday 7th November.

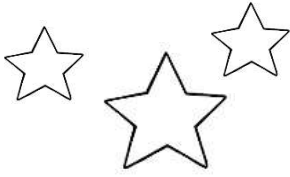


The school will be closed on **Monday 5th December** for parent meetings.

The school will be closed for Christmas holidays from 22nd of December until the 4th January inclusive. The school will reopen on the 5th January 2017

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Stars of the Month

At the September assemblies the stars of the month were awarded to...

KS1

Rhia Liddy, Erin Parker, Niamh Keenan, Naomi Martin, Micheal Conlon, Daire Mc Cann, Ryan Braniff, Katie Mc Areavey, Naomi Teer, Aimee Downey, Grace O'Neill, Lauren Collins, Gerard Holland, Logan Boyle, Cara Mc Manus, Odhran Lean, Shona Armstrong, Brendan Webb

KS2

Lacey Hammond, Joseph Berry Cahill, Abigail Bradley, Jay Hanvey, Cara Knocker, Aoife Murtagh, Stephen Mc Cusker, Che Conlon, Ciarnan Keeley, Evie Mc Court, Renise Mc Hugh Baggley, Chloe Mullan, Kyle Brown, Ryan O'Hara

A few Reminders...



School Timetable

P1-2 9:00 – 1:45 Monday
9:00 – 2:00 Tuesday-Friday

P3-7 9:00 – 1:45 Monday
9:00 – 2:45 Tuesday-Friday

It is important that your child is present from this time. Children who arrive into school fifteen minutes after the starting time will be marked absent for the entire morning session as the school day is

divided into morning and afternoon sessions for registration purposes.

Counselling Service

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.

First Penance Enrolment service for P3 is due to take place in Holy Trinity Church on 27th October. Time to be confirmed.

Safety Issues

Dogs

Dogs are not permitted within the school grounds.

Hot Drinks

Parents and pupils are requested not to bring hot drinks into the school yard in the morning or afternoon as there is a risk of injury.

P3 and P4 Home-Time Arrangements

P3 and P4 pupils line up in the junior yard at home time. Please collect the children from their line as it is very dangerous to ask them to walk by themselves to a car at a time when there is a lot of traffic on the road.

P3 Children will be beginning their longer day in school from Tuesday 4th October

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



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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.

School Dinners

If you think your child may be entitled to school dinners please request a 'School Meals Form' from the office. If you receive 'Family Credit' you will be entitled to free dinners. Only pupils who are entitled are permitted to receive free school meals. Even if your child does not wish to take a school dinner but would be entitled to receive one we would ask you to complete the form and send it to EA as the number of pupils on Free School Meals affects the school's budget.

Last year pupils were consulted on their food preferences. As a result of this the canteen has drawn up a menu and this has been distributed to the children. Our dinners are excellent and both healthy and nourishing. Dinners cost £2.50 daily.



Packed Lunches



Your child may choose to bring a packed lunch. In order to ensure a healthy snack **NO** sweets, crisps, chocolates, fizzy drinks or nuts should be put in lunches.

Peanuts are not allowed as we have a number of children with anaphylaxis which

could prove fatal if they come in contact with nuts.

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 5:30 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.

Free App of the Month

KS1 Improve your handwriting skills with the *Bobble Write*

KS2 Create an e-book with *Book Creator*



Right of the Month

Article 40

We have the right to be treated with respect and dignity

Rights Respecting Behaviour

We can respect each other's rights by treating others the way that we would like to be treated, by being compassionate and caring towards each other.