

HOLY TRINITY PRIMARY SCHOOL OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Forthcoming Events

27th October- Halloween Dressing Up Day

30th October- 3rd November- School closed for mid term break

13th November- Teacher- Parent Interviews 2.00 pm -7.00pm

21st November- Mass

30th November- First Penance Enrolment Service

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

Pizza Express Trip



All four primary three classes visited Pizza Express over four consecutive Thursdays. The children visited Pizza Express on the Lisburn Road and they each made their own individual Margherita pizza. Their pizzas were cooked and brought back to school. Back in school, the children will then be able to write the instructions for how to make a pizza.

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.

Dogs

Dogs are not permitted within the school grounds, even on a lead.

BELFAST GIANTS.

On Tuesday 26th September, Holy Trinity Primary School had their annual visit from representatives from the Belfast Giants ice hockey team. This is part of the Subway Healthy Lifestyle Programme. They delivered their usual talk about healthy eating and a balanced diet, exercise and healthy lifestyle choices and the value of sports and active play for young children. This visit allows the P7 children to arrange a follow up visit to the SSE Arena to watch the Giants play in the new year.

Launch of the 3G Pitch

On the 22nd of September we had the official launch of the 3G pitch. Representatives from Gort na Mona and Holy Trinity listened to some speeches from Seamus Corr, the chairman of the club and Mrs Boyd before Father Mulhall blessed the pitch. The children then showed off their hurling prowess with an exhibition match which all staff, club members and parents enjoyed. The school will have access to the pitch from 8.00-5.00 each day and Gort na Mona will have

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access to the pitch in the evenings. This will enhance the excellent relationship the school already has with the community.

Football Match

On Wednesday 11th October the girls took part in a Gaelic Football blitz against Bunscoil Phobail na Feirste and John the Baptist. The girls played with skill and determination and were an absolute credit to the school. They made history by not only playing the first ever competitive match on the new pitch but they also easily beat the girls from the Bunscoil by several goals. In spite of their valiant effort they were beaten by John the Baptist. Children from Key Stage 2 came out to cheer on the school team.

P7 ST. DOMINIC'S VISIT.

Ten of Holy Trinity Primary School's P7 girls visited St. Dominic's Grammar School on Wednesday 27th September taking part in an Activity Morning. Some of the staff, and pupils from years 13-14 engaged the children in activities and a quiz associated with European languages. The children answered questions on topics like geography, music, foods, etc. The morning hopefully gave the children a taste of life in secondary education after they will leave Holy Trinity Primary School. The girls who attended were Cora Bellew, Katie Mc Cullagh, Natsaha Mc Greevy, Jessica Davis, Caileen Voyle, Abigail Crooks, Casey Elise Reid, Brogyn Mc Kenna, Katie Rose Mc Anoy and Kaci Smith.

Work on the Stairs

The staircases throughout the school are currently being replaced. We would ask parents to please leave the door ways leading on to the yard free and also allow staff the room to line the children up at the end of the day. This will mean staff can see who is collecting each child.

Also can parents please stand outside the side school gates and refrain from standing on the path as it is very difficult for staff to get through the crowds of parents to escort the children to the side gate at home time.

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. Please be patient and do not exceed the 5mph speed limit within the school grounds.



Dropping off Zone

There are several spaces for cars at the Turning circle at the front of the Key Stage 1 yard. These are specifically for dropping off children and moving on. This is not a parking area. People who park here will hold up the traffic

Back Gate

The back gate has now reopened for pedestrian access only.

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SCHOOL CLOSURE POLICY IN THE EVENT OF ADVERSE WEATHER

Our aim is to avoid, as far as possible, any uncertainty and confusion in the event of possible school closure. We believe that the best way to do this is to communicate as fully as possible with our parents. The school will make all practicable efforts to keep parents informed as to the situation with the school during adverse weather conditions, as we appreciate that such conditions and the uncertainty places very considerable difficulties upon parents. There are rare occasions when our school will find it necessary to close. These are usually occasions when adverse weather means that the school site is unsafe and poses health and safety risks to the school community. Our first consideration is always the safety of the children. In adverse weather conditions, the journey to school for some staff may be too hazardous for them to set out and, once here, equally hazardous for them to get home. Health and Safety risk assessments mean that we cannot open the school if there are insufficient staff to properly supervise the children. A decision to close the school would never be taken lightly and would involve our School Leadership Team.

In the event of adverse weather:

A decision will be made, as far as possible, before 8.30am as to whether the school should be open or needs to be closed.

- Parents will be sent a text to one main mobile number. It is the parents responsibility to ensure that the office have your main contact mobile number.
- In the event of closure, the school will send a message to BBC N.I. using a prearranged security code to allow them to broadcast the information to the general public. This information will be on their text service.
- Information of the school closure will be posted on the school website.
- We advise our parents to listen out for school closure information from local media.
- In the event of the school having to close during the day due to unforeseen worsening weather or similar unforeseen circumstances, parents will receive a text and it will also be broadcast on the local media for parents to collect their children.
- In the event of the school grounds being deemed inaccessible, cars may be prevented from using the car parks and children may have to be dropped off at designated areas.
- In the event of snow, some pathways will be cleared and salted. Parents, children and visitors should be aware that pathways, even where cleared, do remain dangerous. Before and after school class hours, parents are responsible for ensuring that their children do not slide on the school grounds.
- During significant adverse weather conditions parents should bring their children into the school building. Parents may be required to supervise their children in the hall or classroom until staff are available to formally take supervision of the children. They are asked to leave the school immediately as soon as the staff have taken over.
- Parents are asked to take special care when driving in the school grounds in icy conditions.
- If snow is forecast all after school clubs will be cancelled. You will receive a text.

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