

HOLY TRINITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

PARENTS NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2018

EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

26th October- Dressing Up Day

11th May – Date for First Holy

Communion

1st October- Children in P1 and P3

start their extended day.

29 October-3rd November- Mid term

break

Pizza Express Trip

All four primary three classes will have the opportunity to visit Pizza Express this term. 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.



Safety Issues

Dogs

Dogs are not permitted within the school ground, even if they are on a lead.

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.

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.

Positive Parenting Course

We are pleased to offer a six-week course entitled 'Promoting Positive Parenting' which is for parents, grandparents and carers of children at nursery and primary school. There is a two-hour session each Wednesday morning beginning on Wednesday 3rd October. It is designed to support parents to use positive parenting strategies, deal with anger management and challenging behaviours, use praise to build self-esteem and develop natural and logical consequences. If you wish to join this course please contact Mr White at the school.

Update on information

We will try to keep you informed throughout the year of different events which are taking place. We will do this mainly through our school text service, Newsletter and Website. It is important that we have the most up to date phone number so that you can receive these texts. Please keep us updated of any changes to your contact details.

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Holy Trinity Blitz

On Friday 28th October P4 and P5 Holy Trinity pupils took part in a hurling blitz against pupils from St Malachy's and Ballymacward. For many of the pupils this was their first time taking part in a competitive competition and they did us proud. Holy Trinity won two of their three matches and are eagerly looking forward to their weekly training sessions.

Coaches

We are very fortunate this year to have two external coaches delivering lessons in the school. Kieran Megaw is working with the P6 classes developing their hurling skills and Paul Law from the Ulster GAA will be developing the Fundamental Movement Skills of our P4 pupils.

This year our P3-P7 classes will also have the opportunity to take part in some tennis lessons in conjunction with Belfast City Council. We are very fortunate to have this expertise in school and it is a great opportunity to promote a healthy lifestyle amongst our pupils.

Pupil Voice

In Holy Trinity we are very eager to give our pupils the opportunity to become greater involved in the management of the school. We have elected Pupil Council Representatives, Digital Leaders and Eco Council representatives. This helps management gain an insight into the views and opinions of the pupils and it also helps the representatives develop self confidence and a sense of responsibility.

Newsletter

From October we will now post the newsletter on the website only as we are an eco friendly school and this is to save paper.

Service of Commitment

On the 25th September, children from P4-P7 attended monthly mass. During the mass the children in P7 participated in the Service of Commitment, which is the first stage in preparing for their confirmation. It was a lovely service and as usual the behaviour and singing was excellent. Well done everyone and thanks to Father Brendan for a wonderful first of year mass.

Consent Forms

Under the new GDPR regulations schools must now seek specific consent from parents to use and store personal data on their child and parents themselves. This included consent for parents to be kept informed about certain activities as well as consent for photographs and digital images. These consent forms were sent out and returned recently. Some parents have ticked that they do not wish to receive marketing information. Marketing information includes information about events which are being organised in the community e.g Upper Springfield Halloween events, Gort na Mona training details etc. Some parents have indicated that they did not realise that this is what the question meant. If you require clarification on any questions on the form please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Boyd and she will happily clarify any details.

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