

HOLY TRINITY PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENTS NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2018

EVENTS IN DECEMBER

P1 *OPEN DAY*- 5th December
Annual Prize Giving – 6th December
P6 and P7 – La Salle Christmas
Concert 'Wizard of Claus', 13 & 14th
December
Christmas Jumper Day – 14th
December
P1&3- *Christmas Concert* – 11-12th
December at 9:45am
P2 & 4 – *Christmas Concert*-13 & 14th
December at 9:45am
P5-7 *Carol Service* – 21st December in
Holy Trinity Parish Church at
10:00am

Safety Issues

Dogs

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

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.

Cold Weather

It is the season again for frost and snow. We will try to keep you informed about school closures due to adverse weather conditions. We will do this mainly through our school text service, Website and BBC news/school closure list. 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.

SCHOOL OF MUSIC CONCERT.

On Wednesday 14th November three P5 classes from Holy Trinity Primary School attended a concert organised by The Belfast School of Music held in The Spectrum Centre. P5MML, P5NB and P5MH had been working with teachers from the School of Music for 6 weeks on 3 songs in their annual "Sing Out" Project. The children joined other pupils from St. Teresa's and Glenwood primary schools to form a Choir on the night. The concert also included music from the Belfast Youth Orchestra who played several pieces written by famous and contemporary composers. The concert was viewed by a large audience in The Spectrum Centre and was a fantastic experience for all taking part.



UGANDAN VISITORS

Father Aloysius and Emmanuel from our partner school, St Andrew's in Uganda visited on the 29th of November. They enjoyed a cup of tea with the staff and a catch up of how things are going in St Andrew's. They then spent some time with our Primary 4 children taking about. Some children will be writing letters to exchange with

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some of the pupils from Uganda. Mrs Fyfe also visited the P4 classes and gave a PowerPoint presentation on her trip to Uganda, explaining what life is like there before Holy Trinity began fundraising for the school.



DIGITAL APPLICATION FORMS

This year we have been advised by the Education Authority that the process of applying for a place for your child in P1 for September 2019 will now have to be done digitally. This will apply to every school.

The Education Authority plan to introduce online applications for admissions to Nursery and primary schools for children starting September 2019.

The Go Live date for the new digital admissions is Wednesday 2nd January 2019 at 10.00 am and the closing date for admissions will be 12.00 midnight on Thursday 31 January. Parents will continue to provide birth certificates and other verifying documents to their first preference school. The EA is planning to provide EA assisted support for parents and users of the new system. This will be in the form of a telephone service, enhanced website content and a number of face to face drop in clinics

in January 2019. We will provide you with more information once we receive it.

We will also be providing a number of dates in January (8th, 10th and 17th January from 9.00-10.00), when parents will be invited to our ICT suite to complete the on line application forms and staff will be available to assist at this time.

If you do require any additional information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us

GAELIC FOOTBALL

Our P6 and P7 boys took part in the Cumann na mBunscoil Indoor 5-a-side competition in St John's Hall on Tuesday 4th December. They were in a group with Holy Child, Bunscoil Phobail Feirste and St John the Baptist PS. It was a very tough group with teams all taking points off each other in some very competitive games but it was St John the Baptist PS that secured the final spot on Friday. We wish them all the best for the final.

THE POWER OF MUSIC

This month our children in LSC1 had the opportunity to explore their feelings and emotions through the medium of music. They worked with music therapist, Louise Kelly, in a fun and dynamic way to develop their ability to express themselves



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AND FINALLY

better, build confidence and communicate in a nonverbal and safe way. Lots of fun was had by all.

eSafety

eSafetysaurus has been busy this month at Assemblies, Open Day and Prize Giving. He has given the children some very important messages. Our eSafety code for November is 'Blast Off to Cyberbullies.' The children have been learning how to stay safe online and what to do if they are getting bullied. The December Code is 'Stranger Danger and Gaming.' Children will be learning how to stay safe when using their Xbox, PlayStation and other gaming apps. Have a chat with your child about who they talk to online and check out our website for advice on Internet Safety.

<http://www.holytrinitybelfast.co.uk/internet-safety/>

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Primary 1 to 4 will finish school at 11:45am on Thursday 20th December.

Primary 5 to 7 will finish school at 11:45am on Thursday 20th December but are required to come to school on Friday 21st December to attend the carol Service. They will finish at 11.00.

School will reopen on **Monday 7th January**, it will be a normal school day.

We wish to thank you for all the support, encouragement and assistance you give to the school throughout the year.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year for 2019.

