

**HOLY TRINITY PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**PARENTS NEWSLETTER**  
**MAY 2019**

**EVENTS IN MAY**

Holy Trinity School will be closed on the following dates:

Local Election Dates - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May  
and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

May Day - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Allstate Cyber Safety workshops - P5s

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May

School Holiday - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Thursday  
30<sup>th</sup> May

School will be resume as normal on Friday  
31<sup>st</sup> May

**DATES FOR SPORTS DAY**

Weather permitting these are the proposed dates for Sports Day:

P3 and P4 – Wed 5<sup>th</sup> June

P5, P6 and P7 – Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> June

P1 and P2 – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June

Dates, starting times and reserve dates will be sent home in note form closer to the dates. Thank you to all families in advance for your continued support during Sports Day.

**SCHOOL GROUND DEVELOPMENT**

Work is progressing quickly on the development of parts of Holy Trinity Primary School grounds. Our school is lucky to have open areas which over the years, teachers such as Mr Kelly have developed, growing trees, plants, herbs, vegetables and fruit. Mrs Boyd enquired about funding to develop our grounds further, and was successful. The school will now have a pathway for walking around, and various areas where we hope to develop the children's work in outdoor learning and the appreciation of nature. This could involve planting bulbs, flowers, herbs, fruit and vegetables. The trees, bushes and open grassland areas can encourage mini-beast and insect populations. It is hoped the children can have initial access to these areas soon, and next year begin observing and interacting increasingly with the natural environment in our school grounds.

**FIRST COMMUNION**

Our First Communion ceremony took place in Holy Trinity Church on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> May. Our P4 children and their teachers prepared extremely well for this sacrament. The children were respectful and well behaved in the chapel and looked beautiful on their big day. They remembered all their songs and prayers and enjoyed taking part in a very memorable day.

The photographer will be in the school to take professional photos on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May from 8.30am. This is optional and the cost is £10 per set.

**EXPLORE LEARNING IN P3**

Our P3 year group had the unique experience this week to participate in a practical, problem solving maths workshop. The children had to imagine owning their very own fruit shop which sold only apples, oranges and bananas and were challenged to work systematically to find out all the possible combinations that these fruit can be grouped together. It was a great hour of fun in the classroom that developed the children's reasoning and problem solving skills. It gave them a chance to see maths in real life and allowed them to independently apply their maths knowledge to new and unfamiliar situations. The workshop was aimed at encouraging the children to 'just give it a go!'. We hope to do it again soon!

**SALTO**

Our Primary One children will be visiting SALTO Gym in Lisburn, for their second series of lessons, where they will continue to receive expert tuition in using a variety of apparatus like the rings, ropes, beams and climbing frames. These visits will help our children develop their gross motor skills, their fundamental movement skills and their general co-ordination.

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**ICT NEWS**

**Our May eSafety Code is 'Be Kind Online'.**

**ALLSTATE ESAFETY**

AllState visited school on 9<sup>th</sup> May to do a cyber safety workshop with our Primary 5s, LSC 3 and 4 and our Digital Leaders. Children learnt 3 key messages: Beware what you share, Screen out the mean and Friend or pretend.

**CODING**

Miss Hughes class have been working on the Time to Code initiative with BITC. Well done to all our primary 5s for their excellent work on Scratch programming.

**CINEMAGIC**

As part of a pilot programme, the Department of Education has been working with Cinemagic and a number of other organisations to create an educational resource that will assist primary school teachers to explore the theme of citizenship. Holy Trinity have been accepted as one of the pilot schools and as a result, Cinemagic will be coming to facilitate a one day workshop with 30 of our primary 7 pupils on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May.

**ECO SCHOOLS**

Habitat for Humanity visited our P6 classes to talk about 'Our waste our world'.

NI Water delivered reusable water bottles for all students as part of their initiative 'refill for free and save the sea' which aims to reduce plastic pollution in the oceans. The school conducted an experiment to see if there would be a reduction in plastic bottles being thrown out if the children had reusable bottles. We collected 3 black bags full of disposable bottles over 3 days before the reusable bottles were given out and only collected 1

bag of bottles in the 3 days after the bottles were given out.

**LENTEN FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN**

Once again we would like to say a huge thanks to the families, pupils and staff for their generosity during our recent Lenten Fundraising campaign, completing sponsored walks, raffles and the school cake sale. Once again we raised over £10,000 and this will help both local and international charities. Once we have finalised how the money will be distributed we will let you know. Through your generosity you will be able to make a difference in the lives of so many others. Thank you.

**BUG CLUB**

Bug Club is an online reading programme which has been used by teachers and pupils for several years. It is a brilliant resource which the school has purchased to enhance the reading skills of all our children from Primary 1 to Primary 7. We are looking forward to our Primary 1 children beginning to use it over the next few weeks. Here is a reminder of how to access it: Type [www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk) into your search engine. Each child has been given the relevant username and password. You will then be prompted to enter the school code which is tgpr.

**RIGHT OF THE MONTH**

**(Article 27)**

**We have the right to an adequate standard of living.**

**RIGHTS RESPECTING BEHAVIOUR**

**We can respect each other's rights by taking care of our school environment to allow everyone to enjoy it.**

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**PARENTAL COURSES**

**Essential Skills in ICT**

**Essential Skills in English**

We are pleased to announce that we have now secured tutors for the award bearing courses: Essential Skills in ICT and Essential Skills in English. These courses will begin in September. The ICT course will be on Monday afternoons. No day/time has yet been arranged for the English course.

If you are interested in either or both of these courses, please contact the school on 02890616465 and leave your name and phone number with the secretaries. Alternatively, you can give your child a note expressing your interest to be given to Mr White.

These courses are available to anyone in the community not just the parents/carers of pupils in Holy Trinity Primary School. If you would like any more information you can contact Mr White at the school.

**School website: <http://www.holytrinitybelfast.co.uk>**

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