

# HOLY TRINITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## PARENTS NEWSLETTER

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#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

25<sup>th</sup> October- Dressing Up Day

3<sup>rd</sup> April - First Penance

13<sup>th</sup> June – First Holy Communion

30<sup>th</sup> September- Children in P1 and P3 start their extended day.

28<sup>th</sup> October-1<sup>st</sup> November- Mid Term Break

#### **Library News**

All P4 and P6 classes are receiving training in the proper use of the library and library skills involved in locating books within the library from visitors from Libraries NI. Our library provides a lovely reading environment in our school and it is important that the children continue to respect it and keep it tidy.

#### **Welcome to Our New P1 Children**

We are delighted to see our new P1 children settling in so well to their new classes in Holy Trinity. They have made friends, developed social skills and begun to learn many things in class. Congratulations to them. P1 classes will begin their full days at school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September.

#### **P1 Photographs**

The photographer will be taking individual photos of the P1 children on October 4<sup>th</sup>. The photos will be available for parents to buy. The Andersonstown News will be taking class photos of the P1 children on October 11<sup>th</sup>. So look out for their photo in the paper.

#### **LSC1 Autumn Walk**

LSC1 went for an Autumn walk in the Fall's Park on Wednesday morning. We collected lots of different coloured leaves and seeds from the trees. We

saw blackberries, spider's webs and even two squirrels. After our walk we enjoyed some time in the play park. A great time was had by all.

#### **Parental Courses**

At present we are running two courses: Essential Skills in ICT and Essential Skills in English. We are currently organising a 'Positive Parenting' course and will let you know the details in the next few weeks.

#### **P3/LSC2 Trip to Pizza Express**

As part of the Instructional writing topic in this half term, the Primary Three children will have the fantastic opportunity of having a visit out of school to Pizza express on the Lisburn Road. Mrs McCooe's and Mrs McKinney/ Mrs Sheehan's classes were the very lucky ones to go first. The children arrived and the Manager went over some important cooking basics. Things like washing hands, and staying safe in the kitchen. Then the pizzaiolo (pizza chef) took over, showing us how to make a famous, Italian classic: the Margherita. Everyone got the chance to knead the dough, making it lovely and smooth, to create the perfect base. This was then topped off with their famous passata (tomato) sauce and mozzarella. It took about half an hour, from kneading the dough to putting your pizza in the oven. While the pizzas were cooking in the giant pizza oven, everyone got involved in completing a fun packed activity sheets. The hot pizzas finally came out of the oven and we went back to school for lunch, along with our very own handmade pizza each. The aroma filled the P3

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floor all afternoon making the others very hungry indeed!

It was a fantastic morning out and now that the children know the recipe, you now have your very own little pizza chefs at home!

#### **Mental Wealth Games**

Freddy Kinnersley will be coming in to run 'The Mental Wealth Games' with the P7 children on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October. This is a fun, practical approach to helping children look at the worries and anxieties that they carry around with them and how best to deal with and overcome those hurdles. The children will take part in 'Games' designed to instigate discussion around topics which could impact their mental health in a negative way and then work together to come up with a positive approach to solving those concerns.

#### **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.

#### **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, Seesaw, 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.

#### **Right of the Month for September**

We have the right to personal space and

privacy.

Article 16

#### **Rights Respecting Behaviour**

We can respect each other's rights by considering other people's belongings and comfort.

#### **Right of the Month for October**

We have the right to protection from violence and neglect.

Article 19

#### **Rights Respecting Behaviour**

We can respect each other's rights by being kind to others, and telling an adult if we believe someone is at risk.

#### **ICT News**

Congratulations to our 12 new Digital Leaders this year. Welcome to the team: Erin, Grace, Eli, Clodagh, Alice, Katie, Lorcan, Leah, Cara, Chloe, Ronan and Niamh.

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**Our September eSafety Code was 'Protect your password and your Personal Information'.  
Our October eSafety Code is 'Beware what you share'.**

**Allstate Cyber Security Workshops**

We are delighted to have Allstate coming to visit our Primary 5s, our new Digital Leaders and LSC 1 & 2 children. All sessions focus on three main internet safety topics:

**FRIEND OR PRETEND**

Teaching children that strangers they talk to online are not real friends and signs that someone could be acting suspiciously.

**BEWARE WHAT YOU SHARE**

A discussion around the importance of thinking about what you share online, and the dangers of sharing information.

**DON'T BE MEAN ON SCREEN**

Children engage in an activity about cyber-bullying and how they should think about what they say before posting it online.

Check out their tips for parents at this link

<https://www.allstate.com/cybersafetyforkids/parent-tips.aspx>

We are delighted to have purchased Education City for the school this year. Every child in the school has their own login to access this.  
[www.educationcity.com](http://www.educationcity.com)

We use our Cyber Safety Friends - Sid, Sophie and Scruff - to help us learn about these important topics. Throughout the session we reinforce the message to:

**STOP** 

What you're doing if it doesn't feel right

**THINK** 

About what the right thing to do is

**TELL**  A

parent, teacher or trusted adult if you're unsure or uncomfortable

P1-P4 children all have access to our interactive reading books. When they log on they will have access to their own eBooks and can take part in quizzes and spend their rewards in the Treehouse or Skate Shop.  
[www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk)

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Dear Parent,



We're giving our students a complete version of the latest Microsoft Office.

Get it below



In order to help our students prepare for success this school year, we're providing Office to every student free of charge. With Office 365, your child will now have access to the latest version of Word, for writing; Excel, for spreadsheets; PowerPoint, for presentations; OneNote, for organization and note taking; and much more.

- Install on up to 5 compatible PCs and Macs, plus 5 tablets (including iPad!)
- Use with OneDrive for automatic device syncing
- Gain valuable skills on the world's most popular productivity software
- Office subscription lasts for as long as your child is a student and the program continues

To get Office follow these simple steps:

1. For PC and Mac:
  - a. Visit <http://portal.office.com>
    - Sign in with C2k username in the format [username@c2ken.net](mailto:username@c2ken.net)
    - Use your normal C2k password
  - b. On the installation page select your language and click install
2. For iOS and Android:
  - a. Download from your app store
    - iPad: [Word](#), [Excel](#), [PowerPoint](#)
    - [iPhone](#)
    - [Android](#)
  - b. Sign in with your C2k username and password for full editing capability

Please note, the username must be in the format [username@c2ken.net](mailto:username@c2ken.net).

Your child's teacher will be able to give you their username and password.

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