

# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents & Guardians

We had a very eventful week last week.....

### **Fr Derl Daley RIP**

Fr Derl, as you know retired here 8 years ago. Monsignor Dazeley had been great friends with Fr Derl for the last 40 years and Monsignor offered him his home as his place of retirement. On Tuesday last week 56 priests and Bishop Malcolm celebrated Fr Derl's Requiem Mass here at Holy Trinity. Our Year 5 and 6 children formed a guard of honour and sang a lovely hymn for Fr Derl outside of church. Following the funeral Father Derl's family commented to Father Michael on how touched they were with this.



### **First Holy Communion**

42 Children celebrated their First Holy Communion at two very special celebratory Masses last Saturday & Sunday. Although the heavens opened in the form of stormy rainfall on Sunday, it did not dampen the lovely spirit of thanksgiving and happiness that touched us all during both Masses. I really want to give a great big THANK YOU to my fellow catechists who have prepared the children, in their own time throughout the year, leading up to this very special weekend. So thank you to Father Michael, Mrs Waters, Mrs Merriman, Mrs Fisher (mother of Nicholas, Ruth and Patrick) and Mrs Cassidy (grandmother of Victoria and William Needle). Thank you to Mrs Coombes for all her work on producing our Mass booklet. Thanks to Geraldine Willders, head teacher of Holy Cross Whitwick who played guitar for us on Saturday and Mrs Paula Skoyles (mother of Jacob) who played guitar for us on Sunday. Thank you also to Guy Cowley (clarinet) and our ex-pupils: Sophie Chambers-Asman (flute); Hannah Fisher, Fiona Hubery and mum Sarah for their lovely voices.



### **Corpus Christi Mass**

I would like every child to attend this very special Open Air Mass on our field this SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JUNE at 10 a.m. Our First Holy Communion children will be there in their very special outfits as we celebrate this great feast day with our parish. PLEASE do make the effort to be there! Mass will be followed by a family picnic on the field. Please bring your own food; the bar will be open and refreshments available. Children do NOT need to be in school uniform. Plan B is that if it rains we will be in church.

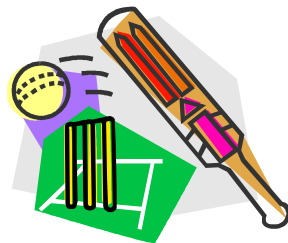
### **Holy Communion Breakfast – Year 4 Parent Volunteers Wanted**

It has always been our tradition for parents of last year's First Holy Communicants to prepare the breakfast for this year's group. We need some volunteers from the parents of Year 4 to help out this Sunday after Mass in the Community Centre. PLEASE give your name to me or the school office as soon as possible. We have had only one volunteer to date. Thank you.



### **Garden Party**

This will take place on THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JUNE after school in the school garden. Please do come along and enjoy our lovely garden. Refreshments, cakes and a plant sale will be available. Any donations of plants or cakes would be gratefully appreciated. Thank you. My thanks to our enthusiastic gardening team who give up so much of their time to ensure our garden looks so beautiful! Bring your umbrellas just in case!!



### **Cricket Tournament**

Our team will compete against other local schools in a tournament at Ransome & Marles ground on Wednesday. The last tournament was washed out so let's hope we have a better forecast for Wednesday!

### **School Year 2009-2010 Parents' Meeting**

There will be a meeting for parents whose children will be starting full time education in the school year 2009-2010 on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 7p.m. I would like at least one member of each family to be at this very special meeting. Please notify the office if you are unable to be there. Thank you.



### **Infant Music Festival**

Mrs Gibbons' Year 2 children will be singing in the annual Music Festival held at Bowbridge School during school time on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June. Children will be back before the end of the school day.



### **Mrs McGarrigle Sponsored Run**

Mrs Yvonne McGarrigle will be running with her female relatives at the “Race for Life” in Nottingham on 21<sup>st</sup> June to raise money for cancer research. She lost her brother, David Jackson, to cancer last summer. David had been an enthusiastic fund raiser for cancer and worked as a nurse with cancer patients. If you would like to sponsor Mrs McGarrigle she would be delighted and you can contact her at school or go to [www.raceforlifesporsome.org/teresaswanston](http://www.raceforlifesporsome.org/teresaswanston).



### **Holy Trinity Summer Fayre**

I hope it is already a date in your diary SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JULY – (11 a.m. – 2 p.m.)  
We will be having 2 non-uniform Fridays to support FHT and the summer Fayre on Fridays 19<sup>th</sup> June and 3<sup>rd</sup> July.



### **Absences**

Just to remind you that if your child is off school for any reason (such as illness, appointments etc) please either ring the office on the day of absence or write a letter explaining the absence when your child returns.

Our local welfare officer recently inspected the school registers. She noted that a number of children had regular days off school. She also observed that some children had a pattern of missing Mondays or Fridays, or both, which she will investigate. If your child’s absence drops to 90% it means they are missing half a day a week over the school year; 80% is equivalent to one whole day every week! The welfare officer also noted that there are quite a few children who often arrive late to school. May I remind you that children should be on the school premises, if at all possible, 10 minutes before the start of the day (8.35 a.m.)? It is certainly not fair on your child if they are late.



### **Holidays within school time**

The welfare officer asked me to remind parents of the following:

If you wish to take your child on holiday during term time you must apply for permission in writing using a form obtained from the school office. Permission for authorised leave of absence may be granted for holidays in special circumstances, totalling no more than 2 weeks in any school year (September to July).

I must say that our attendance figure at Holy Trinity is generally very good. I understand the economic case for cheaper holidays during the school year but please do not abuse this. If at all possible please do not take your child out of school during school time, especially during the early autumn term (September/October) when they are settling into their new class.



### **Clothes Bank**

Don't forget the clothes bank just outside our kitchen at the front of school.



### **Goodbye to the Dorrell Family**

We say goodbye to the Dorrell family shortly. They are off to America on 24<sup>th</sup> June to start their new life in Ohio. The Dorrell's would like to invite all their friends at Holy Trinity to say farewell at the Community Centre on 21<sup>st</sup> June from noon onwards – please bring a picnic lunch to enjoy on the field. The centre bar will be open for a farewell drink. All our best wishes for the future go to Emma, Matthew and Alice, and to their parents Mary and Andrew. Mary, as you know, has been a parent governor and a tireless worker for FHT for many years. Thank you Mary and God bless you all.

### **Community Centre News**

Newark Hospital League of Friends will be holding their summer fayre in the centre this Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2 p.m. – 4.p.m. Holy Trinity set dancers will be performing and your support would be most welcome. Proceeds will go to Breast Care and Urology Services.

There will be a Parish Dance at the Centre on Saturday evening. Music will be from Peter Mylett starting at 8 p.m. till late.



### **Tesco Computers for Schools Vouchers**

We have had a fantastic response and thank you! However Mrs Hayes is a few vouchers short for what we would like to order. Can you please send in any vouchers that you may have lying around at home, in your bag, purse or car? Mrs Hayes will be submitting our order next week. Thank you.

Barry P Doran  
9 June 2009