

# **HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

## ***LAST NEWSLETTER OF 2008-2009***

### ***ACADEMIC YEAR***

***16 July 2009***



Dear Parents & Guardians

I can't believe this is my last newsletter of the school year – where has it gone?

We have just arrived back - Mr Short, Mrs Hayes and I - having had a lovely few days with Year 6 at our annual end of year retreat at the Briars Diocesan Youth Centre in Crich Derbyshire. It has been a time to thank God for the blessings of last year and, for most of our leavers, for the last 8 years they have spent at Holy Trinity. At Crich, as well as our prayers and the lovely celebration of Mass, we had fun swimming, driving small motorboats on Matlock Park's rather large duck pond and lots of other activities.

#### **SUMMER FAYRE – A FANTASTIC DAY**

Thank you all so very much for attending and supporting our summer fayre. The sun shone down on what again was a great community day. Friends of Holy Trinity raised £3,000 profit on the day – a brilliant effort indeed. I would like to say a huge thank you to the organising committee who have spent many months preparing for this very special day. Thank you all who volunteered their help on the day too.





### **It's that time of year to say 'Goodbye'**

I always feel a little sad at this time of year to say 'goodbye' to our year 6 children. I have watched most of them grow and develop over the last 8 years, from tiny, dependant 3 year old toddlers to confident and articulate young people ready for a new challenge in their lives as they start their secondary education. I firmly believe each one of them have been given strong foundations laid down at Holy Trinity to support them and to give them confidence to "reach for the stars" in their new school. So it is 'goodbye' to;

**Megan, Henry W, Suzan, Sammy, Tini, Jacob, Rosie, Jonathan, Georgia, Bradlee, Alice, Colm, Lucy N, Henry E, Darcy, Niall, Lucy D, Joe, Hattie, Kevin, Phoebe, Matthew, Jessica, James, Nick, Max, Morgan, George W, Dominic, Tom, George B, Arek and Michael.**

God bless and watch over you all! Do not be a stranger!

As we say goodbye to the children we also say goodbye to families whose youngest leaves us this week. Many of the families have been affiliated to our school for many years. I would like to thank you all for your support and above all for your wonderful children. You have done a great job as your child's first and most important teachers. So, it is a sad but fond farewell to the following families: **Kisin, James, O'Donnell, Napthine, Blundell, Jenkins, Dent, Woodman, Cormor, Riordan, Warriner, Ellis, Summerhill, Browne, Newman, Burrage and Mochel.**



### **End of Year Assembly**

Will be tomorrow (17<sup>th</sup> July) at **2 p.m.** Please note the earlier start time.

### **Top Prize**

On the day of the summer fayre the Mayoress of Newark, Mrs Rita Crowe, announced that our school garden was once again awarded the best school garden in the Newark & Sherwood area. This is due to the hard work of the children throughout the school who planted and tended the fruit and vegetables, and to my year 4 watering team! Above all our thanks to the parents' gardening team led by Sharon Favill, mother of Victoria and William, and Olivia Blackburn, mother of Francesca and Cassian, their families and all the other parents - too many to

mention - who have given up so many weekends to prepare our lovely garden. So **CONGRATULATIONS** to you all. Our school kitchen has already been supplied with potatoes, cauliflowers, tomatoes and courgettes.



### **All Saints' School**

We have all been shocked by the tragic event of last week. Thankfully the young boy is now home and recovering, which is the most important priority. The teacher is highly respected and popular with his pupils and we are all at a loss to explain the event. All Saints' is our feeder Catholic school which has a well respected reputation of being a well disciplined school, where children thrive and develop their God given gifts and talents. Under the new leadership of Mrs Maureen Cobbett the school will no doubt continue to improve further.

### **Maureen Cobbett, Head Teacher of All Saints' School said:**

"You will appreciate the school is unable to comment on the incident that took place earlier this week.

"At this time our thoughts and prayers are with Jack Waterhouse, his family and all those who have been affected by this event.

"Staff and students attended a special Mass today to bring together the school community at this difficult time. With the assistance of the Local Authority, professional counselling and support have also been offered to all students and members of staff. We are now working to ensure that lessons and day to day routines continue as expected for our students.

"Finally, the school would wish to express its sincere thanks for the support it has received from parents, former students and our local Catholic community throughout these last few days."

### **Mrs Doolaley**

Has successfully had her second brood, having once again made herself at home in the infant quadrangle. She left with her ducklings over the last weekend.



### **Big Breakfast Event (in aid of Beaumont House)**

This will take place at Holy Trinity Community Centre on Saturday (18 July) from 9-11 a.m. Tickets are £7.50 (£5 for under 10's) and include a full breakfast and unlimited drinks. There will also be a cake stall and raffle. You are invited to go along even if only for a drink and a look at the cake stall.

### **Holy Trinity Football Club**

The Holy Trinity Football Club are organising a barbecue in the Centre on Sunday 6 September, 1.30 p.m. onwards. All are welcome. A five-a-side tournament will run during the afternoon. Any parish organisations or players wishing to take part please contact Gary Andrew, Michael Bagrie or John Kelly.

### **Holiday Activities Art Activities at Newark Town Hall**

There are art activities for 5-11 year olds at the Town Hall every Wednesday afternoon throughout August. The sessions cost £2.50 per child and run by experienced and trained staff. Please ring 01636 680333 for details.

### **New School Year**

Our last school day for this academic year is tomorrow (Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July). Due to having 3 of our 5 allocated INSET days (in service education days) at the beginning of the 2009-10 school year will begin on **MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> September. Please note that this may be a different date from other local schools.**

**On behalf of my staff may I wish you all a very good summer. God bless you all.**

**Barry P Doran**

