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School
Newsletter

Issue 1

Holy Trinity
Newark

Dear Parents and Guardians

WELCOME BACK to a new school year! I hope you have had a good break and a restful holiday. A very warm welcome to all our new families! - I am sure you will make them feel at home as you always do.

Father Brian Welsh RIP: On a sad note Father Brian Welsh, who retired to Newark a few years ago, died after a long illness last week. His funeral will be on Monday 14th September at 11 a.m. I knew Father Brian when I was deputy head at St Margaret Clitheroe School, Nottingham. Father had been an actor and DJ before training to be a priest, and I remember his lively school Masses with very fond memories. In his retirement Father Brian was a great support to Monsignor Dazeley. Our prayers and thoughts go to his family and friends.

Friends of Holy Trinity: I hope you have had the chance to see our exciting new playground equipment! FHT purchased the equipment from the funds they raised over the last year. In the summer term they also built our amphitheatre. Through your support and generosity they have really enhanced our school premises for the benefit of all children. Thank you FHT! and special thanks to Victoria Needle, chair of FHT, who has spent a lot of her time organising our recent acquisition before and during the holidays. I am sure you will continue to give your support to the various fund raising activities they will be organising this coming school year.

All Saints School: I am very pleased to report to you that all is well at All Saints'. They had their best ever GCSE results with 70% of pupils achieving 5 A-C results.

First Holy Communion. If your child is in Y3 or above and you wish her/him to enrol on the parish's sacramental programme then you need to collect an enrolment form from the back of church.

School Milk Money: Infant children from 5 -7 years can have school milk every day for a cost of £7.00 per term. Unfortunately our auditor has noted that our funds are in arrears from last year. So, if you would like your child to have daily milk please send in the money as soon as possible. Thank you!

Junior Fruit: As you know nursery and infant children receive a free piece of fruit every day from the government's healthy eating initiative "5 A Day". To support our own healthy eating scheme we have Munchy Mondays and Fruity Fridays when we ask junior children not to eat sweets and crisps at their morning break on those two days. I am sure you will support us with this really important project. We buy fruit for our junior children at a cost of 10p per piece. This is available every day at the start of morning break from the school office.

A nice invitation: The Local Authority have invited Robert Beall, our chair of governors, and myself to attend a civic reception at County Hall. The LA is holding this celebration for all outstanding schools in the county.

School Dinners: A timely reminder: Please ensure that your child's menu choices are returned to the school office by Thursday of each week. Please also note at home when your child is having a school dinner. We are sorry but Mrs Merriman does not have the time to look through all the menus to find your child's choice.

A Charity Walk to Base Camp Everest: The school governors have granted Mrs Coombes un-paid leave to trek to Base Camp Everest on behalf of Cancer Research UK. Due to the 'climate' this worthy charity has to organise these sponsored walks during a small time frame. Mrs Coombes will begin her trek on Monday 5th October and return on the 19th October. Mrs Coombes is planning to talk to the children after her adventure and share her experience. If you would like to sponsor Mrs Coombes for this worthy cause she will be sending out a letter with details in the next few days.

Parent Questionnaire: I would like to seek your opinion of Holy Trinity School and will be sending out a questionnaire shortly. Please complete the questionnaire and return your forms to school. Thank you.

Swimming

Mrs Moss, Mrs Waters and Mrs Freeman's classes will be going swimming from Monday next (14th). As is usual we need volunteers to act as observers and Mrs Coombes is sending out a letter to this effect. We now actually need 3 observers every week so if you have any spare time we would really appreciate your help. Thank you.

Mrs Moss and Mrs Waters' classes will swim 14 Sept - 30 November (10 wks)

Mrs Patterson's class 9 - 30 November and 11 January - 1 February (8 wks)

Mrs Freeman's class until 14 Sept - 19 October (6 wks)

Mr Short's class 11 January - 1 February (4 wks)

Voluntary donations

As you are already aware, in order to enrich the curriculum and learning experiences for your child, we organise class trips to various exciting locations or we invite theatre groups or Coaches etc into school. All of these experiences come with a cost as you can imagine. The cost of the trip, transport or theatre company is divided by the number of children in that particular year group or often by the number of children in school. We then ask for a voluntary donation based on the cost per child. The school does not make a profit and in most cases often subsidises the total cost.

Unfortunately these experiences cannot take place unless we have almost everyone pay their donation if at all possible. We are aware that times are financially difficult and we are sensitive to the needs of some families. Thankfully you have always been very generous and most families pay their donations; this means we can ensure children have a wide range of experiences during their time at Holy Trinity. For this I thank you.

Sadly it has been drawn to my attention that some families NEVER pay, or make any attempt to pay a donation! For some families it would appear that no contribution has possibly just become a habit! This to me seems so unfair to all the other families, some who often struggle to send the donation into school. Please, if you are unable to make a voluntary donation in the future, call in at the school office or speak to me. Thank you.

Barry P Doran
9 September 2009

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (so far and more to come!)

Autumn Term

14- 18th September
Ragtex Clothing Collection
Flintham Show
DARE course begins (Y6)
KS2 Mass 9.30 Feast of the Guardian Angels
Creative Arts' week
Here I Am Assembly – Harvest Festival
Parent's evening
Parents' evening
Here I Am assembly all invited
Whole School Mass
Half Term
INSET day school closed
School reopens
Multi Faith Week
African Drumming workshop
KS2 Mass 9.30 a.m. St Hugh of Lincoln
Writing Week
Trip to London Opera Y5
Here I Am assembly
Infant Christmas Play (F2, Y1/Y2)
Infant Christmas Play
Foundation Nativity Play
Foundation Christmas Party
Infant Christmas Part
Christingle
Christmas Holidays

Spring Term

School reopens
Technology Week
Here I Am assembly
INSET day school closed
Half Term
School re-opens
Parents' evening
Parents' evening
E-On Power Discovery Zone visit
Here I Am assembly
Palm Sunday – whole school Mass
Easter Holidays

Summer Term

School Re opens
Health Week
May Day - School Closed
School re –opens
KS2 SATs week
Trinity Sunday
Half Term
School re-opens
School Photograph Day
First Holy Communion Day
KS1 Sports Day (Y1/Y2)
Foundation Sports Day
KS2 Sports Day
Parents' meeting for school year 2010/11
MOOT day
Annual reports given out
Parent's evening
Briars Residential trip
Final assembly and school closes

Y6 Hathersage Residential Trip
Wed 23rd September
Thursday 24th September
Thursday 24th September
Friday 2nd October
5th- 9th October
Fri 2nd October at 2.30 p.m.
Tues 20th Oct 3.30 – 5.30 p.m.
Wed 21st Oct 5 – 7 p.m.
Friday 23rd Oct 2.30 p.m.
Sunday 18th October 10 a.m.
26th – 30th October
Monday 2nd November
Tuesday 3rd November
9th - 13th November
Tuesday 10th November
Tuesday 17th November
23rd – 27th November
Friday 27th November
Friday 27th November
Tuesday 8th December 2 p.m.
Wed 9th December 6 p.m.
Fri 11th Dec 10.15/2.15
Wednesday 16th December
Wednesday 16th December
Friday 18th December 2 p.m.
21st December – 4th January

Tuesday 5th January
1st – 5th February
Friday 5th February
Friday 12th February
15th – 19th February
Monday 22nd February
Tues 2nd March 3.30- 5.30 p.m
Wed 3rd March 5 – 7 pm
Thursday 18th March
Friday 26th March
Sunday 28th March
29th March – 9th April

Monday 12th April
19th – 23rd April
Monday 3rd May
Tuesday 4th May
10th – 14th May
Sunday 30th May
31st May – 4th June
Monday 7th June
Wednesday 16th June
Sunday 20th June
Monday 21st June 2 p.m.
Tuesday 22nd June 10.15/2.15
Wed 23rd June 1.30 p.m.
Wednesday 30th June
Thursday 1st July
Thursday 8th July
Wednesday 14th July
19th - 21st July
Thursday 22nd July