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Newsletter

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Holy Trinity
Newark

Dear Parents and Guardians

A Feisty Virus

I cannot recall a time when there have been so many children and staff off school over such a small amount of time. This week 36 children and 5 members of staff have reported to have flu like symptoms. I have just returned myself after a bout of the same illness.

All I can ask is that you remain vigilant at home and don't send your child to school with these symptoms. At school we are maintaining a higher level of attentiveness to hygiene rules of washing hands etc. If your child is ill please ring us at school on the first day of absence. Thank you.

Whole School Mass

Please do make a real effort to attend our whole school Mass this Sunday 18th October at 10 am. We would like all children in school uniform please. I do hope that as many children as possible attend. Thank you

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest festival was a great celebration indeed. I am always amazed at the generosity of you our parents and guardians. You donated so much food for our lovely thanksgiving service. We distributed their donations to the "Women's Refuge" and the "Emmaus Trust".

As our festival fell on "Family Fast" day all junior children and staff gave up their morning fruit or snack. Children were asked to bring a silver coin towards our CAFOD project of raising £500 for a water pump for a needy African village. The children raised £92 – a fantastic effort indeed.

Big Draw

As part our art week next week we are joining many schools and organisations throughout the country in the National Big Draw project. We are having our big draw event on Monday (19th) in our community centre. We will cover the main hall in the centre in paper and we are asking every child and member of staff to make their contribution to our main theme of "Treasure Island". Please do feel free to pop in yourself and have a draw. Thank you Mrs Mayfield for organising this for us.

Friends of Holy Trinity

FHT held their AGM on Tuesday. It's amazing they raised £9,400 last year. A fantastic effort indeed. They bought our playground equipment and purchased learning resources throughout school. Thank you so much FHT. You are all welcome to attend any of the meetings – why not pop along

A Future Star

Congratulations to Alexander McGinley for being chosen by Nottinghamshire Cricket Club to attend their gifted and talented young cricketers' programme at Trent Bridge. Well done Alexander – a star for the future!

Pumpkin

One little seed has produced a monster of a pumpkin from our garden this year. Does any one have any pumpkin recipes? I am going to challenge the children to measure and weigh it

Congratulations Mrs Coombes

We received an email from Mrs Coombes saying that she reached her goal of Base camp Everest. She is now on her way back very tired and weary but delighted she got there. She will have plenty of tales to tell us no doubt.

Parents' Evenings

I hope you have now received your appointment times from your child's teacher. Hopefully all staff will be fit and healthy next week. If not I will let you know. I know 5 minutes is not a lot of time to discuss your child's progress but that is all we can manage at these evenings. Remember you can always talk to your child's teacher most days after school if you have any worries. I know some teachers have already talked to some parents. Just make an appointment with child's teacher. Refreshments will be available thanks to FHT at parents' evenings next week.

Parents' Questionnaire

Thank you so much for returning the questionnaire. Please find the numerical results. It is heartening to see that you really support Holy Trinity in the work we do for your delightful children. We will study the results and your comments in more detail in the near future. Your opinion is important to us all. I will let you have any other information arising from this survey shortly.

Statement	Key				
Please read each of the statements below and indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with it by circling a number 0 – 4	0-Don't know 1-Strongly disagree 2-Tend to disagree 3-Tend to agree 4-Strongly agree				
1. My child likes school	0	1	2	3	4
			1%	19%	80%
2. The school has high expectations of my child	0	1	2	3	4
	1%	1%	4%	36%	58%
3. Teachers provide a stimulating and challenging environment for my child	0	1	2	3	4
	1%		4%	32%	64%
4. I am kept well informed about how my child is getting on	0	1	2	3	4
	1%	1%	8%	49%	41%
5. My child gets the right amount of homework.	0	1	2	3	4
	4%	3%	10%	48%	36%
6. I would feel comfortable about approaching the school with questions or a problem	0	1	2	3	4
		1%	3%	22%	75%
7. The school works hard in putting into practice its mission as a Catholic school	0	1	2	3	4
			1%	1%	98%
8. The school newsletter is informative	0	1	2	3	4
				16%	84%
9. The school has high standards of pupil	0	1	2	3	4
		1%	1%	17%	81%

behaviour.					
10. The Parents' Improvement Fund is a good idea	0 5%	1 1%	2 1%	3 33%	4 60%
11. I am happy my child goes to Holy Trinity School	0	1	2 1%	3 8%	4 91%
12. I am satisfied with the level of communication between home and school.	0 1%	1 1%	2 3%	3 36%	4 59%
13. The school is well led and managed.	0	1	2 3%	3 17%	4 80%
14. This is a caring school.	0	1	2	3 14%	4 86%
15. The school has a safe and secure environment.	0	1	2 1%	3 13%	4 86%
16. The school provides sufficient challenges for my child in other areas (e.g. sport, drama, music)	0 5%	1 2%	2 5%	3 40%	4 48%
17. I think it is important that my child goes to a Catholic school	0 1%	1 1%	2 5%	3 26%	4 67%
18. I am given the opportunity to be involved in the school's educational activities.	0 1%	1 1%	2 2%	3 46%	4 50%
19. The breakfast club is good initiative	0 4%	1	2	3 28%	4 68%
20. The school and church have close links	0	1	2	3 19%	4 81%
21. I am supportive of the work of FHT	0	1	2	3 19%	4 81%