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School
Newsletter

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Holy Trinity
Newark

Dear Parents and Guardians

I hope you had a good half term. We seem to have shaken off most of those nasty viruses and we have almost a full house once again. At one point we had 36 children and 5 staff off at the same time! This morning I can't quite come to terms with the fact that my daughter Siobhan is 18 today!! Time flies so very fast!!

Thank you to those who attended our last whole school Mass on Sunday 18th October. We are part of a very special community and this is always evident at these special Masses. I know for a fact that our parishioners are really proud of our school and especially the children. Many of them remember the old school which they attended on Parliament Street. The parish was responsible for raising the vital funds to build our present school - 40 years ago this year! That is dedication and commitment of a mighty high order! We have certainly been blessed indeed. Please remember you are all welcome at church every weekend and there is a children's liturgy at every 10 a.m. Sunday Mass during term time.

Thank you to FHT for providing bacon butties following the School Mass – I am told they went down very well indeed!

Parents' evenings

I hope you had the chance to attend one of these evenings before half term. Your child's teacher should have informed you of his/her targets to help improve your child's work. I am sure we will have your full support at home to help your child extend their gifts and talents. We always recognise at school that you are your child's first and most important teachers, and you have a powerful influence on them. Believe me, your praise and encouragement works wonders towards children's attitude to their school work. Reading to and with your child is so essential, especially in Foundation and Key stage 1, and it is also such an enjoyable and special time for you and your child. Actually I know the juniors still like to be read to also, along with learning their letter sounds, high frequency words, number bonds and the multiplication tables inside out and off by heart!! Thank you for all your help with the projects that some classes have had as homework recently. Always remember if your child does not have access to a computer for their research at home we will give them time in school in our IT suite.

First Holy Communion

I hope that parents who wish their child to receive Holy Communion in June have completed an application form from Father Michael. You should have today received a letter asking you to attend one of the Masses on the weekend of 14th/15th November to enrol your child on our programme. The first parents' meeting is on Monday 23rd November in school at 8 p.m.

Operation Christmas Child

Last year we sent off 90 shoe boxes filled with Christmas delights for children in Belarus. The charity "Samaritan's Purse" organise this wonderful event each year for children who have so little to look forward to. We were told by one of its ambassadors at an assembly before half term of the sheer joy and delight the shoe boxes brought into the hearts of these young children. We have been asked once again to bring in our boxes. They were due to pick them up this week but we will extend the time until the end of next week. Thank you for all the boxes that have already arrived.

Bird Boxes

Andrew Gordon, brother of Mrs Allen, has very kindly made us 6 wooden bird boxes. Andrew had already made our two large free standing bird boxes that he donated last term. Thank you so much for your kind gifts Andrew, they are very much appreciated.

The Giving Machine

Please find enclosed flier about the Giving Machine. If you buy any items on line from the list of companies you will be donating to our school fund. If you "Shop and Give" for free at www.TheGivingmachine.co.uk it will not cost you a penny extra. Thank you.

Arts Week

This was held the week before half term. It all started on the Monday morning as we held our BIG DRAW in the community centre. Every child and adult in school was invited to make their drawing in charcoal on our Treasure Island canvass. The main hall was covered in paper! At the end of the day it was a very impressive master piece indeed! It was a great shame we couldn't save the work but the wonderful experience of sharing it was had by all. Thank you to Kevan Thompson (father of Orla and Aidan) and Danusia Murray (mother of Benedict) who were our artists in residence for the day. Thank you also to Mrs Mayfield, who organised the event, and to the committee members of the Centre who gladly let us have the hall for the day. All the children made "mini me" sculptures of mod roc during the week. They look pretty impressive indeed. It was so lovely to see the older children giving a helping hand to the little ones too.

Owl Centre visit

Our Foundation 1 children spent a lovely day before half term at the Owl Centre in Spalding. I would love to have gone along to see lots of my favourite birds! Thank you to all parents and grandparents who shared the day with the children.

Paddington Bear's visit

Paddington will be stopping off at Holy Trinity on his way back to deepest Peru on Tuesday 24th November. This has been arranged by the charity "Touching Tiny Lives" in thanks for the tremendous feat of our Foundation children raising £1015. Marmalade sandwiches have been ordered. A lovely prize for the children!

Parish Bazaar

This will be held on Saturday 5th December 1.00-3.30 p.m. We have been asked as a school to look after the tombola stall. So we look towards your generosity again as we need goodies and bottles for the stall. We will have two non uniform days, Friday 27th November for tombola prizes and Friday 4th December for bottles. Thank you in anticipation. It appears to me that I am always asking you for something or other. I sincerely hope not, and of course our requests are always for a worthy cause, but if that is how you feel I am truly sorry.

Friends of Holy Trinity

FHT will be having a meeting in school on Tuesday (10th) at 8 pm. You are all invited and it would be good to see new faces. New help gives a real boost to any committee. I would like to say it was most pleasing to see the massive vote of support for FHT that you gave in your questionnaire returns. Thank you.

African Drumming Workshop

This was a great success with the children last year and we have booked them to return to Holy Trinity on Tuesday 10th November.

Class Liturgy

Children in Mrs Moss and Mrs Waters' classes will be celebrating a Class Liturgy on Wednesday 11th November at 9.30 am. Parents and families are all invited to attend.

A winning victory

Nathan Rogers in Year 3 won a tennis tournament in Nottingham recently. Well done and congratulations Nathan - onwards and upwards young man!

Football Tournament

This was held at Flowserve just before half term. The boys played well against the other teams and they just missed out on the quarter finals. Well done boys and thank you Mr Short!

Netball Tournament

Our first tournament of the season will take place on Saturday 14th November at Barnby Road School from 9a.m. to 1 p.m. All the best girls and thank you Mrs Waters and Mrs Gibbons for your commitment!

Chess Match

I have chosen a team of 8 to play a friendly match against Sutton-on-Trent School at Holy Trinity next Tuesday. We are also playing host to a multi-school chess tournament on Tuesday 24th November after school.

Congratulations Kenya

Kenya Watson, Year 6, entered one of the area's biggest gymnastics competitions in Spalding and was 2nd overall. Very well done indeed Kenya!

Book & Story Week

Will take place during the week commencing 23rd November. During this special week we will be having another BIG WRITE DAY and BIG TALK DAY. We will send you more information shortly. There will also be a Book Fair during the week Tuesday 24th to Tuesday 1st December.

Morrison Vouchers

Thank you for collecting your Morrison vouchers for us. We counted around 7,000 with which we will be able to buy equipment for our school garden. I think the offer has finished now. Thank you so much again.

Mosaic Wall

Thank you to Mr Duckmanton (father of Mia) for hanging the tiled mosaics our Year 6 children created last year when in Year 5. They have really brightened up the infant quadrangle. Thank you Andrew!

Barry P Doran
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