

# HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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Dear Parent & Guardians

A happy and healthy New Year to you all! I hope you had a lovely family Christmas. What a start the weather brought to the new term! Thankfully Newark didn't get the worst of it and we were able to keep the school open. Black ice affected everyone on Wednesday, as you no doubt experienced yourself. My road was treacherous and the car had a mind of its own. I contacted Radio Nottingham and Boundary Sound informing them that due to the icy paths children should come through the main entrance. However I was shocked to hear Radio Nottingham broadcasting that the school was closed! Anyway please do listen to local radio when we have inclement weather in the future - and let's hope they broadcast the correct message.



### **NO PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL**

I am becoming increasingly concerned at the number of parents parking on the grass verge just outside school on Boundary Road. We have even noticed that some parents drive along the entire length of the verge! This is NOT an official parking area and the Newark & Sherwood Council are not happy with the parking on the off road grass verge. The grass has been so churned up it looks like a mud bath and certainly not a great advertisement for the front of the school. THEREFORE I am asking you NOT to park in this area! As I have stated many times before we are very fortunate to have the amount of parking spaces available, with which most schools are not so lucky. It is only in the last school year that it so many parents have parked/driven on the grass verge and the grass has not had a chance to grow - we have a very muddy track instead! It would greatly help the flow of traffic if you drop your child off in the church car park by Mrs Freeman's class and then drive off, especially if they are in juniors or older infant children. This would then free up space and keeps the car park flowing. Of course you could also park your car on the side streets around the school and walk with your child into school. Thank you for your co operation.

### **Holy Communion Programme**

We held our first lesson after school on Tuesday and I know the Saturday group have met already.

There will be a parents' meeting on TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in school. There is a special Mass for first Holy Communion children and their families on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 10 am.

### **A Special Football and Media Project**

Over the next six weeks Year 5 will be taking part in a Football & Media Project at Mansfield Football Club in partnership with ABC Arts. The aim of the project is to engage children with literacy using the creative media associated with the football industry. Part of each session is for football training/skills and part is for literacy based work and will include:

Interviewing techniques

Interviewing players

Writing player profiles

Working with a professional photographer

Commentary writing

Creating a page for a football programme

### **Indoor footwear**

As you know we have a policy of having indoor footwear in order to ensure that the school is clean and tidy. However a few members of staff have pointed out to me that quite a few children since the Christmas holidays are not wearing indoor footwear and are going around in their socks. On health & safety grounds please ensure your child has a change of footwear. They could be shoes, trainers or plimsolls. Slippers are not usually robust enough and often fall apart after a wee while.

### **Basketball**

Once again our basketball coach Jimmy "Jumpshot" Smith takes up his annual coaching lessons for years 5 & 6 over this half term. The children really enjoy this sport and love to compete with the local schools in the area. Coddington School will be our visitors this week. Over the years we have children representing the county in mini basketball and quite a few have been the county's representatives in an annual Polish tournament.



### **Milk Money**

If your child is 7 or under and you would like them to have milk each day the cost is £8.00 per term. Please send in money to the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

### **Dinner money**

Is now £1.95 per day or £9.75 per week. The dinners are really tasty and certainly healthy. Do pop in anytime and sample them if you like.

A reminder: your child's chosen menu choices must be brought back to the office by Thursday of each week. PLEASE do make a note at home when your child is staying for dinner. Thank you.

### **Friends of Holy Trinity News**

- \* Having sold 200 copies of the school calendars last term we have 10 left to sell at £2.50 each. First come – first served and available from the school office.
- \* DVDs of the Christmas performances will soon be available at £3.50 each. More information next week!
- \* Family Disco & Games Night February in the Community Centre – more details to follow!

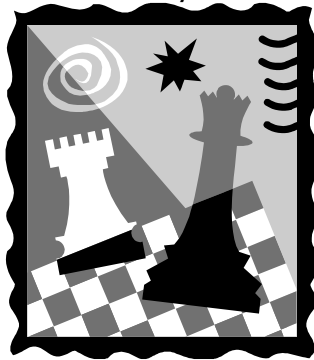
- \* Do you have any un-opened chocolate or unwanted gifts you would like to get out of the house?? Why not send them into school – we could put them to good use at fundraising events.
- \* NEXT MEETING Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 8 pm in the Navigation pub – what a good place for a meeting I say. All are welcome!

### **Nottingham Forest's visit**

Every year a coach from the club visits school and takes each class for a lesson of different football skills and games, which goes down well with all year groups. This week coach Judy spent time in all but four classes and she will return shortly to work with them.

### **Chess Club**

I will be starting up the chess club on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January. The club runs from 3.20 pm until 4.15 pm. Please pick children up from the infant quadrangle entrance to the hall. Thank you.



### **Cookery Club**

I smelt the lovely aroma of cheese scones drifting down to my office but unfortunately I did not get the chance to sample any!! Mrs Easton and Mrs Duckmanton take a group of up to 10 children (this time from years 1 and 2) to cook lots of healthy recipes. It is a very popular club for most of the children throughout school.

### **Dates for your Diaries**

**DARE graduation for year 6**  
**Gov P & P meeting**  
**Technology Week**  
**Bully's Paradise production**  
**Royal Concert Hall visit Year 6**  
**Here I Am Assembly**  
**Wollaton Park visit Foundation 1**  
**Play for a Day Year 6**  
**INSET day school closed**  
**Half Term**  
**School reopens**  
**Friends of Holy Trinity Meeting**  
**Teacher/pupil discussion day**  
**Parents' evening**  
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**E-on Power Discovery visit**  
**School's Holy Week**  
**Here I Am assembly**  
**Palm Sunday Mass**  
**Easter Holidays**

**Friday January 22<sup>nd</sup> 9.30 am**  
**Monday January 25<sup>th</sup> 6.30 pm**  
**1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> February**  
**Tuesday February 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February**  
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**Wed February 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**Thursday February 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February**  
**15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> February**  
**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**  
**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 8 pm**  
**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February**  
**Tues March 2<sup>nd</sup> 3.30-5.30 pm**  
**Wed March 3<sup>rd</sup> 5-7 pm**  
**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Friday March 26<sup>th</sup> 2.30 pm**  
**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March**  
**March 29<sup>th</sup> – April 9<sup>th</sup>**