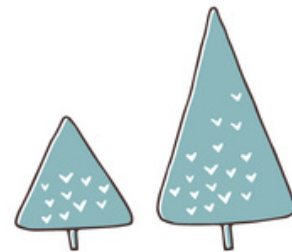


# HOLY TRINITY PA NEWSLETTER

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Happy  
New Year!



Welcome back to another term at Holy Trinity. I hope you and your families had a lovely festive season and are settling back into school routines.

December was a great month for the Holy Trinity school community. We started off with our annual Christmas Fair. And what a wonderful day it was. In the run up to it I got to meet many new parents and was constantly asked "How do YOU do it"? My answer each time was "I don't". The Christmas Fair can only go ahead due to the mammoth effort of so many parents coming together to work as a wonderful team to pull it off. There are parts of the fair that I still don't understand, and that I probably never will as parents come back year after year and take control of these areas and work at it from planning to execution on the day. So to all of these parents who are so dedicated I say THANK YOU.

To all the parents and teachers who gave up their time with their families to help on the day I say THANK YOU. To all the parents who helped in the weeks leading up to the fair to collect and sort items donated I say THANK YOU. To all the parents who made contribution after contribution so that we have everything we needed for a successful fair I say THANK YOU. And finally to all those parents, children and extended family who arrived on a cold Sunday in December to support all the efforts I SAY ...

...THANK YOU. All that help meant we raised a fantastic €15,500 for the school.

As you will have noticed we made a number of changes to the Christmas fair this year. This was done to ensure we kept the fair fresh and interesting but also due to storage constraints as the school grows bigger and to minimise waste at the end of the fair. If you have any feedback for us on the fair or any suggestions for future fairs please feel free to email the PA at holytrinityparents@gmail.com

The last day of school before Christmas saw, the annual Christmas Assembly. Thanks to all those who were able to make it. It's so wonderful to get a little insight into school life. A huge well done must go to Ms Brady Dawson and Mr Phelan, the jokes were fab!!!!

Thanks also to Eimear, Ciara, Dominika and Charlene who helped with teas and coffees and most importantly the cake!

Following below you can see all the upcoming events for this term. Do get involved where you can, its great to meet so many new people.

Thanks so much,  
Jenny Leach  
PA Chairperson

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### BOOK WEEK

The scholastic book fair comes to school again this year from 4th to 8th March. **60%** of proceeds from books sold go directly to new books for our school. **THESE GO TO CLASS LIBRARIES AND TO THE MAIN SCHOOL LIBRARY SO EVERYONE BENEFITS.** Books will be available for sale both at drop off and pick ups. As in prior year we will have one morning where children can bring money to school to buy their books. As always we will need parental help to run the book fair.

#### SLOTS TO BE FILLED ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Monday – Friday 8.30 – 8.50

Monday – Thursday – 1.15 – 1.45 & 2.15 – 2.45

Wednesday - 6.30 – 7.30pm

If we can help please email [holytrinityparents@gmail.com](mailto:holytrinityparents@gmail.com).





## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This year Holy Communion will take place on Saturday 11th May. As in prior years we will kindly ask 1st class parents to come together to organise this day along side the assistance of the parents association. This is hospitality that 1st class families will receive next year I know the efforts made for this day are greatly appreciated. In previous years we have struggled greatly to get all the help we need from the 1st class group. I hope we can rectify that this year. Please pop the date in your diary now and keep that day free to help. Most help will be needed from 12pm therefore not impacting on most GAA / Hockey / Football etc training that takes place on Saturday mornings. Please note all 1st class families are invited whether their child is taking communion or not.

### SO WHAT DO WE NEED:

- 2/3 key contacts who will work along side the PA to organise the event.
- Help on Friday 10th May to set up the hall, this is done from approximately 2pm to 3pm so anyone free for pick up can help.
- Contributions of food on the day. Anything from sausage rolls, other hot snack foods, sandwiches, biscuits, cakes, anything to make a fun party for all present.
- Helpers on the day - this is a busy day with more than 60 children making communion this year and all the families we will need lots of help to serve tea / coffee and keep everything flowing.



## CONFIRMATION

Confirmation this year takes place on Friday 15th February. This is primarily organised by the 5th class parents in conjunction with the PA. All pupils whether being confirmed or not are invited to a reception in the school directly after the church. Tea, Coffee and nibbles will be served and its a great chance to meet other parents and for the children to celebrate together.

### SO WHAT DO WE NEED:

- 2/3 key contacts to work with the PA to organise these event.
- Help on the Friday morning setting up the hall ready for the reception.
- Contributions of cakes, biscuits, sandwiches on the day.
- Help at the reception, this will take place during school time so it won't impact with the older children.



## SCHOOL TOURS

Once again this year the Parents Association will cover the cost of the buses for the school tours. This was greatly appreciated by the school in the previous year and opened up a number of new tour options to the school. Again we hope this will be well received and enjoyed by the pupils.

## PARENTS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

Following the PA AGM (held along side the curriculum evening in October) we had a huge number of new members come on board. I'd like to personally issue a huge thank you to all those who have committed to the PA and welcome. Your contributions are greatly appreciated and I look forward to working with you all over the coming months. Next PA meeting will be Wednesday 6th February at 8.15pm in school hall.



## UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

15th February 2019 - Confirmation  
15th February - Bag to school (later dates - 12th April 2019 / 31st May 2019)  
w/c 4th March - Book Week  
Saturday 11th May - First Holy Communion  
May - Junior infants open day for 2019/2020 incoming class  
June - Graduation  
June - Bop till you Drop



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