

# HOLY TRINITY

## Parents Association

### NEWSLETTER



January 2020

### *Happy (belated) New Year!*

This is the first PA Newsletter of the school year and gives us the opportunity to update all of you on the fundraising events to date.

**Halloween Disco** 'the' social highlight for the older kids. This first fundraising event took weeks of preparation, costumes designed and made, and the purchase of the all-important ticket. Thank you to all the parents who helped to organise this event, from selling tickets, to decorating the hall, and volunteering to supervise on the night. It really is a great event and more importantly **raised €1,100 for the school!**

**Christmas Fair** raised a fantastic **€14,300** for the school. Many thanks for the mammoth effort of so many parents coming together to work as a wonderful team! Also, a big thank you to all the new parents who volunteered this year; we hope you enjoyed the experience and hopefully will come back for more next Christmas. Last (but by no means least) our gratitude goes to all those parents, children, and extended family who arrived on the cold Sunday of December 1<sup>st</sup> to support all the efforts. To you we say **THANK YOU!**

The last day of school before Christmas saw the annual Christmas Assembly, which gives parents a little insight into school life. We were treated to games, singing, and the very funny and entertaining jokes by teachers and students. It was a truly enjoyable morning.

Thanks also to Grainne and Eimear who helped with teas and coffees and lots of lovely treats. Most importantly, thank you to all the parents who donated to **Pieta House** on the morning - which we all know is a very worthy cause.

**THANK YOU** parents and teachers who gave up their time with their families to help on the day and in the weeks leading up to the Christmas Fair. Your collecting; donating prizes; and sorting books, hampers, and toys provided us everything we needed for a **successful** fair. A special thanks to those who volunteer year after year.



## Upcoming dates for your diary

**April TBC:** Accord information evening for 6<sup>th</sup> class parents

**Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> February:** Confirmation

**Monday-Friday, 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> February:** Book Week

**Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> May:** First Holy Communion

**Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May:** '20/21 Junior infants open day

**Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> May:** Bop till you Drop

**Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> June:** Sports Day

**Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June:** Graduation

**Jan/Feb 2020:** HSE Incredible Years Parenting programmes

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Confirmation

FEBRUARY 13<sup>th</sup>

St. Mary's Church, Sandyford at 11:00am. 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 church. Tea, coffee, and nibbles will be served, and it's a great chance to meet other parents and for the children to celebrate together.

SO, WHAT DO WE NEED FROM YOU?

- Two or three key contacts to work with the PA to organise these events
- Hall set-up Thursday morning (contributions of cakes and biscuits on the day)
- Help at the reception (this will take place during school time, so it won't impact with the older children)

## Book Week

FEBRUARY 24<sup>TH</sup> - 28<sup>TH</sup>

The Scholastic Book Fair comes again this year! **60%** of proceeds from books sold go directly to new books for our **school's main library** and **class libraries!** Books will be available for sale both at drop-off and pick-up times. As in prior years, 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 BY YOU:

- Mon to Fri 8:30 – 8:50
- Mon to Thu 13:15–13:45 & 14:15–14:45
- Wednesday 18:30 – 19:30

**Please email [holytrinityparents@gmail.com](mailto:holytrinityparents@gmail.com)**

## First Holy Communion

MAY 16<sup>th</sup>

As in prior years, we kindly ask the 1st class parents to come together to organise this day alongside the assistance of the PA.

This is hospitality that 2<sup>nd</sup> class families will receive next year and we know the efforts made for this day are greatly appreciated. Please put the date in your diary now and keep that day free to help. Please note: All 2nd class families are invited whether their child is taking communion or not.

## School Tours

PA € CONTRIBUTION!

Once again this year the Parents Association will contribute to the cost of the buses for the school tours. This was greatly appreciated by the school in the previous year and opened several new tour options to the school. We hope this will continue to be well received and enjoyed by the pupils.

## Parents Association Committee

Following the PA Annual General Meeting, we had several new members come on board. We would like to personally issue a huge thank you and a welcome to all those who have committed to the PA. Your contributions are greatly appreciated, and we look forward to working with you all over the coming months.

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**Incredible Years Parenting** programmes, organized by the HSE will be commencing in Jan/Feb 2020 in Leopardstown and Churchtown primary care units. For more information contact [colmsmyth1@hse.ie](mailto:colmsmyth1@hse.ie) or phone 012996614.

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### On a personal note...

I've been involved with the PA for the last 2 years and this year I stepped into the Chairperson role along with Jenny. It has been and continues to be a steep learning curve and I've seen first-hand the amount of work done by the Parents Association and the huge benefits for the school and all the kids. I would really encourage any parents that have a small bit of time on their hands to get involved. It's a great way of getting to know parents – and the best part: it is really enjoyable! If you are interested in joining the parents committee you can contact us at [holytrinityparents@gmail.com](mailto:holytrinityparents@gmail.com). All help is very welcome. In this newsletter, you can see all the upcoming events for this term. Please do get involved where you can - it is great to meet so many new people. Thanks so much!

**Edel Scott, Chair Parents Association**