



Holy Trinity National School

Newsletter

September 2019



Dear Parents

Appointment of Deputy Principal

We wish Mrs. Brianog Brady Dawson every good wish in her retirement. Ms. Ruth Brennan has been appointed to the role of Deputy Principal. She brings a wealth of experience to this position and we wish her every success.

Welcome

There are many new faces in Holy Trinity National School. We welcome our new Junior Infant classes along with the new pupils who have joined other classes. We also welcome the following new staff to our school:

Ms. Eimear Carroll	6 th Class
Ms. Emer O Reilly	5 th Class
Ms. Holly Keating	4 th Class
Ms. Caroline Cahill	2 nd Class
Ms. Leanne Walsh	Junior Infants
Mr. Colm Kindregan	SET (Special Education Teacher)
Ms. Orla Brennan	SET
Ms. Rachael Murray	SET

We wish all our new colleagues every good wish for the year ahead.

Departing Teachers

We bid farewell to Ms. Catherine Galvin who has moved back to her native Waterford and also Ms Amanda Doyle, who has been on career break for the past five years and resigned her position at the end of the last school year.

Your Child's Details GDPR

Please check your Aladdin App to ensure all your details are up to date. If you are not registered for Aladdin please contact the school office.

Recordable Devices/ Watches with Recording Facility

In keeping in line with our Acceptable Usage Policy we are requesting that all recordable devices belonging to pupils e.g. watches are kept at home. As parents/guardians, we appreciate your continued support in relation to this.

Peil Gaelach.

Our Boys and Girls football teams are in action in the coming week. The girls make the trip on Wednesday 18th (tomorrow) to Dalkey to play the ladies of Loreto, Dalkey at 3pm. The Boys have a

home game against near-neighbours from Our Lady of the Wayside N.S. This game will be played in the Orby field on Thursday 19th at 3pm. Wishing both teams and their mentors all the very best.

Naomh Olaf Coaching

We have been privileged for the past fourteen year to have the support of club coaches from Naomh Olaf GAA Club. This year our Senior Infants and First Classes will have a weekly session to help develop early ball skills.

Basketball

Our Third & Fourth Classes will be starting Basketball training as part of the weekly P.E. class. Edel Scott will coach these sessions.

Medical Conditions

Many pupils have varying medical conditions that may require medical intervention during the school day. If your child has any condition or allergy that may require medicine, you must complete an 'Administration of Medication' form and return to the school office as soon as possible.

Nut Allergies

Please ensure that you do not include any nuts or foods which may contain nuts in your child's lunch.



Meeting for Junior Infant Parents

Junior Infant parents are invited to a short meeting at 1pm on Friday September 20th. The class teachers will take you through the Junior Infant programme and show how class work can be supplemented at home. (1pm – 1.30pm)

Confirmation Meeting & First Holy Communion Meeting

The Parish Pastoral Council invite the parents of all children going forward for First Holy Communion and Confirmation to an **Enrolment Meeting** in the Parish Centre, Sandyford on Thursday September 26th. The Parish Centre is in the grounds of St Mary's Church, Sandyford Village.

First Holy Communion Meeting: 7.30pm

Confirmation Meeting: 8.30pm

As soon as the ceremony dates for these occasions are announced, we will pass them on to you.

School Closure

It has been confirmed by Blackrock Education Centre that our school will close on Tuesday October 8th to facilitate teacher training in the Primary Language Curriculum. Kids Inc. will remain open that day.

After-School Activities

Many of the After-School Activities will be commencing this week. A full schedule of activities is posted on our school website. Please use the contact numbers/ email provided to find out more or to make bookings.



School Uniforms

Please label all items of uniform. If they are misplaced, this makes it easier to return to the owner.

Punctuality

Classes start at 8.50am each morning. Please ensure your child is on time for collection by their teacher from the yard at 8.50am.

If you must take your child for a medical appointment or important engagement during class time, please send a note in your child's journal for the attention of your child's teacher. It is disruptive for the class when teachers have to deal with unannounced interruptions. The Infant day is 8.50am – 1.30pm. The school day for all other classes is 8.50am – 2.30pm.

Good Friend Week September 24th – 28th

Pupils will look at what they can do to be kind in the classroom and on the playground. They will learn to understand the impact that one kind word or one small act of kindness can have on another person. Pupils will also explore with their teachers and classmates all the qualities that make a good friend. As part of Good Friends Week each class will draw up their class charter with guidelines that they feel are important to help each classroom to be happy, safe, and productive places to be this year. Sixth Class buddies will demonstrate wonderful kindness this week by becoming Buddies to our junior classes. It feels good to be kind to others and it's a fantastic way to start the new school year.

Beir Bua & Beannacht ,

James Tobin.

Principal.

Our up-to-date information is posted on our school website. Please visit frequently.

Upcoming Dates

- Wednesday 18th of September – (Away game) Girls Football team play Loreto, Dalkey in Loreto at 3pm
- Thursday 19th of September – (Home game) Boys Football team play Our Lady of the Wayside N.S. in Orby field at 3pm
- Friday 20th of September in the school - Current Junior Infants Open Afternoon for parents/guardians 1.00 – 1.30 in the school hall.
- Monday the 23rd of September - Swimming for Ms. Walsh and Ms. Keating commences (6 Weeks Block)
- September 24th – 28th - Good Friend Week
- Thursday September 26th - Enrolment Meetings in the Parish Centre, Sandyford First Holy Communion Meeting: 7.30pm
- Confirmation Meeting: 8.30pm
- Tuesday 8th October - School closed due to in-service for staff

