

Dear parents,

We hope you and all your families are keeping safe and well. I'm sure at this stage you are all well settled into our first term. As we all continue to navigate through these extraordinary times we look forward to a great year ahead no matter what obstacles we face.

Firstly, we would like to thank Mr. Tobin and all the staff who have worked and continue to work extremely hard making our school as safe as possible for our children to attend. They have been keeping us well informed and have provided reassurance to all of us that our most prized possessions are kept as safe as possible from the moment they enter the school gates to the moment we pick them up.

We would also like to extend a very warm welcome to all our new junior infants and parents who have joined the holy trinity community and to all the new students who have joined us from other schools. We hope your children are settling in well and making new friends as they start their journey in Holy Trinity.

Every school year the mission for the Parents Association is to benefit our children and to maintain a close working relationship with Holy Trinity. The association is a liaison to encourage and facilitate effective communication between students, parents, teachers and the school administration. The PA is dedicated to enriching student life at Holy Trinity by providing a forum for parents to join forces to support our children in all areas of school activity.

### ***Upcoming Fundraising events***

Just like last year many of our usual fund raising events will not be able to go ahead. We still managed to have a very successful fundraising campaign raising €28,000 in the process. This year we are determined to have another successful fundraising year but we will need everyone's help.

The first events of the year will be..

#### ***Halloween dress up day***

This will take place on Friday the 22nd October before our mid-term break and a collection will take place outside the school gates at drop off times. We will send out further information closer to the time.

#### ***Half Marathon challenge***

After the success of last year's event Paul Mescal, Catriona Quinlan and Edel Scott have decided, in their madness, to take on the challenge of running a half marathon again this year. This time round they have registered for the Clontarf Half Marathon which takes place on Saturday the 27th November. We will be setting up a go fund me page for the month of November and this will be sent via email from the school and to your WhatsApp groups via the class reps.

#### ***Christmas Raffle***

Unfortunately there will be no Christmas Fair this year but like last year we will be holding our annual Christmas raffle just before the Christmas break. We will communicate all the details in due course so WATCH THIS SPACE.....



### *Other news ...*

#### *Communion for 4<sup>th</sup> Class pupils*

After a long wait the pupils of 4<sup>th</sup> Class will be making their communion on Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> October in St Mary's Church Sandyford over two ceremonies. We congratulate the pupils and we hope that they and their families enjoy the celebration of this special day.

The Parent Association will provide a socially-distant class celebration for the pupils of each of our three classes on Monday October 11<sup>th</sup> in the school hall. Class bubbles and pods will be maintained for each of the three scheduled event. Pupils may wear their Communion attire on that day.

#### *6<sup>th</sup> Class Hoodies*

For all our 6<sup>th</sup> Class students this is your last year of primary school and we know the school hoodies are a big part of your final year in school. You will be all glad to know that this year the school hoodies will be ready well before the end of the year. A big thank you to the 5<sup>th</sup> Class pupils who are organizing the fundraising to cover the costs of the Hoodies. It will be your turn next year...

#### *Helpers required*

Last but not least we are always looking for parents to join the PA and by joining and volunteering there is no better way to get connected. We are currently looking for helpers for the library and the garden. We are not sure when the library will be up and running however the process for Garda vetting takes several weeks to complete so we are looking for volunteers now. So if you have a small bit of time on your hands please do not hesitate to contact us on [holytrinityparents@gmail.com](mailto:holytrinityparents@gmail.com)

Finally, thank you all for taking the time to read our first newsletter of the year. We look forward to your continued support and we wish you and all of your families' health and happiness for the school year ahead.

Edel Scott and Phillip Kavanagh

On behalf of Holy Trinity Parents Association.