



Trinity School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Autumn Term, I hope that you all had a good holiday and enjoyed some family time. It was so wonderful to see everyone back with us on Tuesday and our children look so smart in their uniform. Thank you so much for enabling this to happen – we like the children to have pride in their school and wearing the uniform smartly shows the pride they have.

The children have all settled so well into their new classrooms and are busy learning. A special welcome to our new Nursery and Reception parents and other new starters across the school. We look forward to being part of your child's learning journey at Trinity. I would also like to welcome our new Year 5 teacher Mr Belsey and our new Year 4 teacher Mrs Graf. Miss Male returns to us full time in Year 1! We have two new teaching Assistants too and they are Mrs Berenguer and Mrs Beesley.

We are holding a "Meet the Teacher" night at **5.00 pm on Tuesday 10th September** for the Year 1 to Year 6 classes in their classrooms. This is an opportunity for you to meet the teacher and find out about the routines and learning in your child's new class. We hope as many of you as possible will attend as it is a really informative session.

We have a very exciting year ahead, our main focus in Early Years and Key Stage One is to introduce a new phonics scheme, Little Wandle. It is a brilliant scheme and one we invested in after I saw it in action on my visit to Hampshire schools last year. We have purchased over £8000 of new reading books to run alongside the scheme and all the resources necessary to ensuring we get off to a flying start! On our INSET day on Tuesday, we started the training and will complete it next Thursday.

We have been asked by the Library to remind parents that the summer reading challenge is still taking place and will be ending on the Saturday 14th September. There is still plenty of time for the children to finish off their 6 books, head to the library to tell them about the books they have read and collect their stickers, AquaSplash swim pass voucher, certificate, and medal!

We have so much on our School development Plan that I will share our plan in the next couple of weeks so you can see what we are planning.

Our Trinity Action Groups (from Y1-6) have introduced a few new groups, one being around communication. So, you may see this newsletter change somewhat with the input from our children! We will keep you updated!

Road

As you are all aware the crossing has been put in over the holidays. We went through many different designs during the scoping and some things are simply not allowed due to road laws etc. It is a pilot and the department of infrastructure will be looking for feedback on what works well and things we can improve. What is really important to us as a school is the slowing down of the traffic outside the school gates – again we know it will take time, but we have noticed a huge difference already.

Whilst I appreciate the last few days have been busy, particularly in the morning – we need to consider that this happens every year! Every September there is a backlog everywhere, this settles as people routines settle. I was out there this morning and it was considerably better than the last few days.

As a school community we all have our part to play in the road safety outside the school. We have a very generous offer from the RJA&HS to park there and it is just a few minutes' walk. The speed of the traffic has slowed down, so children and families are safer walking up there. Please can I ask that families with older children park and walk from the RJA&HS leaving the Riley Field for the younger children or families with buggies, prams etc. We are seeing a lot of cars drive past the RJA&S then queuing to turn right into the Riley field causing congestion.

We also ask that you leave the car park promptly allowing for others to park, we have seen lots of people chatting and whilst I really appreciate that as a community we need to do this, we do need the spaces in the carpark cleared! Thank you!

Thank you to those that have been so positive about our efforts to make changes – we know it isn't perfect but we are working hard, together with those that can help us to consider children's safety.

I have been in regular contact with the team throughout the summer and over the last few days they have made it clear to me that they will be proactively looking for feedback later on so your views are important and will be collected. However, for those that have suggestions to make now (and those that wish to email in their positive comments too!) please contact dfi@gov.je.

I know that there is work going on at the RJA&HS but they are allowing parking there in the central driveway and everything will be back to normal up there from Monday. Don't forget that children from Y4 to Y6 are able to walk up accompanied by a member of staff to meet parents up there. Please let your child's teacher know if this is something you think you will use.

School Site

Play Equipment The children were delighted to see the new play equipment ready for use on Wednesday - there have been constant queues for a turn 😊 it looks amazing and the children are obviously enjoying it! Thanks to the PTA for raising the money to enable us to have such a wonderful trim trail!

Sensory garden Over the holidays Mrs O'Connell worked really hard to transform that area into a sensory garden. For a country school we do have limited space on site, but we make the use of everything we have! We have planned thoughtfully and have some lovely sensory things in the garden for the children to explore.

Harvest Festival – Year 1 through to Year 6

We are looking forward to walking to Trinity Church on Monday 23rd September and having our Harvest celebration in the church. Unfortunately, there isn't a lot of space for parents as we take up most of the pews, however, classes do need parent helpers to support us, so please contact class teachers directly if you can help walk up and then stay for the service.

In the church, as part of the service the children take part in donating a tin or some dried foods. This food is then donated to the Shelter Trust and someone from the shelter comes along to thank the children for their donations. Please can we ask that the children in Year 1 to Year 6 have something to take with them to donate on Monday 23rd September in the morning. It does only need to be small - a tin or something, so please don't worry! It is all part of contribution from the school community to the Shelter.

Administration

Data forms, Parental Consent forms (for Year 1 to Year 6 children) and Flu Consent forms (for Reception to Year 6 children) have been sent home with the children. Please check your children's bags for them, complete and return them to Miss Lau as soon as possible.

Please complete a separate form for each child for the Flu vaccination and also **return the form even if you do not consent**, this request is from the Government so we ask for your support here to make the administration of this exercise smooth.

Please can I draw your attention to the email Mrs Racjan has sent re Breakfast Club and After School Club requests. We are a victim of our own success and that is wonderful, but it does mean we are absolutely bursting at the seams and the administration of the club is clearly taking hours. Please help us in the office as we want to provide your children with the best opportunities we can and provide you with the best service! Thank you!

Dates

All term dates can be found on this link:

<https://www.gov.ie/education/schools/schoollife/pages/termdates.aspx>.

Please do not forget that the school is closed to children on Thursday 12th September.

I hope that you and your family have a lovely weekend and we will see everyone on Monday,

With my best wishes

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Headteacher