



# Newsletter

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## Dates to remember:

**Christmas Holidays:** School will close at 12:00noon on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December, children return to school on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January

### Open Days:

- **Nursery:** Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December (10-11:30am & 3-5:00pm)
- **Primary 1:** Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December (10-11:30am & 3.30-5:00pm)

### Nativity Plays:

- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Nursery Nativity NMJ
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> P1 Nativity for P1 Parents
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Nursery Nativity NCB
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Preschool Nativity
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec – Mrs Devine’s show
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Mrs O’Connor’s class assembly
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December – **Christmas Disco** at Cornagrade (KS2) site (Entry £2)
  - Nursery/Preschool – P3: 6:30 – 7:15
  - P4 – P7: 7:30 – 8:30



**Reminder:** Parents and families can support our school by signing up to **Easyfundraising**. A percentage of online shopping goes towards our school. Sign up at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/raisemore>



## Holy Trinity Christmas Shows

Primary 1, Nursery and Preschool classes have been preparing for their Christmas shows over the past week. We are very proud of how hard they are working to learn their lines and songs. The children are very excited to have their families come to watch them perform. Thank you to everyone who is helping prepare them for their shows.





## Friends of Holy Trinity (FoHT)

The Friends of Holy Trinity school support group has made a very positive start in supporting our school children. Members of the group met parents at the parent and teacher meetings on the 12th November. They would like to thank everyone for their support to date, many parents have offered their time to help our pupils in one way or another.



Thank you also to everyone who has bought raffle tickets for the FoHT Christmas raffle. **Tickets are still for sale and the draw will now take place on the week of the 17th December.** All proceeds will go towards the purchase of much needed school computer equipment.

The group are also pleased to announce that they are hosting a children's **Christmas Disco** on Thursday **20th December** at the Corngrade Site (KS2), see times on page 1.

### Primary 1 classes went birdwatching

All Primary 1 classes went bird watching to Forthill on 21<sup>st</sup> November. It was a very cold morning. We heard robins and saw a thrush. When we came back to school we made fat balls for the birds. We will bring them home so that the birds in our garden can have some food for the Winter!



### P3 classes make bread

The P3 classes came together in Mrs Morris' room to observe the process of making bread. This followed on from their work on the theme of Bread and the story of the 'Little Red Hen'. The children loved the activity and really engaged in discussion around it as well as some getting the opportunity to

mix the ingredients, knead the dough and prepare the baking tins. They all really enjoyed tasting the bread afterwards with butter and jam!!





### New play area under development at our KS1 Mill Street site.

Our new outdoor play space for Primary 1 and 2 is currently being developed thanks to the grant we received from "Awards for All" Lottery fund. We hope the children really enjoy it when it is finished.

Alan who is working at our school is currently preparing the ground for us. Forty years ago he worked at the building of the Mill Street school. At the time he was injured when a crane fell on him and another workman. Alan spent 4 months in traction in the Erne hospital recovering. We hope he has a better experience this time.



### Ms Devine's Christmas Show and Mrs O'Connor's Christmas Assembly

Rehearsals are under way for Ms Devine's Christmas show 'The magical Christmas Jigsaw'.

The story is a modern twist on the Nativity story. Miss Devine's class along with pupils from Mr Morris and Mr Devlin's classes are practicing in the hall. All KS2 classes should enjoy the show and this year the P3 & P4 classes will get to see it also.



Mrs O'Connor's class have also started practicing for their annual Christmas assembly which will also get everyone in the mood for Christmas. The children are really enjoying the Christmas songs.

Ms Devine's show is on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec and Mrs O'Connor's class assembly is on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec.



The Staff at Holy Trinity Primary & Nursery school would like to wish all our children, their families and friends a very happy and holy Christmas.



## Shared Education in P4

Primary 4 classes took part in Shared Education activities with pupils from Jones Memorial. We completed various activities including using the BeeBots, the Ipads and painting games in the computer suite. We made shadow sculptures and completed floating and sinking experiments. We had great fun with our new friends from Jones Memorial.



## Aoife wins at the Road Safety poster competition



Aoife from Mr Elroy's P5 class was a winner in the @fermanaghomagh road safety competition along with 11 other pupils from the area. Aoife's poster will be part of their 2019 calendar and she received a gift voucher for Erneside as her prize. Well done Aoife, a great achievement.



## Art Competition Winners

Holy Trinity had a number of winners at KS2 in the Credit Union art competition recently. The theme was "Forces of Nature" and there were some superb pieces of work throughout the whole school. Well done to our four winners on KS2.



## KS1 children learn about Dental Hygiene



The Dental Nurse visited classes in Key Stage 1 this week. She gave us lots of great advice and information about looking after our teeth and making good choices about foods and drinks. We learned about the sugar content of many snacks and drinks.



## P4 classes visited the Enniskillen Museum

Primary 4 visited the Museum to bring to a close their topic of World War 2. Everyone really enjoyed their trip especially getting to spend time in an Anderson shelter. It was great fun getting to dress up in the army uniforms and learn all about what soldiers needed to carry with them when they were at war. The children got to make identity cards and ask Catherine, Julian and John questions about World War 2.



## P7 learn about the famine from Catherine Scott

P7 classes braved the weather during the last week of November to visit the Enniskillen Museum, Workhouse & Pauper's Graveyard as part of their Famine Topic. They learnt some really interesting facts about the Enniskillen area during the time of the famine. Thank you to Catherine Scott from the museum for her knowledge and enthusiasm.



## Drama at KS2

Nicola and KS2 pupils are getting ready for their mini production after 6 weeks of drama lessons. The children are really enjoying the classes



## Football Success for Holy Trinity

Congratulations to our Girls & Boys football teams on their recent success at the Allianz Ireland Cumann na mBunscol indoor competition. Both teams played some tough matches at the tournament in the Forum on the 29th November and have made it through to the County Finals in the new year.



## Mrs O'Connor's class meet Charlie's Gecko

Charlie from Mrs O'Connor's class brought his pet gecko, Reo, into school for his class to see. Charlie told them how to look after a gecko. He said, "it is easy and it's hard to look after a gecko. You have to do a lot and need a lot of money. You need worms or cockroaches to feed your gecko and you need a glass tank with a heat monitor." *By Charlie.* Thank you Charlie for telling us all about your pet.



## Microsoft Office free software

Microsoft Office is available free to all staff and pupils with a C2k username. The program can be installed on up to 5 personal devices. Users can download, free of charge, full copies of Microsoft Office for PC or MAC in 4 easy steps with their C2k credentials.

### Get MS Office in 4 easy steps

1. Visit <http://portal.office.com>
2. Enter your C2k Username in the format **user123@c2ken.net**
3. At the next box enter (i) your C2k username **user123** and (ii) **password**
4. Download the version of MS Office you require

## Wayne Denner's Top 15 Tips for creating healthy media habits at home:

- Talk early and often about healthy balance regarding screens, using examples that apply to your home.
- Be a role model. Don't feel guilty about checking your phone, frequently it's necessary – but try to minimise the distraction when with the kids.
- Use a good Parental Control.
- No devices at meals or sleep time.
- Friend and follow your children on social media. But don't stalk them.
- Don't text and drive. Set the example. Your children will do what you do when they drive. Not what you say.



- Protect them in an age appropriate way. Privacy needs grow as they get older.
- Remove photos and comments about them on social media when they ask you to.
- Ask them why they want to play an online game so long or use their phone again. Show them inspirational sports videos, cool music videos, educational animal and environment videos and YouTube tutorials for something they're interested in as an alternative to snapchat streaking, Instagram posting and more gaming.
- Choose for them sometimes. Lonely Planet or a good film might be a better choice than 5 episodes of Spongebob or Paw Patrol. (We still love you Spongebob!)
- Try not to get angry. Understand their sense of entitlement to devices. To them using devices is as natural as using the car, TV or fridge. You just need to help them find a balance.
- Kids and even teenagers know they need limits. Sit down, discuss and agree the family rules together- with age appropriate rules for each child, and rules for parents too.
- Easier said than done, try to be consistent. Have 'No Devices Days' and times and even 'Binge Days' but be consistent. It'll cause less stress in the long run.
- Ensure as much as you can that they cultivate other interests early on in music, sports, arts and social activities and that they stick at them so, as they grow up, going online isn't always the default.
- Lastly, simply go outside.

Visit Wayne Denner's website for lots more useful help and advice, <https://www.waynedenner.com/>

### P3 overview of planned work for December

**Mathematics:** Counting in 1s, 2s, 3s 5s, 10s/ numbers before, after and between

up to 100. Adding a single digit number to a double digit up to 100. Adding 2/3 numbers horizontally and vertically. Read and spell number names to 20.

Continue to use coins for simple shopping activities **up to 20p** and giving change. Word problems relating to money. Parents are encouraged to engage children in real everyday shopping activities. Look at units of measurement - using cm and metres and non-arbitrary units ie spans, cubes to measure objects around the house.

**Literacy:** Pupils will learn how to lay out and write their own letter to Santa, sequence and write a recount of the story of Christmas, complete comprehensions related to Christmas theme and write instructions on how to make a Christmas decoration. They will complete seasonal acrostic poems. Pupils will look at the Advent calendar and answer questions about it. Grammar work will continue to focus on capital letters and full stops, speech marks and question marks and adding ing to a word. We will also look at a variety of stories and poems related to Christmas.

**W.A.U:** Exploration of light and uses (in relation to Christmas lights and decorations). Children will investigate how the earth moves round the sun to make day and night. Exploring Christmas traditions around the world. Children will design their own decorations.

### P4 overview of planned work for December

**Literacy-** Pupils will know that adverbs are used to describe verbs. They will identify and use these in their written work and play games about adverbs. Continue to complete the LCSWC method for spellings. Pupils will be reading their shared text 'Hurricane' and picture book 'Flood' and will be carrying out activities based on these. In writing pupils will be learning about adventure stories and will be writing their own story based on the book 'The Tunnel'.

**Numeracy-** Pupils will be continuing to learn their multiplication tables focusing on their 3 times tables and revising their 2,5&10 times tables. Pupils will be solving word problems. Pupils will begin to multiply 2 digit numbers by 1 digit. Our topic work this month will cover time where we will be revising the times of o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to. Pupils will be writing these in both analogue and digital. They will look at times to 5 minute intervals. We will be solving word problems related to time.

**World Around Us-** Pupils will continue the topic of 'Extreme Earth'. Pupils will look at the history of Pompeii. Pupils will know what causes earthquakes and how they are measured. Pupils will conduct volcano and rainbow experiments. Pupils will know what tsunamis are and will create safety posters. Pupils will carry out Christmas art and craft activities.

#### **Trips-**

- 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> December - Florence Court – A Victorian Christmas
- 20<sup>th</sup> December - Cinema Trip



## P5 overview of planned work for December

**Numeracy: Number:** Language of multiplication and division. Multiplying work (by 2, 3, 4, 5, & 10)

**Topic:** Position, movement and angle (grid references, coordinates and compass points)

**Mental Maths** – Multiplication of tables. Language of multiplication and division

Weekly tables test and mental maths test preparation, Learn **rule** for finding coordinates 'Over the hall and up the stairs',

Learn **rule** for compass points – 'Naughty elephants squirt water' (N, E, S, W)

**Literacy: Novel:** Complete Charlotte's Web Novel and related activities

**Grammar work** – Past tense work and revision of work covered to date, Proof reading exercises

**Writing** – Narrative writing – Retelling a story in their own words and creating an advertisement

We will complete spellings from Schofield & Sims Spelling Programme plus Christmas spelling words

Weekly spelling test preparation

**World Around Us:** Topic work – Complete all work on plants and finish carrying out plant investigations

**Other Information.**

- **Doodle Maths & Accelerated reading** to be completed every night
- **Homework Diary** signed every night
- **Take Away Homework** to be handed up on a **Thursday**
- Bring **instrument** into school every Wednesday (Keep safe at home please) – Use of 'Charanga Music Programme' at home (Passwords given to all brass children)
- **Highlight important information** or signs in **Mental Arithmetic work**. Complete corrections
- **Ceili** for P5 – 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018
- Please return all reading and AR books by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you

## P6 overview of planned work for December

**Maths** Number: Pupils will be able to solve problems involving addition and subtraction, know 2-12 times tables (group appropriate) and use these in solving simple problems.

**TOPIC:** Symmetry continued (Christmas symmetry), Pupils will know the 8 points of a compass and follow instructions involving these points (turning half turns, quarter turns etc.), Pupils will know that angles turn in multiples of 45 degrees (compass) and multiples of 30 degrees (clock).

**English:** Pupils will understand the use of speech marks and use them appropriately, the difference between direct and reported speech. Pupils will know the key elements of a recount and be able to write one and will recount 'The Nativity Story'.

**Topic/World Around Us** Pupils will complete 'Space' Power Points. Pupils will know the planets in our system. They will know what a constellation is and be aware of the legends connected with them.

**Homework**

**We encourage the P6's to keep doing AR reading and Doodle Maths as part of their daily homework. Each pupil should be taking at least one AR test per week (more if on green and orange level) and working towards their word count target for the term.**

**Takeaway will continue for P6.**

- **AR Books** can be changed in the library between 8.30 and 8.50.
- **ICT suite** is also available at these times to complete AR tests.

**Trips:** The P6 pupils will be having a Trip to Armagh Planetarium in January. More information will follow.

## P7 overview of planned work for December

**Numeracy**

- In Number we will be extending our understanding of place value. We will be working on problem solving tasks
- For topic work we will be covering co-ordinates
- Times tables from 1-12

**Literacy**

- Children will read and complete work on 'A Christmas Carol'
- Children will be begin looking at different types of poetry

**World Around Us**

- We will complete the Famine topic.

**Trip:** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December: Visit to the Ulster American Folk Park in Omagh.

