## ABUSE OF SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL OFFICER AT TOLL BAR

I received an email this week from the School Crossing Patrol Manager for this area. The email stated that recently, due to staff absence, the Toll Bar Crossing Patrol had been left without an officer on some occasions. A substitute Crossing Patrol Officer had eventually been found from another area to come and work on the Toll Bar crossing.

However, this officer has been the subject of verbal abuse from parents complaining about the previous lack of supervision at the crossing. As a result, the replacement officer was very likely to refuse to cover any future absence.

The behaviour of the "adults" responsible for this, is totally disgraceful and inexcusable. The replacement officer covering the crossing is not responsible for anything – other than helping children and parents to be safe crossing a very busy road. As a result of the actions of a mindless few, there is the likelihood that when a replacement officer is needed in the future then one will not be provided, increasing the risk of injury to the children of this school.

I realise that the Toll Bar Crossing is used by parents from other schools as well as our own, and I sincerely hope that none of our parents were involved. I would expect parents of children from Holy Trinity to realise the important work being done by the School Crossing Patrol Officers in the local area, and actively support them rather than abusing them. They are there to keep your children safe.

If you witness any such abuse in the future please contact me in absolute confidence with the names of those involved, and I will be more than happy to deal with the matter.

The Area Manager did mention in his email that they are always looking for adults to volunteer to be trained as School Crossing Patrol Officers who can act as cover when the regular supervisors are not available. If you are interested in this please let me know.

J. ASPIN HEAD TEACHER

## **DRINKS BOTTLES:**

Please remember that it is okay to supply your child with a drink that they can keep in the classroom and access throughout the school day. As we move into the warmer summer months it is important that your child does not become dehydrated. The drink must be in a plastic bottle with a sports-type top and the drink should either be water or a sugar-free drink. Sugared drinks must not be sent as it would be very bad for your child's teeth to be drinking it regularly throughout the day.

## Please ensure that we have up-to-date contact details and medical information about your child.

CLASS ATTENDANCE COMPETITION				
1st Place	CLASS 3B AND CLASS 6BU	100%		
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	CLASS 5S	99.5%		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	CLASS RECEPTION R & CLASS 6BA	99.4%		
This week's Overall School Attendance Rate >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>		97.1%		
The Attendance Rate since the Start of the School Year >>>>>		96.0%		

## **STAFF NEWS:**

Mr Cumming has left his teaching post at the school and we wish him well in his future career. Mrs Farina will be returning to school after the next half-term holiday and will take responsibility for the class.