

FRIDAY BULLETIN

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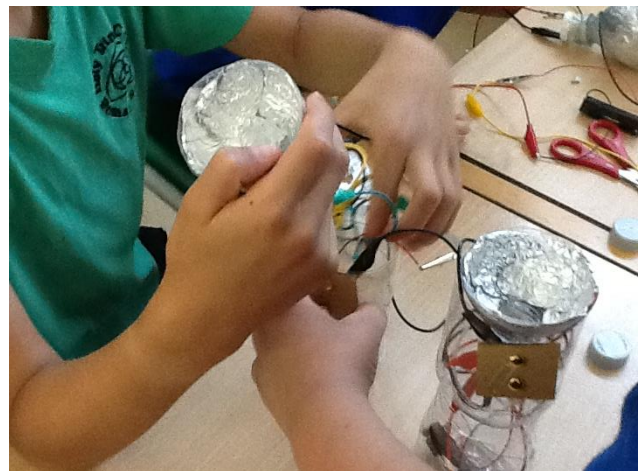
Dear Parents and Carers

What a year it has been! Thank you so much to you all for your unending support, generosity and community spirit.

Yesterday, we said farewell to our Year 6 pupils (who are sadly in isolation following another case of COVID). Their Leavers' Service was conducted via Zoom, with the children confidently sharing wonderful memories of their time at Holy Trinity, whilst looking forward to their next adventures. The singing was 'interesting', and made us all smile. Thank you to Father Mark, Father Simon, Mrs Quinn, and of course, the class of 2021, for making the service so special. A huge thank you also to Mrs Beer, for creating a wonderful video of memories for Year 6 – it had us all in tears.

We wish all of our leavers well, and I pray that you all have a wonderful summer.

The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn his face toward you
and give you peace.



Year 4 had fun making these torches as part of their DT curriculum about electrical circuits.





Year 5 enjoyed a team building morning run by Coach Stan.

Arrangements for September 2021

As you will have read in the news, from 19th July 2021, the majority of COVID restrictions have been lifted. Despite the restrictions being lifted, from September 2021, we have decided to keep some of the measures that were in place this year that have worked so successfully.

Hopefully the following table will give you all of the information you need to know for the start of the Autumn term. This is the situation as of 23.07.21, however, we are awaiting further detailed guidance from the DfE, so there may be changes!

Question	Answer																											
What is Holy Trinity's plan for the return to school in September?	All children will return to school full-time in September. Children in Years 1-6 will start on Friday 3 rd September 2021. Reception and Nursery have their usual staggered starts to the year.																											
Will children be in bubbles?	Children will no longer be in bubbles.																											
What is the drop off procedure?	<p>The Faraday Gate will open at 8.30 each day, when a member of staff will be on duty.</p> <p>The official start of the day for Reception to Year 6 is 8.45. It is expected that all children will be in school from this time. Nursery starts at 8.30.</p> <p>At drop off we are asking all families (except nursery) to enter the playground via the Faraday Road Gate, and exit the playground via the Effra Road Gate. The one-way system that has been in place will continue to operate.</p> <p>There will be labelled signs and cones for children to line up at. As soon as your child has gone to their cone we continue to ask that you vacate the playground as soon as possible, leaving via the Effra Road gate. This has helped the children to settle in so smoothly this year.</p> <p>We are very happy for parents to drop their children at the gate, so that they enter on their own – this has worked so well this year. Obviously, parents of Reception children will want to wait with them outside the Reception gate.</p> <p>Currently, mask-wearing by adults is advised in confined spaces. We will not require parents to wear masks, but of course you may choose to do so.</p>																											
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	The one-way system will not operate at the end of the school day. Please enter/exit via either the Faraday Gate or Effra Gate.
Can my child bring their bike or scooter to school?	We encourage all families to walk/scoot or ride to school. Bikes and scooters can be stored in the shelter in the playground.
What happens if one of the children in my child's class has COVID.	The guidance currently states that from 16 th August 2021 children under the age of 18 will no longer be required to self-isolate if contacted by NHS Track and Trace as a close contact of a positive COVID case. Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Track and Trace and advised to take a PCR test. Schools will no longer have the role of identifying close contacts, NHS Track and Trace will do this instead. It is hoped that this will prevent whole classes having to self-isolate.
Will the children have play time?	Years 1, 2, 3 will have playtime at 10.15-10.30 Years 4, 5, 6 will have playtime at 10.30-10.45
How will lunchtimes be organised?	Lunchtimes will continue to be staggered. Children will be seated in their classes for lunch and will play in an allocated Play Zone with their year group. Year groups will rotate around the Play Zones during the week. Within each Play Zone there are different activities including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports activities (with a Sports coach on some days) • Playground games • Trim Trail • Stage area for performances • Climbing Wall • Table Tennis • Den Building and outdoor activities in the Wild Garden • Reading, games and mindfulness colouring in the Quiet Garden Reception children have their own Play Zone. Children will be supervised by the same staff members each day, and will include staff from their year group teams, as well as specific lunchtime supervisors. An indoor Lunch Club will be available each day for invited children, who are able to invite a friend.
What other measures will the school put in place to continue to prevent the risk of infection?	We will continue with the following measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimising contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school • Ensuring good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach • Engaging with the NHS Test and Trace process • Enhanced cleaning regime – including cleaning throughout the day of frequently touched surfaces • Year groups will continue to have allocated toilets which will be cleaned regularly • Movement around the school will be kept to a minimum thus avoiding creating busy corridors, entrances and exits • Playtimes and lunchtimes will be staggered • Children will continue to wash their hands frequently
Will visitors be allowed into school?	Essential visitors will be allowed in school.
Will worship (assemblies) take place?	The guidance states that whole school worship can now take place.
Will the school office be open?	The school office will be open for essential business only. At the beginning of term we will arrange for a 'mobile' office to be located in the playground.
Will Breakfast Club be running?	This will run normally.
Will After School Club be running?	This will run normally.
Will before, lunch or after school activity clubs be running?	A wider selection of activity clubs will be on offer during the Autumn term, and families have already been asked to book these.
Will there be school trips?	The government continues to advise against overseas residential visits, but this is being reviewed in September. All other trips and visits can take place as normal, with the usual thorough risk assessment being conducted prior to the trip.

Will school uniform be worn? What about PE 'uniform'?	Yes – children should be in full school uniform. The new PE uniform will be expected to be worn on PE days for the whole day. This has worked so well this year. Children will be informed of their PE days on the first day back at school.
What will my child be taught?	We aim to teach an ambitious and broad curriculum from the outset. Long Term plans for each Year group will be posted on the Learning Platform and website. Interventions for specific children will start straight away in September as part of our Recovery (Operation Boost) program. Some families have already been informed of summer holiday tuition and groups.
What will my child need to bring?	<p>We would be grateful if your child could bring the following items in their school bag:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simple pencil case (See examples at the end of this list. Please do not send expensive pencil cases or those with 'gadgets' as these can be a distraction in the classroom) • 3 black handwriting pens (e.g. Berol Handwriter or Frixion 0.7mm Rollerball NOT a biro) – KS2 only • 3 Simple HB pencils • 2 Fluorescent highlighter pens – KS2 only • Whiteboard Pen (ideally Show-me Fine/ Slim Drywipe Whiteboard Pen) • 15cm ruler • 30cm ruler • Small pair of scissors • Eraser • Basic pencil sharpener (not mechanical) • Pritt Stick (please buy the Pritt Stick brand as we know from experience that all others are less effective and do not last as long. This can be ordered on ParentMail if required. Please do not buy coloured glue as this shows through the paper in exercise books) • Colouring pencils (not smelly or glitter pencils) • Oxford School Dictionary Paperback ISBN: 978-0192747105 (https://www.amazon.co.uk/Oxford-School-Dictionary/dp/019274710X or available from ParentMail at a cost of £5) – KS2 only • Oxford School Thesaurus (Paperback). ISBN 978-0192747112 (https://www.amazon.co.uk/Oxford-School-Thesaurus/dp/0192747118) – KS2 only <p>Example 'simple' pencil cases: https://smile.amazon.co.uk/Capacity-Transparent-Stationery-Cosmetics-Travelers/dp/B08L7GBKHL/ref=sr_l_13?dchild=1&keywords=transparent+pencil+case&qid=1625488880&sr=8-13 https://smile.amazon.co.uk/Quadra-Classic-Pencil-Case-Black/dp/B06XBVKMH6/ref=sr_l_6?dchild=1&keywords=plain+pencil+case&qid=1625488981&sr=8-6 https://smile.amazon.co.uk/Pencil-Case-Lightweight-Waterproof-%EF%BC%88Black%EF%BC%89/dp/B07YJKT8G9/ref=sr_l_11?dchild=1&keywords=plain+pencil+case&qid=1625489006&sr=8-11</p> <p>NB Children in Nursery and Reception do not need their own pencil cases.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Named water bottle • Fruit will be provided to children in EYFS and KS1, but children in KS2 may bring in a mid-morning snack of fruit or vegetable • Donations of tissues, hand soap and kitchen roll will be gratefully received. KS2 children may also bring in their own hand gel/sanitiser if they wish to.
Do you have any contingency plans?	All schools will have an Outbreak Management Plan (we are waiting for further guidance about this), in the event of an outbreak of COVID in school. It is very much hoped that there will be no further lockdowns, but we will be able to switch to remote learning quickly, should the need arise.
Will there be any HOTS events?	We hope that these can start up again.
What about Christmas events?	We hope to be able to run our usual Christmas events.

Will there be Parent/Teacher meetings in the Autumn term?
What about Share my Learning?

We will definitely have Parent/Teacher meetings in the Autumn term. We will decide nearer the time whether these will be held virtually or in-person.
We hope to be able to offer Share my Learning sessions (an opportunity for parents/carers to come and see their child's books) again this year.

COVID Update

If your child tests positive for COVID over the next week, please do email me to let me know.

House Points

Many congratulations to every child who earned a house point for their house. These are the final scores:

Faraday 933

Effra 895

Evelyn 770

Trinity 566

Librarian Vacancy at Holy Trinity

We are recruiting for a new librarian to work in our school library for 8 hours each week during term time. If you would like more information about this position, please email me at headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk

HOTS Fundraiser

Our summer fundraiser has raised over £4000 with gift aid! Incredible! Can we reach £5000? The page will stay open until September and we appreciate any and all donations to support our school in being the best it can be.

virginmoneygiving.com/fund/hotsummer21

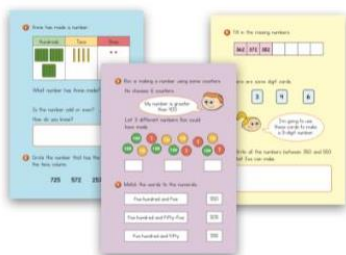
Summer Learning

Please find attached a **Summer Learning Pack**, which you may like your child/children to do over the summer holiday.

White Rose Maths have also produced some excellent resources too. <https://whiterosemaths.com/morrison/>



White Rose Maths is proud to team up with leading supermarket, Morrisons, to give primary pupils a series of exciting and **FREE** workbooks to use at home. These colourful and engaging workbooks are perfect for revisiting and practising work that children have covered earlier in the year, or to prepare them for the new school year ahead.



Parents and carers can collect the books from 26 July onwards at any of Morrisons' network of stores nationwide. All they need to do is to call in at the 'Children's Little Library' in their local Morrisons store during their regular shop, and collect their free copies!

Families are welcome to take one free copy per pupil from Y1 to Y6. The workbooks contain a link to the answers, too.

Teachers might like to advise parents which book would be most appropriate for their child.

Please share this message with the parents of all pupils in your school!

The department for education has launched an [information site](#) for parents, to support children of all age ranges and abilities catch up on lost learning from the pandemic. The site features advice and support for parents of children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), as well as programmes, resources and activities for children and young people this summer.

Attached/Linked items:

- Summer Learning Pack
- Sensory Team Summer Activities
- Emotional Health and Wellbeing support during the summer
- Summer 'Off the Record' support

Term dates for 2021-2022**Autumn Term 2021**

- First day: Wednesday 1 September 2021
(INSETs Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd so children back Friday 3rd)
- Last day: Friday 17 December 2021
- Half term: Monday 25 October to Friday 29 October 2021

Spring Term 2022

- First day: Tuesday 4 January 2022
(INSET Tuesday 4th so children back Wednesday 5th)
- Last day: Friday 1 April 2022
- Half term: Monday 14 February to Friday 18 February 2022

Summer Term 2022

- First day: Tuesday 19 April 2022
- Last day: Friday 22 July 2022
- Half term: Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June 2022
(INSETs Monday 6th June and Friday 22nd July, so children end Thursday 21st July)

As further dates are added, these will be highlighted. Dates for the academic year will be issued at the start of September.

Date	Time	Event
3 rd September 2021		All children in Years 1-6 return to school (1 st /2 nd September are INSET days)
22 nd October		Break up for half term
2 nd November		2 nd half of term starts
17 th December		Break up for Christmas

NB The Government has asked schools to select one extra day of holiday during the 2021-2022 academic year, in lieu of the extra Bank Holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, which falls within the May half term. This extra date will be confirmed in September.

I hope you have a wonderful summer.

Izzy Rickards