

Growing together as children of God



At Holy Trinity C of E Primary School:

- ✓ we want our pupils to **grow** in confidence, independence, resilience and knowledge, so that all achieve their full potential and develop a life-long love of learning and of the world around us.
- ✓ we work **together** with families, community and church to model positive relationships, supporting each other and acknowledging that we are stronger when we work together.
- ✓ we are growing together as **children of God**, strengthening our faith, secure in the knowledge we are unique, loved and cherished.

Dear Parents and Carers

What an active week we have had! All children have participated in their Sports Day, and awesomeness awards were presented in worship this morning for best effort, sportsmanship, attitude, leadership, enthusiasm and determination!

Thank you to Miss Hann for organising all of the events, and to our Year 5 and 6 children for being such outstanding leaders.

Year 5 also managed to find time to visit the British Museum this week, as part of their Ancient Greece history curriculum. Year 2 strolled to the Polka Theatre to watch their performance of *The Pirate, The Princess and the Platypus!*

Many of our Year 6 children have recently visited their new secondary schools, as part of the primary/secondary transition programme.

I am so grateful to our wonderful parent/carer community, and especially to the HOTS Committee and Class representatives, for the superb Summer Fair on Saturday. It was an amazing day, with such a wonderful community atmosphere. Thank you to everyone for their hard work. Read on to see a message from our fabulous HOTS team!

Year 6 Visit to France

We were delighted to be able to take our Year 6 children to France again this year after a 2 year, Covid-19 induced hiatus. We were particularly lucky to have the opportunity to travel by ferry on our outward journey under blue skies and on a flat calm sea with a speedier return on the Eurotunnel. We stayed at Chateau d' Eblinghem on the Opal Coast, and enjoyed a week of cultural visits including: Nausicaa, Europe's largest aquarium, a chocolate factory, a waffle factory, a bee museum and farm, WW1 and WW2 museums and memorials, an artisan bakery and a supermarket. The children were fantastic company and really made the most of their week away. They enjoyed listening to their guided visits conducted in French and were delighted to see how much they were able to understand. All attempted to speak some French during the week and we were really proud of them all. Team building games and a disco kept us all thoroughly entertained in the evenings. Congratulations to Lottie, Grace, Abigail and Naana who collected the most stickers for their room throughout the week and to Oliver for the largest number of individual stickers earned.

A huge thanks to the staff team Ms. Thomas, Mrs. Jenkins, Ms. Tanzini and Mrs. Joiner and to Mr. Wilson, our parent helper.

Anne Moran, French Teacher/SENDCo

Here are some of the children's comments:

It was fun!
Fantastic, the coach was first class and it was relaxing!
It was the best trip ever! All the activities were really exciting - and the food was tasty!
The trip was fun and exciting and we got to eat some brilliant food!
Best holiday ever!
Best week ever!
Best school trip ever!
It was fun because each day you had a different and fun activity to do.
Robyn was the best ever groupie.
French baguettes are the best!



Sports Day Fun!





Superb aquariums created by Reception



Year 5 at The British Museum



Year 3 hard at work conducting research for their non-chronological reports.

Open Door Policy

Just a reminder that I operate an Open Door Policy. If you would like to discuss anything with me, do drop me an email headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk or catch me on the gate.

Extended Share My Learning

Our doors will open on **Tuesday 19th July, from 8.00-8.45am**, for a chance for your child/children to show you their work, and for you to pop in to see your child's next classroom.

From 8.00-8.30am entry will be via the main entrance on Effra Road (via the Office). From 8.30am, the gates will be open, so please enter via Faraday Gate.

Staffing for September 2022

We will be sad to say goodbye to Miss Poverello and Miss Quinn, who are both moving away from London, and Mr Skillern, who is moving to work at another church school in Surbiton. We are grateful to all that they have given to our school.

Mrs Ottley will be with us for a few short weeks in the Autumn, before going off on maternity leave. Miss Brown will still be on maternity leave in the Autumn.

We are delighted to be welcoming Miss Burnham, Miss Wilson and Miss Woods (maternity cover) to the teaching team.

The following table shows the staffing for September. Other learning support assistants will be in some classes to help support those children with additional needs. Madame Moran and Mrs Channell (our SENDCOs) will be in touch with parents on an individual basis.

Year Group	Class	Teacher	Teaching Assistant	Class 2021-2022
Nursery	Nursery	Miss Ade	Miss Rodrigues	New class
Reception	Robins	Mrs Channell	Mrs Panners	New class
	Owls	Miss Smythe	Mrs Sumner	New class
Year 1	Foxes	Miss Burnham	Mrs Lyons	Owls
	Moles	Miss Panners	Mrs Brown	Robins
Year 2	Badgers	Miss Dorey	Mrs Mills	Moles
	Squirrels	Mrs Niemann	Miss Dawe	Foxes
Year 3	3H	Mrs Witting	TBC	Badgers
	3T	Miss Davies	Mrs Mares	Squirrels
Year 4	4H	Miss McHenry	Mrs Hunt	3H
	4T	Mrs Duke		3T
Year 5	5H	Miss Wilson	Mrs Snelson	4H
	5T	Mrs Raincock/Mrs Gordon		4T
Year 6	6H	Miss Thomas	Mrs Thompson	5H
	6T	Miss Woods		5T
Music Teacher		Mrs Quinn	N/A	N/A
SENDCO		Mrs Moran	N/A	N/A
French Teacher				
Intervention Teacher (Dyslexia Focus)		Mrs Brent	N/A	N/A
Higher Level Teaching Assistant		Mrs Wyke	N/A	N/A
Deputy Head and Nurture Teacher		Miss Hann	N/A	N/A

Autumn Term Activity Clubs

We are pleased to offer a wide range of extra-curricular clubs for the Autumn term, including a brand new coding club and a new science club. Clubs will start in the second week of term (w/c 12th September) and run until the penultimate week of term (w/c 5th December) so there will be 12 weeks in total.

Please find attached the summary of all the clubs on offer, with full details of how to book. The ParentMail booking window opens on **Monday 11th July at 7pm** and closes again at **12noon on Tuesday 6th September**, after which it will not be possible to book or cancel any places in clubs. If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, financial assistance is available – please read the attachment for more details.

HOTS NOTICES

First of all, a huge **THANK YOU** to every parent, carer, teacher, grandparent, neighbour and friend who came along and supported the Summer Fair this past weekend. It was truly a team effort and together we put on a really special day.

We are very proud to announce that we have raised over £12,000 for the school this weekend. We have some money still to come, including matched funding, which should significantly increase this number.

A final reminder to ask your employer if they offer matched funding. Many businesses will match whatever your year group stall raised on the day as part of their charitable giving mandate. If they do, please email hotsemail@gmail.com to get this (very simple) process started.

Thank you again, we are very proud to represent such a wonderful school community and appreciate all of the work that everyone has put in to make this summer's fundraising a big success,

The HOTS Committee

Giraffes for Lunchbowl Network

Our Growing together in Spirit Team prepared worship this week during which they shared with the children about the work of the Lunchbowl Network, who run the Angel and Good Samaritan Schools in the Kibera slums. You can find out more about the work of this charity on their website <https://www.lunchbowl.org/>

From Monday, you will be able to purchase via Parentmail a Generous Giraffe for £2. The money you will be giving, will go directly to making the children at Angel and Good Samaritan schools happy.

Once orders are received via Parentmail, the Growing Together in Spirit Team will deliver the giraffes to the children, who will be able to choose the colour they would like.



Do You Have Copies of the Following Books?

Over the past few years, many of our families have kindly bought copies of the English texts we have used in class, to support their children's learning. If you have any copies of the books listed below that you no longer need, we would love to receive your donations:

- **How to Find Gold** by Viviane Schwarz (used in Year 2)
- **Romans on a Rampage** by Jeremy Strong (used in Year 3)
- **Oliver Twist – Charles Dickens Retold** by Gill Tanver (used in Year 3)
- **Bed and Breakfast Star** by Jacqueline Wilson (used in Year 4)
- **The Akimbo Adventures** by Alexander McColl Smith (used in Year 4)
- **Holes** by Louis Sachar (used in Year 6)
- **Wonder** by R.J.Palacio (used in Year 6)
- **The London Eye Mystery** by Siobhan Dowd (used in Year 6)
- **Journey to the River Sea** by Eva Ibbotson (now used in Year 6)
- **Goodnight Mr Tom** by Nichelle Magorian (used in Year 6)

Are you looking for a residential summer camp for your child?

Izzy Rickards is running a Christian Holiday in North Norfolk from 20th – 27th August, for children in school years 4-8. Do take a look at the following website for more information <https://westruntonholidays.org/dolphin-launchpad-multi-activity-christian-holiday>

Merton Libraries Summer Reading Challenge: Starting Saturday 9 July!

Merton Libraries are calling for children to sign up to read six books this summer as part of Gadgeteers, Summer Reading Challenge 2021, which launches on Saturday 9 July and runs until Saturday 10 September. Children aged 4-11 are challenged to borrow and read any six library books over the summer.

To take part in the Summer Reading Challenge, all children need to do is sign up at their nearest Merton Library or at www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk.

Those who finish the challenge will receive a medal, a certificate and have a chance at winning one of many prizes including a tablet, a scooter, a family ticket to Warner Bros. Studio Tour, The Making of Harry Potter and **much more!**

There's also a whole programme of events and activities planned at the libraries over the summer to celebrate the Summer Reading Challenge. To book visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/merton-libraries-26471263771>

Attached items:

- Autumn term clubs
- Worry Ninja Plus Summer Workshops

Term dates 2021-2022

Summer Term 2022

- Last day: Friday 22 July 2022
(INSETs Monday 6th June and Friday 22nd July, so children end Thursday 21st July)

Term Dates 2022-2023

Autumn Term 2022

- First day: Thursday 1 September 2022
(INSETs Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd so children back Monday 5th September)
- Last day: Friday 16 December 2022
- Half term: Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October 2022

Spring Term 2023

- First day: Tuesday 3 January 2023
(INSET Tuesday 3rd so children back Wednesday 4th January)
- Last day: Friday 31st March 2023
- Half term: Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February 2023

Summer Term 2023

- First day: Monday 17th April 2023
- Last day: Friday 21st July 2023
- Half term: Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2023
(INSETs Monday 5th June and Friday 21st July, so children end Thursday 20th July 2023)

As further dates are added, these will be highlighted.

Date	Time	Event	Notes
13 th /14 th July	6.30pm	Year 6 Production	
15 th July		Reports out	
19 th July	8.00-8.45am	Extended Share My Learning	
21 st July	9.15	Leaver's Service @ Holy Trinity Church	
21 st July	2.00pm	Term ends	
22 nd July		INSET Day – School closed	

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Izzy Rickards