

FRIDAY BULLETIN

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Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday, as part of our Anti-bullying week, children dressed up as people who inspire them. I loved asking the children who they were and why that person inspired them. GretaThunberg, Louis Pasteur, Alan Turing, Tim Peake and JK Rowling all featured!



The children took part in workshops during the week which focused on the theme of respect for each other, despite our differences.

Year 4 are midway through their Nuffield Health workshops. So far they have covered 'How I feel' and 'How I eat' with a focus on how to support mental health and well-being. This week they made the classrooms quite literally shake as they focussed on 'How I move' by exploring different forms of exercise. The children are thoroughly enjoying the content and look forward to their workshops each week.

Year 2 have been learning about The Great Fire of London, and have written their own newspaper articles which accurately report the events of 1666!

Year 5 jazz workshop continues with the King's boys leading the children in small groups and the children's jazz skills are ever growing.

In Celebration worship this morning the Remembrance Art Competition winners were presented with their prizes. Thank you to everyone who took part, and many congratulations to Lily, Izzy, Mats, Martha, Olivia, Grace, Emilia and Alex.

Note from Governors

Last night governors met. We discussed, amongst other things, our draft admissions arrangements which go out for consultation next week, our priorities for the coming year, and were encouraged by the data results which Merton presented to us. We are extremely proud of our reading results from KS2 which continue to show progress of our pupils is significantly above the national average (for the third year running) and puts us in the top 20% of schools. Writing also is strong – showing an improvement on 2018 figures. Whilst maths progress has been significantly above national average, we know that attainment is lower – partly due to the range of abilities of the children, many of whom joined late - and this is an area we are continuing to prioritise with White Rose Hub resources, maths mastery and involvement with South West London Hub.

KSI results are strong – attainment in all key areas demonstrates the quality of teaching and strength of leadership since Mrs Rickards joined the school.

Aside from maths, and continuing to support children of all abilities, our priorities for the coming year include supporting the mental health and wellbeing of all children and staff, continuing to provide a rich and varied curriculum, opportunities for all our children, but particularly those with special or complex needs, to thrive, and exploring ways to further maximise our income and reduce our expenditure.

School Admissions Arrangements – draft policy for consultation 18 November 2019 to 12 January 2020

As a Voluntary-Aided Church of England school, Holy Trinity school in Wimbledon is the admissions authority responsible for setting admissions arrangements annually for both the nursery and school places. Every seven years, in accordance with the Schools Admissions Code 2014, we must consult on these arrangements.

This year we have made some suggested minor amendments to the policy in line with other schools within Merton or Southwark Diocese which are highlighted in yellow in the draft policy so it is easier for you to determine the changes from our current Admissions Policy published on our website (dated March 2019 for admissions from September 2020). Namely amendments relate to:

- Children of staff – children of permanent staff will be on our priority list (to help with staff recruitment and retention)
- Siblings (Open places - priority will be given to siblings who applied as an open place)
- Tiebreaker (in instances where two or more applicants have equal priority for final places)
- Nursery places (clarifying full and part time places available)
- Waiting lists (Year 2 and above will operate as one list)

The proposed draft policy (which can be found on our website <https://www.holytrinity.merton.sch.uk/web/admissions/308143>) will take effect for entry into nursery and reception from 2021 and be ratified at a full Governing Body meeting after the consultation period ends on 12 January. The new policy will be published on our website by 15 March 2020.

We have set up a separate email address to receive your views during the consultation period and would welcome your thoughts on the draft policy. Thank you!
consultation@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk

Sport News

Our wonderful Year 5/6 hockey team have just returned from a hockey tournament where they came 9th out of 21 schools. The coach was so proud of the way they played, behaved and worked together as a team. Well done!

Growing in Awesomeness booklets

We are really keen to see the challenges/goals you have set for yourself this term. Remember to come visit either Mrs Rickards, Miss Hann or Mrs Witting to show off your booklet so you can earn your bronze stickers. We look forward to seeing what you have accomplished. Booklets are available to collect from the School Office.

Book Fair

The travelling Book Fair will be visiting our school week beginning 25th November. It will be open before and after school, in the playground (weather permitting).

Parent/Teacher Consultations

Our autumn term Parent Teacher Consultations for all children from Year 1 to Year 6 will be held on **Wednesday 4th December from 3.50pm to 7.00pm and on Thursday 5th December from 3.50pm to 6.00pm** in the main school hall (enter via the Small Hall on Effra Road). Nursery meetings will take place **during the day on Tuesday 3rd December and the evening of Thursday 5th December**. These meetings offer an opportunity for you to meet with the class teacher to discuss your child's progress. A bell will sound at the start and end of your ten-minute appointment so that we can ensure that all families have the same amount of time with the teachers.

We use the ParentMail system to organise the parent teacher consultation appointments. The **bookings went live on Monday 11th November at 7am**. Please log into your account to make your appointment (look for the 'Parents' Evenings' option in the left hand panel – the icon looks like a luggage label) and if you have any problems please contact the team in the school office.

The autumn consultations are for parents and carers only i.e. school children should not attend. If you are unable to arrange childcare, Holy Trinity pupils are welcome to sit quietly in the Small Hall during your appointment. Please

feel free to take younger siblings with you to the meeting. Please note that if you cannot make these meetings it will be very difficult for teachers to arrange other times to meet with you.

Please note that the After School Club will be running as usual during the consultations but in a different part of the building from usual. There will be no Activity Clubs after school (i.e. no Football and Ball Skills or Drama) that day.

Lunchbowl Network and Reverse Advent Calendar

This is advance notice that our *Growing Together in Spirit Team* will be selling Christmas items in aid of the Lunchbowl Network the week beginning 4th December. Look out too for information about our Reverse Advent Calendar. Instead of receiving gifts in each day of Advent we will be asking for donations to the Food Bank. More information to follow.

Messages from Mrs Quinn

Orchestra

There is no orchestra rehearsal next Tuesday (19th November). The last rehearsal this term will be on Tuesday 10th December. Orchestra members are invited to play for both Carol Services (Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th December at 6.30).

2 choir dates for the diary

Mrs Quinn is hoping to have a massed choir rehearsal (Year 3/4 Choir, Year 5/6 Choir and Trinity Singers) on Tuesday 17th December from 3.30-4pm, to rehearse this year's combined choirs' carol for the Carol Service. Please keep this date and time free if you can. A letter will be sent to choir children soon.

Year 5 and 6 Choir have been invited to sing at the Mulled Wine and Carol Singing event in the school hall on Saturday 7th December 4.30-6pm in aid of a local charity. A letter will be sent to choir children soon.

Morning Drop-off

This is just to remind you that children from Year 2-6 should line up on the MUGA (playground) when the bell goes each morning. We have had a number of parents waiting by the back door to slot their child into the line. Thank you.

Messages from HOTS

Christmas Trees

Once again, we'll be selling beautiful non-drop Nordman Fir Christmas trees, which will be available for collection from school on **Saturday 7 December**. A range of sizes (5' / 6' / 6'8"+) at very reasonable prices (£30 / £39 / £48). Please place your order on www.pta-events.co.uk/hots

Mulled Wine and Carol Singing

Join us in the school hall on **Saturday 7 December**, 4:30-6pm, to sing some of your favourite carols and festive tunes and enjoy a cup or two of mulled wine. All the money raised goes to a local charity. Please bring mince pie donations.

Crackers & Carol Services

As per previous years, HOTS will be funding refreshments at the two KS2 carol services (**Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th December**) – we will be asking for mince pie donations and helpers closer to the time...

Raise money while you shop!

Don't forget that you can also raise lots of money for the school just by doing your online shopping for all those lovely presents via the **Easyfundraising** portal. Simply register by going to www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hots, then log on whenever you're ready for a shopping spree, select your preferred retailers (John Lewis, M&S and over 2,700 more!) and start shopping. It's really easy and simple, and there are money-off vouchers for many stores too. They also have a special app that can be downloaded, which will remind you to shop via this portal each time you log into your favourite retailer. So sign up and get spending! While you are registering for that please also register with Amazon Smile. If you select HOTS as your charity, Amazon will give a donation every time you shop. It would be amazing if we could all use Amazon smile for our Christmas shopping this year <https://smile.amazon.co.uk>

Attached/Other items:

- Kid's First meeting

2020-2021 Term Dates

Autumn Term 2020

Thursday 3rd September - Fri 18th December 2020

NB Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September INSET days so **children start on Monday 7th September**

Half term Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October 2020

Spring Term 2021

Monday 4th January – Thursday 1st April 2021

NB Monday 4th January 2021 INSET day so **children start on Tuesday 5th January 2021**

Half term Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2021

Summer Term 2021

Monday 19th April – Friday 23rd July 2021

NB Monday 7th June and Friday 23rd July INSET days

Term ends for children on 22nd July 2021

Half term Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June 2021

Key Dates for 2019-2020

Any new dates are highlighted

Date	Time	Event
18-22 nd November		Assessment week
21 st November	9.00am	2B Class Worship
22 nd November		Nursery Open Morning for entry in 2020
25 th – 29 th November		Book Fair at school
28 th November	9.00am	4H Class Worship
28 th November		Nasal Flu Vaccinations
4 th December	3.50-7.00pm	Years 1-6 Parent/Teacher meetings
5 th December	3.50-6.00pm	Years 1-6 Parent/Teacher meetings
9 th December	2.15pm	Reception Nativity
10 th December	9.30am	Reception Nativity
11 th December	9.15am	Year 2 Christmas show
12 th December	9.15am	Year 2 Christmas show
13 th December	10.30am/2.30pm	Nursery Nativity
13 th December		Christmas Jumper Day – children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper to school
18 th December	9.15am	Year 1 Concert
18 th December	6.30pm	Year 3/5 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church
19 th December	6.30pm	Year 4/6 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church
20 th December	2.00pm	Break up
6 th January 2020		INSET Day – School closed
7 th January		Term begins for all children
17 th January	9.00am	Parents' Prayer Meeting
23 rd January	9.00am	5T Class Worship
30 th January	9.00am	3H Class Worship NB Date change
3 rd – 7 th February		Mental Health Awareness Week
6 th February	9.00am	5H Class Worship NB Date change
12 th February	8.15-8.45am	Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
13 th February	9.00am	6T Class Worship
14 th February		Kindness Day
14 th February		Break up for half term
24 th February		2 nd half of term begins
28 th February		Parents' Prayer Meeting
5 th March	9.00am	2S Class Worship
6 th March	9.00am	PGL Meeting for Year 4 parents/carers
10 th March	Evening Time TBC	Maths Information Session for Parents/Carers – Reasoning in the Curriculum
12 th March	9.00am	1F Class Worship
16 th – 20 th March		Assessment week
19 th March	9.00am	1M Class Worship
26 th March	9.00am	4T Class Worship
27 th March		Parents' Prayer Meeting
31 st March TBC	9.15am	Easter Service @ Holy Trinity Church
2 nd April	1.50-7.10pm	Parent/Teacher meetings NB School closes at 1.30pm
3 rd April		Easter Bonnet/Hat Parade

3 rd April	2.00pm	Break up for Easter holidays
20 th April		Summer term begins
22 nd – 24 th April		Year 4 PGL Residential
24 th April		Parents' Prayer Meeting
28 th April		Class Photographs
7 th May		Polling Day – School closed
8 th May		VE Day Bank Holiday – School closed
11 th – 14 th May		Year 6 SATS
22 nd May	9.00am	France Trip meeting for Year 6 parents
20 th – 24 th May		Book Week
22 nd May		Break up for half term
1 st June		INSET Day – School closed
2 nd June		2 nd half of term begins and Assessment week
8 th – 12 th June		Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Year 4 Timetables Check
15 th – 19 th June		Healthy School Week Sports Days for all year groups
16 th June	AM	KS2 Sports Day @ Garfield Park
17 th June	AM	Reception Sports Day @ school
18 th June	AM	KS1 Sports Day @ school
19 th June	AM/PM	Nursery Sports Day @ school
22 nd – 26 th June		Year 6 in France
26 th June	9.00am	Parents' Prayer Meeting
9 th July	TBC	Open Afternoon/Evening
TBC	7.00pm	Year 6 Production
17 th July	9.15am	Leaver's Service @ Holy Trinity Church
17 th July	2.00pm	Term ends
20 th July		INSET Day – School closed

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Izzy Rickards

Headteacher