

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

Oscar, from Year 3, has summed up the death of Her Majesty the Queen so beautifully, in this poem he wrote:

Elizabeth our greatest Queen, she's the only one that I have seen
70 years has come to an end and now we've got a new King again.
The world is in mourning and filled with tears.
She was head of the Commonwealth for many, many years.
Now the time has come, we say goodbye,
we fly high, high, into the sky.



Breakfast Club has got off to a great start this year!



Year 4 is investigating the effect different liquids can have on our teeth. They put eggs (made from the same material as teeth) in different liquids and they will be seeing how stained they are in a week's time.

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KS2 French Teaching and Anne Moran

Due to a serious illness in the family, Anne Moran is temporarily working part-time as our SENDCo.

French will be covered by 2 qualified French teachers. We have had a comprehensive handover and the children's curriculum remains unchanged.

We continue to hold Madame Moran and her family in our prayers.

Reception Information Evening – Tuesday 4th October – 6.00pm

There will be an information evening for all current parents/carers of children in our Reception classes. This will be an opportunity for the teachers to share with you more about the curriculum, and how you can help your children at home. The evening will be over by 6.45pm, and will take place in the main school hall.

Morning Drop and Go!

Now that we are entering our 4th week of this new academic year, we would encourage all parents of children in Years 1-6 to drop their children in the playground and then leave as soon as possible via the Effra Gate. There is no need for you to wait until your child's class have gone into school. We are keen to encourage this routine early on, to help everyone settle. Thank you so much for your co-operation.

Emails

We strongly encourage home/school communication, and email is the best way for this. Some of my team, however, have been receiving some quite abrupt emails from parents/carers. Please do take the time to consider how your email may be received by the reader. If there are any problems, please do not hesitate to email me at

headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk

BoomReader Parent App

Some parents have been asking how to download the BoomReader (formerly GoRead) App. Do click on this link for more information, or read the attachments.

<https://go-read.co.uk/downloads/parent-guide-mobile.pdf>

School Attendance

Excellent school attendance is a key focus of the Department for Education, and our school, to ensure that children are in school as often as possible. Since the pandemic, attendance has dipped nationally. We would like to see our attendance rising to pre-pandemic levels. A new Attendance Policy will be written soon, outlining the new steps that will be taken if there are attendance concerns.

If your child is obviously too ill to be in school, then they should stay at home. Please ensure that you inform the school either through the absence section on Parentmail, or by leaving a message on the absence line at the School Office.

Term-time holiday will not be authorised, unless there are very exceptional circumstances.

I will be checking the attendance on a daily basis, and contacting families if there are any concerns. Please do contact me if you need support getting your child to school.

Nits

We have been made aware that some children in Year 1 and Year 5 have head lice. Please check your children's hair and if applicable arrange treatment as a matter of priority.

More information may be found here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S EDUCATION WELLBEING SERVICE

Coffee Morning

We are here to offer support for parents/carers who would like support with managing their child's anxiety or everyday tricky behaviour. We aim to empower parents/carers by helping you understand your child's difficulties and by providing tools and strategies you can start using right away with your child. We also offer workshops and groups to children and parent/carers.

**Come and meet us at Holy Trinity on Friday 21st October at 8.45am to find out more about how we may be able to support you.
Enter via the doors to the Small Hall on Effra Road.**

Parent Wellbeing Webinar for Parents of children just starting in school

Our NHS-in-School Wellbeing Team invites you to join their first webinar of the year – this webinar is to support reception and year parents with helping their children ‘find their feet’ at primary school. It looks at key ways you can support your child’s wellbeing and manage ups and downs as your child starts at our school. Sign up for free here: www.eventbrite.com/cc/primary-parents-nhs-wellbeing-workshops-682309

Parent Wellbeing Webinar for Parents of teenagers

The teenage years can bring about many challenges for teens and parts with their wellbeing and mental health. Our NHS-in-Schools Team has a free upcoming webinar for you to hear about teenage mental health, what can support your child’s mental health, things to look out for and overview support options if ever needed. Signup here: www.eventbrite.com/cc/secondary-parents-nhs-wellbeing-workshops-725989

Mayor of London Warmer Homes programme

Energy bills are expected to rise by 80% this October. Families who own their own homes or rent privately, are on a means tested benefit or low incomes, and have children receiving the Pupil Premium may be eligible for a Warmer Homes grant. The Mayor of London Warmer Homes Programme offers grants of between £5,000 and £25,000 for heating, insulation and ventilation improvements for low-income Londoners who own their homes or rent privately and live in an EPC D-G rated property.

Warmer Homes is supported by Merton Council as part of its commitment to reduce the cost of living, make homes warmer, greener and cheaper to run and our borough a fairer place for all.

To find out if they are eligible, families should visit www.london.gov.uk/warmerhomes.

October Half Term Sports Camp

NEAT will be running a sports camp for three days during the October Half Term. To find out more please see the attached flyer.

Attached items:

- NEAT Half Term Camp
- BoomReader/GoRead App information

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)

Date	Time	Event
4 th October	9.15	Harvest Service @ Church
4 th October	18.00	Reception Information Evening – Main School Hall
5 th October	9.45-10.45 14.00-14.30	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2023 Nursery Open Morning for entry in 2023
11 th October	8.15-8.45	EYFS/KS1 Share My Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
12 th October	8.15-8.45	KS2 Share My Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers

Sunday 16 th October	10.00	Schools' Sunday Service @ Holy Trinity Church – more details to follow
17-21 st October		Parent/Teacher Meetings this week
20 th October	14.00	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2023
21 st October		Break up for half term
31 st October		Autumn 2 begins
11 th November	9.45-10.45 14.00-14.30	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2023 Nursery Open Morning for entry in 2023
14 th – 18 th November		Anti-bullying week
14 th November		Odd Socks Day – children are invited to wear odd socks to school
28 th November – 2 nd December		Assessment week
29 th November	8.15-8.45	EYFS/KS1 Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
30 th November	8.15-8.45	KS2 Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
2 nd December	9.45-10.45 14.00-14.30	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2023 Nursery Open Morning for entry in 2023
6 th December	9.15	Reception Nativity TBC
7 th December	9.15	Reception Nativity TBC
8 th December	9.15	Year 2 Christmas show TBC
9 th December	10.30/2.30	Nursery Nativity TBC
9 th December		Christmas Jumper Day – children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper to school
13 th December	9.15	Year 1 Concert TBC
14 th December	18.30	Year 3/5 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church TBC
15 th December	18.30	Year 4/6 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church TBC
16 th December	14.00	Break up
3 rd January 2023		INSET Day – School closed
4 th January 2023		Term begins for all children
7 th February	8.15-8.45	EYFS/KS1 Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
8 th February	8.15-8.45	KS2 Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
10 th February		Break up for half term
20 th February		2 nd half of term begins
21 st March	8.15-8.45	EYFS/KS1 Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
22 nd March	8.15-8.45	KS2 Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
27 th – 31 st March		Parent/Teacher Meetings
31 st March	14.00	Break up for Easter holidays
17 th April		Summer term begins
May		Year 2 SATS
8 th – 11 th May		Year 6 SATS
23 rd May	8.15-8.45	EYFS/KS1 Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
24 th May	8.15-8.45	KS2 Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
26 th May		Break up for half term
5 th June		INSET Day – School closed
6 th June		2 nd half of term begins
5 th June -16 th June		Year 4 Timetables Check Window
12 th June – 16 th June		Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Window
12 th July	8.00-8.45	Extended Share My Learning TBC
20 th July	9.15 14.00	Leaver's Service @ Holy Trinity Church Term ends
21 st July		INSET Day – School closed

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Izzy Rickards