

FRIDAY BULLETIN

29.11.19

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Eco-Warriors led an inspiring assembly which encouraged the whole school to do the following 6 things in order to reduce the devastating impact on our environment:

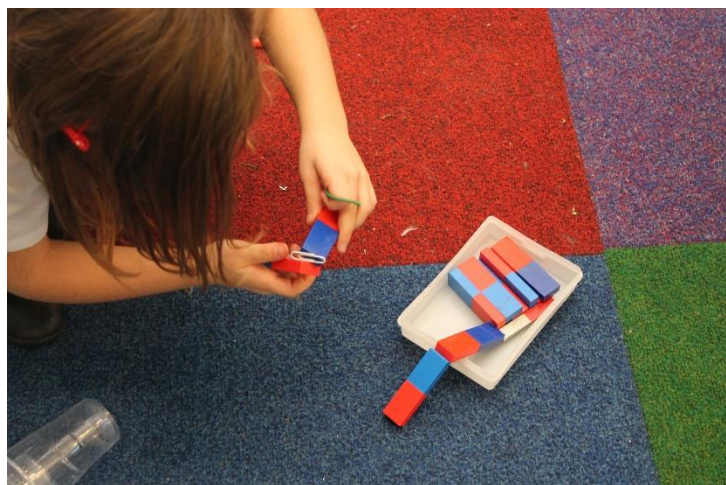
1. Eat wisely
2. Use less, waste less
3. Cut down on air travel
4. Reduce water usage
5. Use less energy
6. Speak out!

Our Eco-Warriors are true advocates for climate change – I was so proud of them all.

Our Merton Education Partner visited school this week and was so impressed by what he saw: engaged pupils who could talk about their learning journey; challenging work in the books, which was neatly presented and knowledgeable teachers, who spoke with passion about their subject areas. The feedback was very positive and encouraging.

Charmaine Jacques, Merton's Road Safety Education Officer, visited this morning to present our Junior Travel Ambassadors with their badges. The JTAs are responsible for promoting active travel, walking, cycling or scooting, and road safety. They will be running assemblies, talks, competitions and activities to encourage us all to stay safe on the roads, and to walk, scoot or cycle everywhere as much as possible.

Year 3 have been magnetic detectives this week in their science lessons.



News from the Growing Together in Spirit Team

The Growing Together In Spirit team are delighted to announce that they have selected two charities that they would like us to support during Advent.

The Lunchbowl Network is a charity that we supported last year and we are delighted that Carolyn Green will be speaking to us during our Monday Collective Worship. Carolyn has recently returned from a visit to the Kibera where she was able to go into the schools and to meet up with the children who are looked after and supported by the charity. Our donations last year made a huge difference to those children and we would like to raise some more funds for them this Christmas.

The team feel very strongly that we should support a charity closer to home as well. We have picked the Wimbledon Foodbank who last year saw 200 families per day in the week before Christmas. They are a valuable and much needed source of support for local families but even more so at this time of year. The staff have

advised that they do not have very much space to store food items and have asked for a monetary/gift card contribution. We will collect your cash donations and then buy gift cards for local supermarkets. These will then be given to families so that they can buy a Christmas Dinner and have funds for food over the festive period.

The *Growing Together in Spirit Team* will be selling small gifts (made in the Kibera) and also collecting donations to the Foodbank each day over the next two weeks. Please put your donation for the foodbank into an envelope marked Wimbledon Foodbank. The items for sale are priced at £2 for a keyring and £4 for a soapstone plate. Every pound spent will buy three hot meals for a child.

Thank you for supporting the children in their endeavours to share the spirit of Christmas with those less fortunate than them.

Sporting Success

This week our Year 6 Girls' Football Team took part in the Wimbledon Cluster Football Event and came away with an amazing 2nd place out of 17 schools, which has meant they have qualified for the finals.

Miss Banks reports, "Honestly, some incredible football was witnessed, lots of fantastic goals and an amazing team spirit was shown by each individual. Overall, we scored an amazing 20 goals throughout the day and only conceded 1. A special mention to Ruby and Krystal who blew me away with their skill and goal scoring. I couldn't be prouder and am still on cloud 9!"

Many congratulations to the whole team – we look forward to hearing how they get on in the finals.

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 amends 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@hollytrinity.merton.sch.uk

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.

Forthcoming Christmas Events

Christmas Jumper day – Friday 13th December

Once again we will be taking part in Save the Children's annual Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 13th December. Children may come to school wearing a Christmas jumper with their usual school uniform bottom half! For the privilege of wearing a Christmas jumper children are invited to bring in £1 for Save the Children Fund.

Reception Nativity

Parents/carers of Reception children are warmly invited to watch their Nativity performance on either Monday 9th December @ 2.15pm, or Tuesday 10th December @ 9.30am.

Year 2 Christmas Performance

Parents/carers of Year 2 children are warmly invited to watch their Christmas performance on either Wednesday 11th December @ 9.15am, or Thursday 12th December @ 9.15am.

Nursery Christmas Performance

Parents/carers of our Nursery children are warmly invited to watch their Nativity on Friday 13th December. The morning nursery will be performing at 10.30am and the afternoon children at 2.30pm.

Year 1 Carols

Parents/Carers of Year 1 children are warmly invited to the Year 1 Carol presentation on Wednesday 18th December @ 9.15am.

Carol Services – 18th/ 19th December, 6.30pm @ Holy Trinity Church

The children are busy preparing for their carol services. The Carol Service for **all** children in Year 3 and Year 5 takes place on Wednesday 18th December, with the Year 4 and Year 6 service being held on Thursday 19th December. Both services are held at Holy Trinity Church, and start at 6.30pm. Children should arrive by 6.15pm, and wear their school uniform.

Christmas lunch

Chartwells, our catering company, will be cooking a delicious Christmas lunch on **Tuesday 17th December** for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and **Wednesday 18th December** for children in Years 3, 4, 5, 6. Please note that on 17th December all children in KS2 will need to bring in a packed lunch, and children in Reception and KS1 will need a packed lunch on 18th December.

End of Term

Term ends at 2.00pm on Friday 20th December. Please note there will be no After School Club on this day. The After School Club ends on Thursday 19th December.

Messages from Mrs Quinn

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 has been sent via Parentmail with further information.

Both choirs have been given lyric sheets for the 2 carols that they are singing at the Carol Services. They have been working really hard (and very enthusiastically!) at the combined choirs carol rehearsals. Here is the link to the backing track if they wish to practise at home

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/ltvegfm62cu6kb0/AAC6VYT4Rf5l0vyjHW6XvXm9a?dl=0&preview=Star+of+Bethlehem+v+for+HT.wav>

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 has been sent to choir children.

Chartwells We're All Ears Survey

Chartwells' mission is to nourish young bodies and minds, and in order to do so, they want to make sure that their food offer meets the ever changing needs of children.

Their **We're All Ears surveys** (one for parents and one for children) is currently live (sorry there is only a short time to respond as the survey closes tomorrow, Saturday 30th November).

Survey Links

Parent Survey: <https://bit.ly/2OhSZK2>

Child Survey: <https://bit.ly/2KrrRHp>

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.

Attached/Other items:

- Rugby Club Flyer <https://www.trytimekidsrugby.com/free-trial-wimbledon>

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
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
17 th December	Lunchtime	Christmas lunch for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 All other children will need to bring a packed lunch on this day
18 th December	Lunchtime	Christmas lunch for children in Year 3-6 All other children will need to bring a packed lunch on this day
18 th December	9.15am	Year 1 Concert
18 th December	6.30pm	Year 3/5 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church for all children in Year 3/5
19 th December	6.30pm	Year 4/6 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church for all children in Year 4/6
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 TBC We are still waiting for confirmation of this
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