

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.

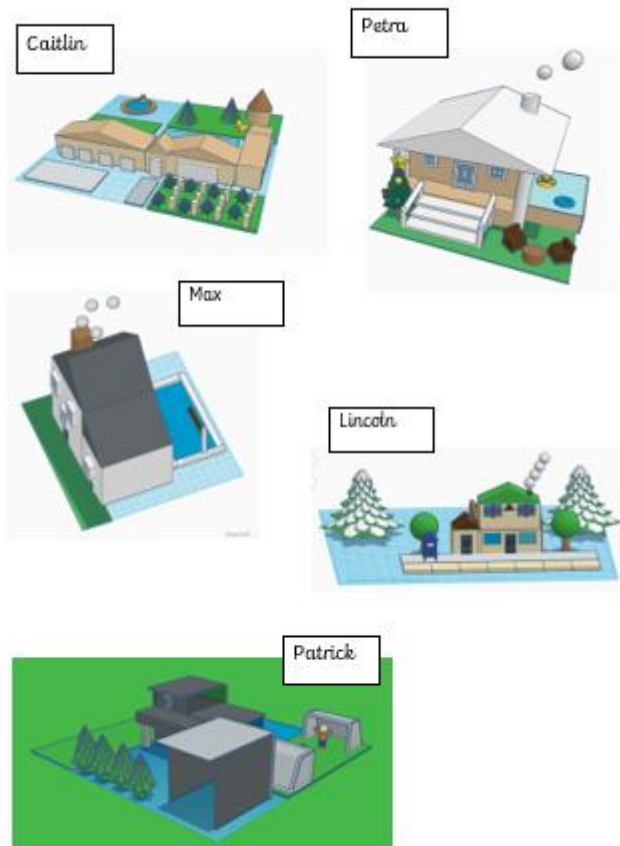
Dear Parents and Carers

We have had another busy week – there has been a real buzz around the school. Our worship this week has focused on children in the bible, stemming from our celebration of World Children's Day on 20th November.



As part of their People who help us topic, the Reception children had a visit from the Fire Brigade this week. They loved learning about the Fire Engine, and the role of a firefighter.





In computing, Year 6 have been using the software Tinkercad to create their own 3D models. Recently, we have focussed on creating a dream home. Here are a few fabulous examples!



On Thursday, Year 4 visited Kidzania to support their topic of 'Earning a Living' and had a huge amount of fun role-playing in different professions. Some of the jobs and activities they tried included: being a Kidzania reporter with the Metro newspaper, delivering the city's parcels, tackling a blaze at the hotel, being a TV news reporter, drumming in a rock band, working on a till in the supermarket, learning to fly a plane and many, many more!

Share My Learning – Friday 1st December, 8.15-8.45am

Share My Learning sessions are an opportunity for children to show their parents/carers their work and their classroom.

The *Share My Learning* session this half-term for all year groups, will be held on Friday 1st December.

If you arrive between 8.15 and 8.30am, please enter via the main front door on Effra Road. After this time, enter via the Faraday Gate from the playground. We will ask parents to vacate the building at 8.45am so that we can start the school day promptly.

If you are a key worker, and unable to come in and see your child's work, do email headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk and I will work out a way for you to see the books.

Assessment Week

As you will know from the calendar, we are holding our Assessment Week next week (Years 1-6). We are continually assessing the children in lessons, through questioning, quizzes, independent work or discussion. The assessments next week give teachers further insights into what the children have remembered, and therefore learnt, throughout the term. The assessments are to inform the teacher's planning for each child's next steps. The children do not need to prepare for the assessments.

Book Fair

The travelling Book Fair will be open in the playground after school next week. In addition to this, Miss Davies is also running a second-hand book stall, with books to buy at very reasonable prices.

End of Day Fire Procedures

In the very unlikely event of the fire alarm going off at the end of the day, when the gates are open, school staff will continue with the usual fire evacuation process. If this were to happen, any parents already in the school grounds will be asked to stand around the edges of the playground. The gates will be closed to prevent any other people from entering the premises. Once school staff have been given the all clear, then children will be dismissed to their parents/carers. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Forthcoming Christmas Events

Christmas Jumper day – Friday 8th December

Once again, we will be taking part in Save the Children's annual Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 8th 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 donate to Save the Children Fund. We will include a link in the Bulletin next week.

Reception Nativity

Parents/carers of Reception children are warmly invited to watch their Nativity performance on Tuesday 12th December @ 9.15am (Robins' parents/carers), or Wednesday 13th December @ 9.15am (Owls' parents/carers). If you cannot attend on your class' particular day, just come to the other one. All of the children will be in both performances.

Year 2 Christmas Performance

Parents/carers of Year 2 children are warmly invited to watch their Christmas performance on Thursday 14th December @ 9.15am.

Nursery Christmas Performance

Parents/carers of our Nursery children are warmly invited to watch their Nativity on Friday 15th December. The morning nursery and Red Bumblebees will be performing at 10.30am and the afternoon children and Blue Bumblebees at 2.30pm. All Bumblebees will be in both performances, but the performances stated will be when your child has a specific role. Do contact the nursery team if you need more information.

Year 1 Christmas Concert

Parents/Carers of Year 1 children are warmly invited to the Year 1 Christmas Concert on Monday 18th December @ 9.15am.

Carol Services – 18th/ 19th December, 6.30pm @ Holy Trinity Church (see further information below)

The children are busy preparing for their carol services. The Carol Service for **all** children in Year 3 and Year 5 takes place on Monday 18th December, with the Year 4 and Year 6 service being held on Tuesday 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.

Children in the orchestra and choir will be participating in both services.

All children are expected to attend, as they will all be participating.

Retiring collections will be taken at the end of each of our Christmas events for local charities.

Christmas lunch

Caterlink, our catering company, will be cooking a delicious Christmas lunch on **Wednesday 13th December** for children in Nursery (who stay for lunch), Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and **Thursday 14th December** for children in Years 3, 4, 5, 6.

Please note that on 13th December all children in KS2 will need to bring in a packed lunch, and children in Nursery, Reception and KS1 will need a packed lunch on 14th December.

This year, Christmas lunches will need to be booked in advance. Please have a look at the Parentmail that was sent. The deadline for booking a Christmas lunch is 1st December.

Christmas Carols Update

KS2 pupils have been busy learning songs in preparation for the carol services. These songs have now been uploaded to the class pages on the Learning Platform. Do take a look and encourage your child to practise them at home. Please note that the resources are for rehearsal purposes only. Please do not make copies or distribute the practice tracks.

HOTS NOTICES

Christmas Carols at School - *SAVE THE DATE*

Join us on Saturday 16th December for Christmas carols in the school hall. These will take place indoors from 4pm-5.30pm. Refreshments will be available. Tickets are available online: [HOTS Friends of Holy Trinity \(pta-events.co.uk\)](https://pta-events.co.uk)

Christmas Trees

Thank you to those of you who ordered this year! Christmas trees will be available to collect from the school carpark on Saturday 2nd December between approx. 10.30am-12pm. We will receive more timing information on Friday 1st December and send an email to all those who placed an order.

Panettone

Thank you to those of you who ordered Panettone too! These will be sent home with your child once the school receive the delivery. Date tbc

Online shopping via Easyfundraising:

Easyfundraising makes money for charity when you shop online in hundreds of different stores e.g. Amazon, John Lewis, Tesco's and eBay. Download the app or add the reminder to your browser when online shopping this Black Friday/Christmas and link your account to the 'Friends of Holy Trinity C of E School Wimbledon'. Every online purchase will raise money for our school!

If you have any questions please email hotsemail@gmail.com

Thanks as ever for your support,
The HOTS Committee

Cystic Fibrosis Petition

A member of our school community, impacted by Cystic Fibrosis, has asked for your support. There is currently a parliamentary petition to fund continued access to life changing modulator drugs for Cystic Fibrosis patients, after news received on 3 November from NICE that it believes that these clinically proven medications are not cost effective for the NHS to use. These drugs have been like a silver lining to the family in our school community, as they are the first drugs to target the faulty CFTR gene and have improved the lives of many cystic fibrosis patients already.

There are currently 44,341 signatures, but this needs to get to 100,000 to ensure that it is considered for debate by parliament.

If you would like to, please consider signing the petition following this link

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/650674>



Christmas Fair – Holy Trinity Church

Saturday 2nd December 2023, 11am - 4pm

Free Entry - All Welcome!

Dear Parent/Carer,

The Christmas Fair at Holy Trinity Church is fast approaching, so please put the date in your diary! Come and join in the fun of the Fair and enjoy a host of children's games, crafts and festive activities. Take the children to visit Santa in his Grotto and why not enter the Round the Fair Scavenger Hunt, this year's event for child and parent teams.

There will be a raffle this year featuring a host of great prizes including:

£200 restaurant voucher for at "Granger & Co."
Waitrose Hamper
Italian Deli Box – Prezzemolo & Vitale
£60 Wine Tasting Voucher - Jeroboams
4x £20 GBK vouchers (burgers)
£25 Robert and Edwards Butcher Voucher
And many many more prizes

For your chance to win, please ask for raffle tickets at the school office. They are in books of 5 tickets, priced at £1 each. Simply tear off your ticket(s) and return the completed stub(s), along with your cash payment and any unused tickets, in a sealed envelope marked "CHURCH RAFFLE" to the school office.

Do not forget to complete your details clearly on the stubs to ensure we are able to contact you if you win a prize.

Please feel free to sell tickets to friends or family and if you would like more tickets, these can be obtained via the school office.

The prize draw will be held at 2.30pm and 3pm on Saturday 2nd December 2023 at Holy Trinity Church.

Thank you very much for your support and we hope to see you at the Fair!

Best wishes,

The Holy Trinity Church Fair Organising Team

Keeping Children Safe in Sport - NSPCC

Sport is a fantastic thing for children and young people. It helps them socialise, keeps them fit and more importantly can introduce them into an interest for life. One which will increase their quality of life far into the future, setting good habits and instilling values and self-discipline. Engaging with them in this manner can show them new directions for their lives and expand their opportunities. Unfortunately, there are, like with anything, risks attached. Away matches, interactions with non-school staff such as coach drivers, out-of-school coaches and other personnel can create vulnerability windows that could be exploited. To help head off these potential problems, the NSPCC has created a page dedicated to offering guidance on how to keep pupils safe in sporting environments. To find out more please follow the link below:

<https://thecpsu.org.uk/parents>

Term Dates 2023-2024

Autumn Term 2023

- Last day: Thursday 21st December

Spring Term 2024

- First day: Monday 8th January 2024
(INSET Monday 8th January so children back Tuesday 9th January)
- Last day: Thursday 28th March 2024
- Half term: Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February 2024

Summer Term 2024

- First day: Monday 15th April 2024
- Last day: Wednesday 24th July 2024
- Half term: Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2024
(INSETs Monday 3rd June and Wednesday 24th July, so children return after half term on Tuesday 4th June 2024 and term ends Tuesday 23rd July 2024)

Key Dates for the Term (Any new dates added will be highlighted.)

Date	Time	Event
27 th November		Assessment week
1 st December	8.15-8.45	Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
7 th December	8.45-9.30	Parent/Carer Prayer Group
8 th December		Christmas Jumper Day
12 th December	9.15	Reception Nativity
13 th December	9.15	Reception Nativity
13 th December	Lunchtime	Christmas lunch for children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. All other children to bring packed lunches please.
14 th December	9.15	Year 2 Christmas show
14 th December	Lunchtime	Christmas lunch for children in Year 3 to 6. All other children to bring packed lunches please.
15 th December	10.30/2.30	Nursery Nativity
18 th December	9.15	Year 1 Concert
18 th December	18.30	Year 3/5 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church
19 th December	18.30	Year 4/6 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church
21 st December	14.00	Break up
8 th January 2024		INSET Day – School closed
9 th January 2023		Term begins for all children
11 th January	9.45	Nursery Open Morning for entry in 2024
9 th February		Break up for half term
19 th February		2 nd half of term begins
11 th – 22 nd March		Assessment weeks
18 th – 22 nd March		Year 6 in France
20 th March	8.15-8.45	Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
25 th -27 th March		Parent/Teacher Meetings
28 th March	14.00	Break up for Easter holidays
15 th April		Summer term begins
19 th April	8.15-8.45	Year 6 Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
8 th – 10 th May		Year 4 PGL
13 th – 16 th May		Year 6 SATS
24 th May	8.15-8.45	Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
24 th May		Break up for half term
3 rd June		INSET Day – School closed
4 th June		2 nd half of term begins
4 th – 7 th June		Year 4 Multiplication Check Week
10 th – 14 th June		Assessment Week
10 th – 14 th June		Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Window
29 th June		Summer Fair
19 th July	8.00-8.45	Extended Share My Learning
23 rd July	9.15 14.00	Leaver's Service @ Holy Trinity Church Term ends
24 th July		INSET Day – School closed

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

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