

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

I hope you all enjoyed the Bank Holiday weekend.

We're praying for our Year 6 pupils as they sit their SATS tests next week. We are so proud of all of the work they have done in preparing for their tests. We want them to know that, no matter how they do, we think that they are great! They are all special, smart and unique. We will pray the following prayer at the start of each paper:

Loving Lord,

Thank you for these wonderful children and for all of their hard work. Please help them to do the best they possibly can. Help them to know that you are with them always.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.



Year 4 had a wonderful time at Windmill Hill last week. They conquered many fears, supported each other, and survived on very little sleep!



Many congratulations to our Holy Trinity pupils who did amazingly well at a karate tournament last weekend. You should feel so proud of your achievements.



Well done to these Holy Trinity pupils who competed in the Delancey UK Chess Challenge last weekend. It was their first chess competition with over 100 children competing. We are so proud of how well you did and your sportspersonship!

We would love to hear your views on our school!

Our annual parent survey is live, and will close on 13th May. Please do take the time to complete one response per family. If your answers are different for different children, please use the comments boxes to give further information.

To complete the survey, please click on the link below.

<https://forms.gle/U3BPwmyFe9TJLCy49>

The information we get from this survey is so helpful in shaping our School Improvement Plan for the coming academic year. Following the survey, the governors will organise a Parent Forum, to discuss aspects of the survey in more detail. Watch this space for further information.

There will be a prize for the children in the year group with the most survey responses!

Lent Appeal

We have raised a whopping **£9,348.86**, to be shared between The Ukraine Appeal (Save the Children Fund) and Great Ormond Street. A huge thank you to you all for your generosity.

Trim Trail

Please note that children are not allowed to play on the Trim Trail, before or after school. Thank you.

The HOTS book corner project



Last week HOTS launched 'The Book Corner Project'. Thank you to those of you who have already bought a book for your class (see picture above). Each class teacher has set up an Amazon wishlist containing books and other items to upgrade their classroom's book corner. Parents who wish to take part are invited to buy an item from the list, which will be delivered straight to school and to their child's classroom.

The book corners are used every day by all children and this is a great way parents can directly impact their child's classroom resources and provide new books for the school.

Please find your relevant list below:

[Miss Ade's Nursery Wishlist](#)

[Miss Smythe' Reception Owls Wishlist](#)

[Mrs Channel's Reception Robins Wishlist](#)

[Mr Skillern's Year 1 Foxes Wishlist](#)

[Miss Panners Year 1 Moles Wishlist](#)

[Miss Dorey's Year 2 Badgers Wishlist](#)

[Mrs Niemann's Year 2 Squirrels Wishlist](#)

[Mrs Witting's Year 3H Wishlist](#)

[Miss Davies Year 3T Wishlist](#)

[Mrs Duke's Year 4H Wishlist](#)

[Miss McHenry's Year 4T Wishlist](#)

[Miss Poverello's Year 5H Wishlist](#)

[Mrs Raincock & Miss Brown's Year 5T Wishlist](#)

There has been a technical hitch with the 5T Wishlist – more items will be added soon, please keep checking!

[Mrs Ottley's Year 6H Wishlist](#)

[Miss Thomas' Year 6T Wishlist](#)

When purchasing please remember to include a gift note with your teachers name on it so we know which classroom it should be delivered to!

I would like to use this opportunity to remind you about a free and easy way you can support HOTS any time you shop on Amazon. By setting up **Amazon Smile**, which takes *less than a minute*, anytime you spend with Amazon, they will give a donation to Holy Trinity. **It costs you nothing** and could make the world of difference to what our school can afford this year!

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/>

Thanks so much for your support,

The HOTS committee

HOTS AGM

Join us for the **HOTS AGM on Wednesday 18th May 7.30pm** at school. We will be discussing our fundraising over the last year, welcoming ideas for the year ahead and talking about the return of the summer fair and how you can help.

It is a great opportunity to meet the committee and find out how you can support the vital fundraising we do for the school. **The money we raise helps support every area of the school**, from the playground and sports equipment to books and musical instruments, from extra support staff such as the librarian to workshops for every age group.

Please come along and show your support. There will be refreshments (wine) and we promise to keep it short and sweet!

Many thanks,

The HOTS Committee

Music Festival

This term sees the return of our Music Festival for Year 2 - Year 6. This is an opportunity for children to prepare a performance and sing to the class, or, if they learn an instrument, to play to the class. The heats will take place in music lessons in the weeks beginning 9th and 16th May, with some children being selected to perform in the Finals (date to be arranged). Children in Year 2 and Year 3 may choose to sing one of the songs that we have been learning in class this term or their own choice of song. Children in Year 4- Year 6 are free to choose their own song. Own choice songs **MUST** be age appropriate (i.e. no inappropriate lyrics or content). They may sing on their own or with a friend, but it is up to them to sort out who to sing with and to rehearse together.

It is a great opportunity for those that learn an instrument to have the chance to perform to their friends. A good standard of performance is expected.

Children do not have to sing or play - it is just as important to have a good audience for those that do perform. Any queries - please see Mrs Quinn (who is in school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays) or email (hilary.quinn@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk)

Data Privacy Notices

We have recently updated our Data Privacy Notices. Please find them attached for your information.

Living With COVID

As you will know, the COVID guidance changed on 1st April 2022.

In summary, the two main takeaway messages from guidance are:

- 1) the importance of prevention measures such as vaccination;
- 2) if a child is unwell (especially if they have a temperature), they stay away from setting until they are better – this is similar to the way we managed things before the pandemic. Children with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or mild cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education or childcare setting.

There is no longer a need for children to isolate at home for 5 days. If they are feeling ill (or have a temperature), then they should stay at home until they are better. If they are feeling well enough to come to school (and don't have a temperature), then they should be in school.

We are very keen for school attendance to improve this term.

DONS Abseil Challenge

Face your fears, join the fun and abseil from the roof of the Cherry Red Records Stadium on Plough Lane.

Sign up for the Dons Abseil Challenge, Sunday 15 May 2022 at AFC Wimbledon's Family Fun Day in aid of Dons Local Action Group. <https://donslocalaction.org/the-dons-abseil-challenge>

Registration Fee: £25 – To encourage as many pupils and parents to sign up for the Dons Abseil Challenge we have created a promo code where you can register for just £10. Enter the promo code 'school' when you check out.
Minimum Sponsorship Target: £100

The event is open to everyone 10 years old and over so please spread the word and get involved. Places are going fast and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

P.S. if you don't want to abseil, please forward on to your friends who may be interested and do come to the Family Fun Day on 15th May... <https://donslocalaction.org/family-fun-day/>

May Half Term – NEAT Multisports Camp at Holy Trinity

Please find attached a flyer for the multisports camp which NEAT will be running in school between Monday 30th May and Wednesday 1st May. To find out more or to make a booking, please contact NEAT

Summer Holiday Touch-Typing Course

Summer holiday touch typing courses for 7 – 16s St Joseph's RC Primary School, Fairfield, Kingston KT1 2UP 25th - 28th July; 22nd - 25th August; 10:00 - 12:15 pm daily

Beginners, improvers and advanced typists are warmly welcome.

Formal technique is taught alongside fun games and activities.

Place cost: £160.00 per course. OFSTED registered – child care vouchers accepted For more info please see

www.typingscool.co.uk or email: sarah.holt@typingscool.co.uk

Attached items:

- Data Privacy Notices
- NEAT May Half-Term Camp

Term dates 2021-2022

Summer Term 2022

- First day: Tuesday 19 April 2022
- Last day: Friday 22 July 2022
- Half term: Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June 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. By next week we will be able to give you all of the dates for this term.

Date	Time	Event	Notes
9 th – 12 th May		Year 6 SATS	
16 th May onwards		Year 2 SATS	
18 th May		Year 6 to Chessington	
18 th May	7.30pm	HOTS AGM @ School	
23 rd – 27 th May		Assessment Week 1	
25 th May		Music Festival Finals	
27 th May		Jubilee Celebrations Break up for half term	
6 th June		INSET Day – School closed	
7 th June		2 nd half of term begins	
6 th June -17 th June		Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Window Year 4 Timetables Check Window	
13 th – 17 th June		Assessment Week 2	
20 th – 24 th June		Year 6 to France Book Week	
24 th June	2.00pm	Diversity Think Tank – more details to follow	
2 nd July		Summer Fair	
4 th – 8 th July		Sports Week – days TBC	
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 – more details to follow	
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