

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

Father Mark led our Lent Eucharist this Tuesday, which was a very special occasion. We are grateful to our Growing Together in Spirit Team who read, prayed and served at the Eucharist.

We also celebrated International Women's Day this week too, and looked at the theme of embracing equity.





Nursery have been learning about the lifecycle of the butterfly based around the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle. They made potato print pictures as well as some very colourful pom pom lollipop stick caterpillars! They also looked at lots of different butterflies and talked about the symmetry of their wings and then tried to make their own symmetrical patterns on butterfly pictures.



Year 6 created some watercolour paint work based on our class text 'Journey to the River Sea' set in Brazil and The Amazon Rainforest.



Reception have been learning about 'Saving our world'. They made Earth biscuits today and made their own posters on how to look after our world.



Did you know that each week there is a different theme in our After School Club? This week has been Mythical Beast week!

Activity Clubs Summer 2023

Booking for our Activity Clubs programme for the summer term will go live at 7pm on Monday 13th March and close at 12noon on Wednesday 22nd March. For more information please see the attached programme summary.

Messages from Mrs Quinn

SingFest

Both choirs have been working very hard for their performance at Merton Music Foundation's SingFest next week. They were sounding really good in Thursday's rehearsal. Please could you encourage them to practise at the weekend to make sure they are really confident with the lyrics of the songs (particularly the verses of 'Shine').

Music Assembly

On Thursday 23rd March at 9.00 there will be a Musical Assembly where the choir will perform the songs that they are singing at SingFest and the orchestra will perform some of the pieces that they have been working on this term. Parents/Carers are welcome to join us for this musical feast!

Strike Days – 15th and 16th March 2023.

Do take a look at the Parentmail sent this morning about which classes will be affected by the strike days next week.

STEM Occupations

We are looking for parents/carers who might be able to support us during our Science Week. As part of our **Science week (week commencing 20th March 2023)** later on this half-term, we would love to hear from any of our parents/carers who are in the field of **STEM (Science, Engineering, Technology, Maths)**, who might be willing to come in and speak to the children about their role. This will only take up an hour of your time. If you are interested in being involved, please email Mrs Niemann at beth.niemann@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk
Thank you!

Science Dress Up Day

To celebrate our Science Week, we will be **dressing up on Friday, 24th March**. The theme of our week is **'Connections'**. Feel free to be as creative as possible with your costumes using the theme or any science related link- this may be related to a science topic you've covered, a scientist, a science occupation/job or your favourite scientific discovery. There will be prizes for the most creative costumes!

Governor Committee Clerk required

We are looking for a clerk to take the minutes at our governor committee meetings. This is a voluntary post. Might you have a few hours a term to spare please to serve in this way? If you would like more information please email Shipra Gupta (Chair of Governors) at governors@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk

Room available?

One of our families at school is in need of support. Does anyone have, or know of, a room that might be available for a family to stay in short-term? If you think you might be able to help, please email headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk

Share My Learning Date Change

I'm afraid we have had to change the date of *Share My Learning* for some of our year groups. The dates are as follows:

- Friday 17th March – Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6
- Wednesday 22nd March – Years 3, 4, 5

Beat the Street is coming to Merton!

On Monday, the *Beat the Street* team came to Holy Trinity to tell the children about this new initiative. Do take a look at the information below, and scan the QR code, to find out more. Your child should have brought home a leaflet about this, together with a card for use from Wednesday 15th March. The more of our children who participate, the more chance Holy Trinity has of winning prizes.



HOTS notices

Friday 21st April will be the Spring Fling Disco 🍷🍷🍷 Tickets are now on sale on the HOTS website

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hots>

We can only hold a limited number of adults so we encourage 1 adult to bring up to 5 children for KS2 and 1 adult to bring up to 3 children for Nursey and KS1. The KS1 disco is nearly at capacity for adults so if you already have a ticket, please consider if you can take more children with you. There will be a bar to keep the adults occupied!

Nursery and KS1 disco is 5.30-6.30pm

KS2 disco is 6.45-8pm

If you can volunteer on the day please do email us at hotsemail@gmail.com

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We are excited to announce that **PARENTS QUIZ NIGHT** is back and will be taking place on **Friday 19th May** in the school hall. Last year's quiz night was a huge success so we will double capacity this year to allow more teams to join. More information will follow shortly please save the date and so watch this space!

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We are excited to announce that **the SUMMER FAIR will take place on Saturday 24th June!** Please save the date and more information will follow.

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The HOTS Committee

Poetry Competition



Do you love to write?
Are you a poet and you know it?

Then enter your poem into the Holy Trinity poetry competition!

The theme is 'Spring'

You could write about:

- How Spring makes you feel
- What colours you see in Spring
- What changes the new season brings
- Anything that makes you think of Spring

There will be prizes for the winners and the winning poems will be displayed in the school.

Your poem can be any style, any length and can be rhyming or non-rhyming.

Resources and entry forms can be found on class pages on the Learning Platform.

Please submit your entries by Friday 17th March via the envelope by the office.

Good luck and happy writing!

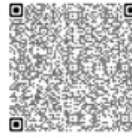
NHS Wellbeing Workshops
**Online Webinar for Parents:
Supporting Common Child
Anxieties and Worries –
Including Around Exams**
20th, 23rd, or 24th March

Anxiety and worries during childhood are completely normal. At the same time, they can cause stress for both children and those supporting them.

This webinar looks at different ways you can:

- Talk with your child about worries
 - Identify key worries
 - Support your child with their anxieties and worries
- And it will provide parents with some key resources.*

Sign up for free via Eventbrite:
www.eventbrite.com/cc/primary-parents-nhs-wellbeing-workshops-682309



Merton's Forum for Parents of
Children and Young People with
Disabilities or Special Needs

**Off the Record
Supporting young people with
emotional well-being issues**

**with Matthew Taylor (Senior Mental Health Practitioner)
& Gosia Pawlowska (Merton Schools Wellbeing Team
Service Manager)**

Hear about Merton's Off the Record service for young people aged 11-25 who live in Merton, or have a Merton GP.

Find out how young people can access free & confidential emotional support ranging from ongoing support via individual online (text-based) & face-to-face counselling, through to one-off support via a telephone support line, plus support for parents & carers of young people struggling with self-harm or school avoidance.

Matthew will also be talking through some strategies you can use at home with your children.

Thursday 23 March, 10am to 12pm (in person meeting)

**In person meeting at Combi Room, Chaucer Centre,
Canterbury Road, Morden, SM4 6PX**

(Please confirm by Friday 3 March)

THESE SESSIONS ARE FOR PARENT CARERS ONLY

✓ For more information or to register with Kids First / Adults First and receive news of all our events, just ring 020 3963 0597 or email kf.admin@mertonmencap.org.uk.

Attached items:

- Summer Term Clubs

Term Dates 2022-2023

Spring Term 2023

- Last day: Friday 31st March 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)

Term Dates 2023-2024

Autumn Term 2023

- First day: Monday 4 September 2023
(INSETs Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th September so children back Wednesday 6th September)
- Last day: Thursday 21st December
- Half term: Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October 2023

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)

Date	Time	Event
13 th – 17 th March		Assessment Week
14 th March	PM	Year 3-6 Choirs to SingFest @ St Mark's Church
15 th /16 th March		Teacher Strike Days for some classes – see Parentmail
20 th – 24 th March		Year 6 visit to France Science Week – dress up day 24 th March
17 th March	8.15-8.45	EYFS/KS1 Share my Learning NB this is a date change Year 6 Share My Learning
22 nd March	8.15-8.45	Years 3, 4, 5 Share my Learning
27 th – 31 st March		Parent/Teacher Meetings
28 th March	9.15	Easter Service @ Holy Trinity Church
31 st March	14.00	Break up for Easter holidays
17 th April		Summer term begins
21 st April	Evening	HOTS Disco
May		Year 2 SATS
8 th May		Extra Bank Holiday
9 th – 12 th May		Year 6 SATS
10 th – 12 th May		Year 4 to PGL
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		Special 125 th Anniversary Celebration – details TBC 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
24 th June		Summer Fair
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