

Growing together as children of God



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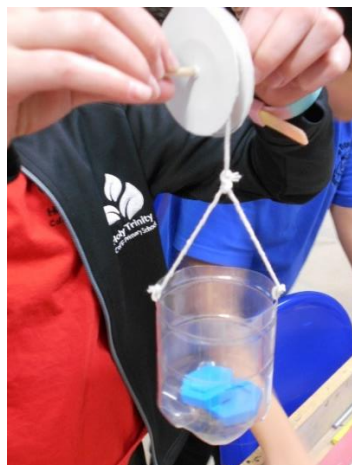
- ✓we want our pupils to **grow** in confidence, independence, resilience and knowledge, so that all achieve their full potential and develop a life-long love of learning and of the world around us.
- ✓we work **together** with families, community and church to model positive relationships, supporting 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 am so proud of our children, particularly in the way they help others. I was delighted to see one of our Year 6 children, who had given up her lunchtime to help others, communicating to one of our Reception children using Makaton signing. At a recent Open Morning for prospective parents, I received such wonderful comments from our visitors, about how our children spoke so proudly about the school. Thank you so much for raising such delightful children!



Year 4 children learnt that sound travels as vibrations (sound waves) and they created string telephones to experience this. The sound travelled along the string and into the cup. They were also able to feel the vibrations on the string when they talked into the cup.



Year 5 created their own pulleys in Science this week.

Primary Mathematical Challenge

During the month of November, some of our Year 4, 5 and 6 children took part in the Primary Mathematical Challenge which involved answering a range of challenging maths questions. The children were eager to take part and thoroughly enjoyed unpicking the more complex problems. We are super proud of them all for their achievements. We will be participating in the next Primary Maths Challenge which will take place next April. Children will be presented with their certificates at our next Celebration Worship.

Thank you from Christian Care

We have received a lovely letter from Christian Care, thanking us for our donations from the Harvest festival. Jane Savill, Chair of Trustees, writes, "Life continues to be challenging for some of our vulnerable neighbours and all donations are gratefully received by the families whom we are privileged to know."

Christmas Performances

A parentmail will go out early next week with information about how you can book tickets for these events. I'm afraid, due to the rising number of COVID cases in the area, we will have to restrict the number of tickets per household. Look out for further information next week.

Pianist needed!

Mrs Quinn is urgently seeking a pianist to accompany some of the items in the school Carol Services on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th December at 6.30pm. Any pianist able to accompany a few carols, please email Mrs Quinn to discuss further.

hilary.quinn@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk

Carol Services

Our KS2 children have started learning songs for the Carol Services at the end of term. This is just advanced notice that all KS2 children are expected to attend these services.

15 th December	6.30pm	Year 3/5 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church	All children in Year 3/5 to attend Parents/carers invited
16 th December	6.30pm	Year 4/6 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church	All children in Year 4/6 to attend Parents/carers invited

International Coffee Morning Follow-up – Message from Sarah and Ifrah

Thank you so much for coming to our International EAL coffee morning last Friday. It was so lovely to meet new people and hear that we have such a diverse community here at Holy Trinity Primary School. As Ifrah and I were chatting to everyone, it was clear that there is an interest to meet together and make connections and practice our English (for some of you).

Ifrah and I are planning on making the coffee morning a regular monthly meeting for anyone who would like to drop in for a chat. We have a date for December 10 after drop off in the small hall again. As it will be near Christmas time if anyone has a cultural/family favourite treat they like to eat at this time of year please feel free to bring some and I'm sure we will enjoy trying different food!

Ifrah and I will also be meeting with Mrs Rickards soon to discuss the possibility of putting on some ESOL classes for those wanting a more structured approach to improving their English. We will send out an email with more information on this in the next few weeks.

Here are the useful websites and they're child friendly too.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/storybooks-and-games/>

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/>

<https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/grammar-chants/nine-oclock-monday>

<https://www.gamestolearnenglish.com/>

If you have any questions or would like to give us feedback on how we can improve the meetings please do not hesitate to get in touch with either one of us.

Savills Estate Agents Offer

Are you thinking of moving (locally we hope!)? If so, did you know that Savills estate agents will donate £1000 to HOTS if you successfully sell your house through them? For more information please see the attached flyer.

COVID Update

If there is a positive COVID case in your child's class, I will send a Parentmail to the whole class to let them know. Due to changes in the self-isolation rules, only the child (or adult) who has tested positive would need to self-isolate for 10 days. Schools no longer have the responsibility of identifying close contacts as NHS Test and Trace fulfil this role. If your child is in the class of a positive case, even if you are not contacted by NHS Test and Trace, you are advised to get a PCR test for them as a precautionary measure. If you are getting a PCR test as a precautionary measure, the current guidance is that there is no need for your child to self-isolate until the results are in. If we have a positive COVID case in school, this is reported to the Merton Public Health Team.

If your child has any COVID symptoms, please keep them off school, and arrange for them to have a PCR test. Please keep school informed.

To keep us all safe, families are strongly advised to take regular Lateral Flow Tests to pick up any asymptomatic cases. For further information about COVID and testing click on the link

<https://www.merton.gov.uk/coronavirus/test>

Further information for parents/carers can be found by following this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/step-4-update-what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges>

HOTS NOTICES

Carols by Candlelight

Please join us for our next event, **Carols by Candlelight**, on Saturday 11th December from 4-6pm in the school playground. Tickets are just £5 so wrap up warm and join us for a singalong! 🕯️

Get your carol tickets here - <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hots>

If you have any empty unwanted **JAM JARS** at home please can you bring them into school and leave them with Mrs Rickards at morning drop-off, we are also collecting **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS** (preferably battery operated) if you can also bring these to school labelled clearly with your name and year group, we can return them to you after the event. Thank you!

Advent Bible Series

The parent prayer group would like to invite you to a series of coffee mornings looking at the key messages of Christmas: Hope, Joy, Peace and Love. If you are interested, we will be meeting each Friday morning in December at 9-10am starting on the 3rd December (could be in person or on zoom). Whether you are a believer, someone looking for a deeper meaning to Christmas or want a refresh on what it's all about, you are really welcome to share in some seasonal joy and tradition with us at this time of year. If you are interested in joining us please contact Sarah Williams on 07740469892 or timso.williams@gmail.com.

Merton Winter Homeless Night Shelter 2022

Volunteer groups are exploring the possibility of setting up a communal nightshelter which would run throughout January and February 2022 and be held at The Salvation Army hall on Kingston Road. It is proposed that various volunteer groups that have previously run the shelter at their own premises, will each take responsibility for one regular evening/morning per week and Holy Trinity Church will work with St Winefride's to cover the Thursday evening to Friday morning slot. A maximum of eight guests could be safely accommodated at the venue. Shelter shifts would be along the lines of the old system, i.e. 3 shifts, evening (5.30pm-10pm), overnight (10pm-6am), morning (6am-9am). The Salvation Army hall has a fully equipped kitchen, where an evening meal can either be delivered or cooked on site. The hall also has shower and laundry facilities.

Covid measures such as guest and volunteer testing, social distancing, screened sleeping areas, ventilation units, protective clothing etc would all be put in place. A risk assessment will be undertaken by Housing Justice and all health and safety measures will be signed off by Merton Public Health, the Salvation Army and the YMCA. The YMCA will provide a project co-ordinator to undertake guest assessment for entry into the shelter.

If you are able to help in any way please email Maggie Thomson on mm_thomson@hotmail.com for more details

Holy Trinity Church Christmas Fair Saturday 4 December 11am-4pm

Do make a note of the date and we hope to welcome many of you, having missed a year!

Two requests at this stage: first, would anyone be happy to display an estate agent's board advertising the Fair?

Second, is anyone interested in helping oversee and run one of our stalls?

For offers of help with either of these, please contact churchwarden Richard Blades:

churchwardens@ht-sw.org.uk

Attached/Linked items:

- Savills' Flyer
- Holy Trinity Church Fair Flyer

Term dates 2021-2022

Autumn Term 2021

- First day: Wednesday 1 September 2021
(INSETs Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd so children back Friday 3rd)
- Last day: Friday 17 December 2021
- Half term: Monday 25 October to Friday 29 October 2021

Spring Term 2022

- First day: Tuesday 4 January 2022
(INSET Tuesday 4th so children back Wednesday 5th)
- Last day: Friday 1 April 2022
- Half term: Monday 14 February to Friday 18 February 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
29 th November – 3 rd December		Assessment week	
1 st December	2.00	Nursery Open Afternoon for entry in 2022	Informal talk in nursery and tour
3 rd December	9.00	Parent Prayer Group Advent Series	
7 th December	9.15	Reception Nativity	Robins' parents/carers to watch
8 th December	9.15	Reception Nativity	Owls' parents/carers to watch
9 th December	9.15	Year 2 Christmas show	Year 2 parents/carers invited
10 th December	9.00	Parent Prayer Group Advent Series	
10 th December	8.45	International Coffee Morning	Small Hall – enter via Effra Road
10 th December	10.30/2.30	Nursery Nativity	Nursery parents/carers invited
10 th December		Christmas Jumper Day – children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper to school and give a donation to Save the Children Fund	
11 th December	4.00-6.00pm	HOTS Carols by Candlelight	
14 th December	9.15	Year 1 Concert	Year 1 parents/carers invited
15 th December	6.30	Year 3/5 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church	All children in Year 3/5 to attend Parents/carers invited
16 th December	6.30	Year 4/6 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church	All children in Year 4/6 to attend Parents/carers invited
17 th December	9.00	Parent Prayer Group Advent Series	
17 th December	2.00pm	Break up	
4 th January 2022		INSET Day – School closed	
5 th January 2022		Term begins for all children	
11 th February		Break up for half term	
21 st February		2 nd half of term begins	
1 st April	2.00pm	Break up for Easter holidays	
19 th April		Summer term begins	
9 th – 12 th May		Year 6 SATS	
27 th May		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	
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