

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

What a week we have had, celebrating the birth of Jesus on that first Christmas day. I am so grateful to all of the staff team for their extra efforts in preparing the children for their special performances. I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Quinn for the superb KS2 Carol Services – the music and singing was exceptional, and brought a tear to many eyes! As I mentioned last night, our lovely Mrs Quinn will be retiring at the end of this academic year after 40 years inspiring young people to make music!

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Christmas, and a healthy and peaceful new year. Thank you so much for your incredible support this term. As our Holy Trinity vision states, we are stronger when we work together.



Our KS2 Carol Services at Holy Trinity Church.



We all enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch this week. Thank you to our wonderful team of cooks in the kitchen.



Decorating the tree was a team effort this year!



Fun in the snow!



Year 4 enjoying their final dance session with dance coach Faye.



As part of their Design and Technology unit, Year 2 have been exploring pivots, levers and linkages and applied this knowledge when making their own 'Moving Monsters'.



Year 5 held a cultural day yesterday. Each child prepared a presentation for their class all about their culture and heritage. The children also brought in some of their traditional food to share. The children learnt so much (and ate a lot too).



Year 6 made these volcanoes as part of their Extreme Earth Geography unit.

Thank you for your generosity

As a result of your generosity, £1,110.56 will be sent to the local Night Shelter and Holy Trinity's Warm Space from our retiring collections this year. Thank you.

House Captain Christmas Challenges

Our House Captains organised a series of House Christmas challenges for the whole school to complete this week. These included a Christmas quiz, a candy cane treasure hunt, pin the nose on Rudolph, Christmas Lego-making and making cards to deliver to some of our more elderly neighbours.

The winning house, with the most points was Trinity.

Thank you to all of our House Captains for working so hard this week.

Spring Term

Just a reminder that the Spring term starts for children on Wednesday 4th January 2023. Staff will be in on 3rd January for training.

PE Bulletin Special

Do take time to read about our sporting success this term in the special PE Bulletin attached. We are so proud of the children, and Coach Bailey!

Merton Admissions Consultation

Merton are consulting on the admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools for the 2024/25 academic year. The consultation period commences on 15 December 2022 and closes on 31 January 2023. Please find attached copies of the proposed admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools, together with Merton's proposed Admissions Scheme.

The key changes in the admissions arrangements are:

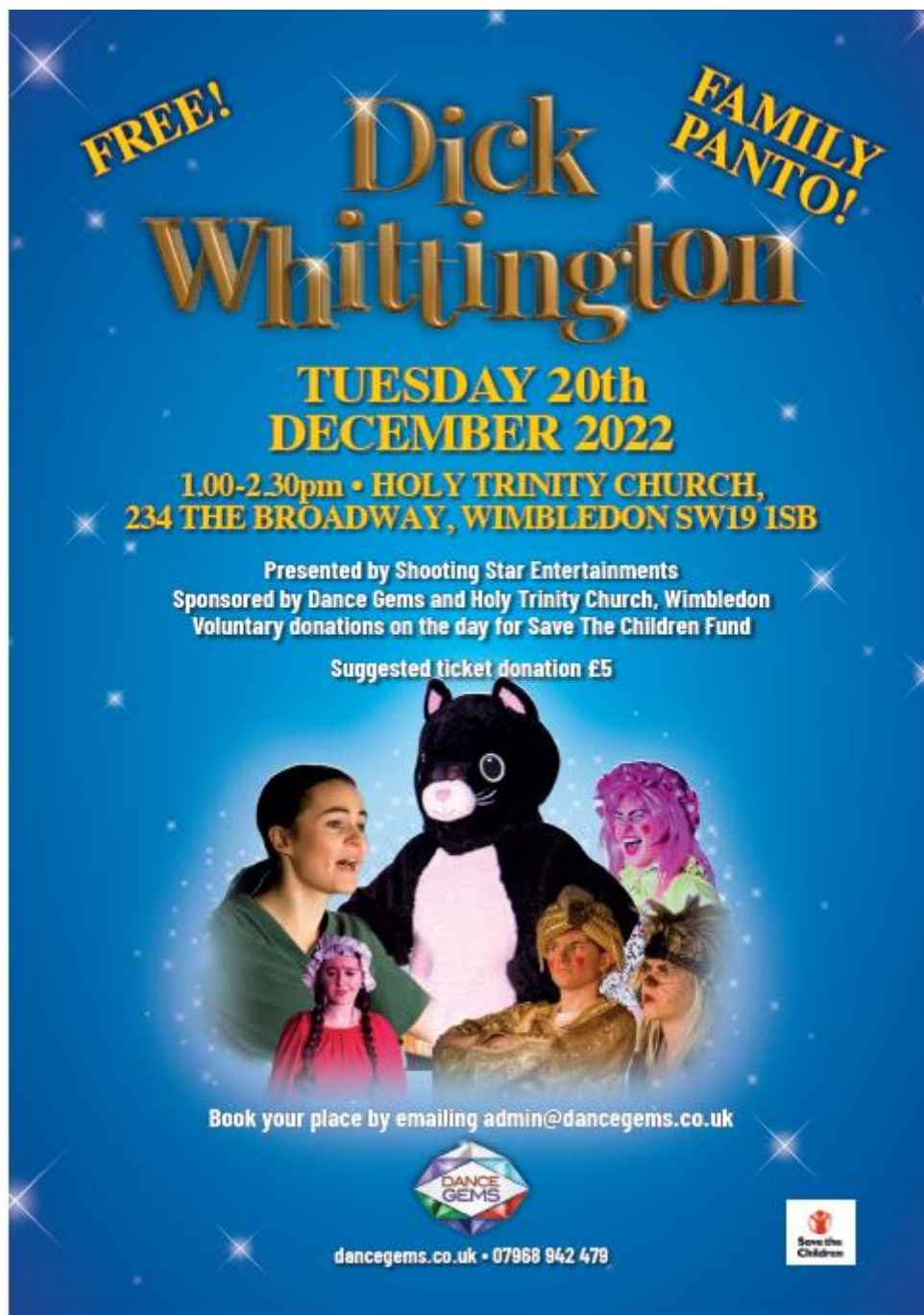
- Update the number of external places in RR6 Sixth Form from 4 to 20
- Wording changes in the Raynes Park and RR6 Sixth Form arrangements for clarity

Please can I ask you to make parents aware of the consultation via your newsletters or any other normal means of communication that you use. The consultation is available via our website on the following page – [School admissions arrangements and supplementary forms : 2024/25 | Merton Council](#)

If you want to give your views, please submit your response during the consultation period which ends on 31 January 2023. Anyone wishing to submit their views should either email admissions@merton.gov.uk marked for my attention or write to:

Paul Stemp

Admissions Manager, School Admissions, Merton Civic Centre, Morden, Surrey, SM4 5DX



Attached items:

- PE Bulletin Special
- Free Pantomime
- Merton Admissions Consultation

Term Dates 2022-2023

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)

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
3 rd January 2023		INSET Day – School closed
4 th January 2023		Term begins for all children
7 th February	8.15-8.45	EYFS/KS1 Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
8 th February	8.15-8.45	KS2 Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
10 th February		Break up for half term
20 th February		2 nd half of term begins
21 st March	8.15-8.45	EYFS/KS1 Share my Learning
22 nd March	8.15-8.45	KS2 Share my Learning
27 th – 31 st March		Parent/Teacher Meetings
31 st March	14.00	Break up for Easter holidays
17 th April		Summer term begins
May		Year 2 SATS
8 th May		Extra Bank Holiday
8 th – 11 th May		Year 6 SATS Dates TBC due to the extra Bank Holiday
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		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
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 Christmas.

Izzy Rickards