

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

The children have settled in well to this new term, and are working so hard. We have had a focus on good manners, and kind behaviour, and I am so proud of our children for the kindness and respect they show around the school, and also in the community. Our Year 6 athletics team have just returned from a Merton competition, and not only did they receive bronze medals, but they were awarded the Refspect award for their sportsmanship, fair play and positive spectating.



Last week Nursery started their new topic of Nursery Rhymes. The children had an eggstantic time reciting and role playing Humpty Dumpty. The children investigated who pushed Humpty Dumpty off the wall and left footprints all over the classroom. It was Elf !



Year 3 have been working with wire during their art lessons and created a wire fish.

Forthcoming Teacher's Strike

You will have heard in the news that the largest teacher union, the NEU, has voted to go out on strike on 1st February, 2nd March, 15th March and 16th March. The majority of our teachers are members of the NEU, so it is very likely that a number of our teachers will be on strike, especially on 1st February, and classes will be closed. Activity clubs and the After School Club will be in operation.

Once I have more information, I will send a Parentmail out to you with more detail, but please do be prepared for classes to be closed on 1st February.

The Learning Platform

This is a reminder that there is a wealth of information about your child's curriculum, and how you can support them with their learning at home on the class pages of the Learning Platform. Your child will have their own log in for this. The teachers update it each week with information about what your child has/will be learning. Any Home Learning is also posted here.

When your child is off sick, teachers will not set work for them to complete, but the Learning Platform would be a good place for you to look if your child is feeling well enough.

Writing Workshop for Parents/Carers – Thursday 26th January 2023, 6.30pm

Following our successful Maths Workshop last term, we will be holding a Writing Workshop on Thursday 26th January 2023, 6.30pm. The evening will be over by 7.45pm.

This workshop will give parents/carers helpful information to be able to support their child/children with their writing at home. Do take a look at the Parentmail sent out last week.

Attendance

Our Educational Welfare Officer came into school this week to check the attendance of all of our pupils. She was concerned about the high number of unauthorised holidays that our families have taken already this year. May I remind you that all term-time holiday will be unauthorised.

Punctuality

We have a growing number of children arriving after 8.45am. The gates open at 8.30am and all children should be in their lines by 8.45am. The children complete early work as soon as they enter the classroom so children who arrive to school late are missing this key learning time.

School ends at 3.15 for Reception, 3.20 for Years 1 & 2, 3.25 for Years 3-6 and 3.30 for Nursery.



FRIDAY 3 FEBRUARY

7:30AM GMT TO 7:30PM GMT

Winning class will have the highest
number of correct answers per pupil.



PLAY IN
ANY
GAME TYPE

1-HOUR
TIME LIMIT
PER PERSON



New Family Maths Resource

**FREE Maths Primary Resource:
year 1 to 6**

Families Learning Together

All the guidance and resources you need to teach your child Maths just like they do at school. This covers the whole primary / KS1 + KS2 Maths National Curriculum.

<https://famlearn.co.uk/>

Reading Challenge

How about setting a New Year Resolution of reading more books? Do take a look at this link for more information about David Walliams' challenge.

https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/rip-roaring-readathon-2023/?fbclid=IwAR2wF7m8NbgBIbEkdIOpURebc6bdIbXMijTA3PP6DLYFLV-6_vZ0NI_dygA

Can you help us make a difference?

HOTS (the school PTA) are looking for **new committee members** to help raise money for the school and plan exciting events for the community to enjoy.

If you want to meet new people, organise exciting events, raise money to impact your child(ren)s education and generally feel great about yourself, then this is the opportunity for you!

We are looking for:

- General committee members
- A new Secretary
- A new Treasurer
- A new head of Preloved uniform
- A new Chairperson (or two Co-chairs)

There is not a huge time commitment, but you can have a **huge impact** on Holy Trinity by raising and allocating vital funds for the school. HOTS is a registered charity and being a trustee is a truly rewarding role.

If you'd like to find out more, please email hotsemail@gmail.com to chat with our team.

Thank you

Tuesday 24 January, 5-7pm (Zoom meeting)

Transition of children with EHCP's from primary to secondary school with Georgie Tyrell, SEN Team Manager & EHCP Co-Ordinators, plus Fran Turko & Shazia Khan from Merton's Information, Advice & Support Service (MIASS)

Another chance for year 5 parents to come & hear what the process for the transition of children with EHCPs from primary to secondary school will look like for a September 2024 start date

(parents of children with EHCPs in other primary school years also welcome).

Georgie will be giving an overview of the process & introducing you to some of the team of EHCP Co-Ordinators. Fran & Shazia will give a short presentation on the legal framework, some top tips & what to expect from schools.

Register now to secure your place!

Parish Pantomime

The Merton Priory Team annual Parish Pantomime this year is **The Three Musketeers**, playing at St John's from 27-29 January with performances on Friday & Saturday at 7pm, and Saturday and Sunday at 2pm. Tickets are just £5 each. Tickets can be bought online at www.tinyurl.com/mp3panto or you can reserve to pay at the door by email to mp3players@hotmail.co.uk or by text or call to 07956 934578.

Spring half term - Touch typing course for 7 - 16s.

St Joseph's Primary School, Kingston Monday 13 - Thursday 16 Feb; 10:00 - 12:15 pm daily.

Typing's Cool teaches children how to touch type 40+ words per minute. Beginners, improvers and advanced touch typists are welcome. We use a mix of formal technique and games to make learning fun and effective. Cost: £160.00. Childcare vouchers accepted. 10% discount for siblings, friends, DoE participants. Apply at www.typingscool.co.uk or contact sarah.holt@typingscool.co.uk

Attached items:

- Fitness For Schools Sports Camp – February half term
- Parish Pantomime
- Cookery Club Valentine's Half Term Club

Term Dates 2022-2023

Spring Term 2023

- 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
26 th January	6.30pm	Writing Workshop for parents/carers
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
13 th – 17 th March		Assessment Week
20 th – 24 th March		Year 6 visit to France
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
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
May		Year 2 SATS
8 th May		Extra Bank Holiday
9 th – 12 th May		Year 6 SATS
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 weekend.

Izzy Rickards