

### 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

Thank you to everyone who was able to come to our Writing Workshop last night, which gave some useful tips, tricks and games of how to support your child in their writing. The presentation given last night is attached to this bulletin. Thank you to Mrs Duke, Miss Dorey and Mrs Channell for organising such a helpful evening.

Anna Hemmings, Britain's most successful women's kayaking champion (and mum to Sofia and Luke), came to speak to the children this week about her kayaking career, and the setbacks she encountered along the way. We were all inspired to follow our dreams and set goals, but to also not give up, even when things get hard. Thank you, Anna for your inspiring message.

In our worship this week we have been continuing our theme of Meals with Jesus, looking this week at the time Jesus went to visit Zacchaeus' house, and as a result, Zacchaeus was a changed man. We have also been learning about Chinese New Year – it was wonderful to see some of our pupils in their traditional dresses.



Nursery have been learning about how Chinese New Year is celebrated. The children listened to the story of The Great Race which told the children all about the great animal race which was used to decide how to name the Chinese New Year.

## **Teacher's Strike – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

Do take a close look at the Parentmail sent on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January, which gives the details of which classes are open, and which are closed. After school activity clubs, and our After School Club (wraparound care) remain open to all pupils, regardless of whether they have been in school during the day.

## **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.

## **Share My Learning**

*Share My Learning* sessions are an opportunity for children to show their parents/carers their work and their classroom.

*Share My Learning* sessions will be held on the following days:

- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February, 8.15-8.45am for EYFS and KS1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022, 8.15-8.45am for KS2 (Years 3-6)

If you arrive between 8.15 and 8.30am, please enter via the main front door on Effra Road. After this time, enter via the Faraday Gate from the playground. We will ask parents to vacate the building at 8.45am so that we can start the school day promptly.

I understand that for some key workers these times may not be convenient. Please email [headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk) if this is the case. We will be reviewing the days that we hold *Share My Learning* sessions, to consider whether we can vary them. Do watch this space.

## **Policy Updates**

The Governors have recently reviewed the Mental Health Policy and Anti-Bullying Policy. The reviewed versions can be found on our website using this link [https://www.holytrinity.merton.sch.uk/web/school\\_policies/307879](https://www.holytrinity.merton.sch.uk/web/school_policies/307879)  
The Mental Health Policy gives a helpful overview of the support that is available within school, but also other agencies which we can signpost parents/carers to. Do take a look.

## **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



## HOTS Notices

The school PTA is run entirely by parent volunteers. We organise events for children, parents and carers and aim to bring the school community together to connect and have fun. These events raise huge amounts of money for the school and in recent years we have been able to buy the school 30 laptops, new playground equipment, a new piano, hundreds of new books and much more.

We are looking for **NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS** to help us continue this important work and **bring fresh ideas** to the table. It is **not a big time commitment** and can be done alongside a job. **It is incredibly rewarding** and you can make a big impact on the resources available to your child(ren) on a day-to-day basis. If you would like to hear more, please email [hotsemail@gmail.com](mailto:hotsemail@gmail.com). We can't wait to hear from you :)

The HOTS Committee

## 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](http://www.tinyurl.com/mp3panto) or you can reserve to pay at the door by email to [mp3players@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mp3players@hotmail.co.uk) or by text or call to 07956 934578.



#### Attached items:

- Writing Workshop presentation
- Adult art classes

#### Term Dates 2022-2023

##### Spring Term 2023

- Last day: Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023
- Half term: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023

##### Summer Term 2023

- First day: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023
  - Last day: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023
  - Half term: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023
- (INSETs Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July, so children end Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023)

#### Term Dates 2023-2024

##### Autumn Term 2023

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

##### Spring Term 2024

- First day: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024  
(INSET Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January so children back Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January)
- Last day: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024
- Half term: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024



## Summer Term 2024

- First day: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024
- Last day: Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024
- Half term: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024  
(INSETs Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July, so children return after half term on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and term ends Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024)

Date	Time	Event
1 <sup>st</sup> February		Strike – some classes closed for the day
2 <sup>nd</sup> February		3H to Wimbledon Museum and Polka Workshop Year 6 to London Eye
6 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> February		Children's Mental Health Week
7 <sup>th</sup> February	8.15-8.45	EYFS/KSI Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
8 <sup>th</sup> February	8.15-8.45	KS2 Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
10 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00	Year 6 Parent/Carer meeting about France visit
10 <sup>th</sup> February		Break up for half term
20 <sup>th</sup> February		2 <sup>nd</sup> half of term begins
13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> March		Assessment Week
20 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> March		Year 6 visit to France
21 <sup>st</sup> March	8.15-8.45	EYFS/KSI Share my Learning
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	8.15-8.45	KS2 Share my Learning
27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> March		Parent/Teacher Meetings
28 <sup>th</sup> March	9.15	Easter Service @ Holy Trinity Church
31 <sup>st</sup> March	14.00	Break up for Easter holidays
17 <sup>th</sup> April		Summer term begins
May		Year 2 SATS
8 <sup>th</sup> May		Extra Bank Holiday
9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> May		Year 6 SATS
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	8.15-8.45	EYFS/KSI Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
24 <sup>th</sup> May	8.15-8.45	KS2 Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
26 <sup>th</sup> May		Break up for half term
5 <sup>th</sup> June		<b>INSET Day – School closed</b>
6 <sup>th</sup> June		2 <sup>nd</sup> half of term begins
5 <sup>th</sup> June -16 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 4 Timetables Check Window
12 <sup>th</sup> June – 16 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Window
12 <sup>th</sup> July	8.00-8.45	Extended Share My Learning TBC
20 <sup>th</sup> July	9.15 14.00	Leaver's Service @ Holy Trinity Church Term ends
21 <sup>st</sup> July		<b>INSET Day – School closed</b>

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Izzy Rickards