

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

We are delighted to have come second in the Merton Summer Reading Challenge, meaning that we had the second highest number of children in Merton participating in the challenge. Miss Davies represented us at the award ceremony where we were given tokens which will be shared between the year groups to buy books. One of our pupils also received a prize! Well done to everyone who took part in the Reading Challenge – I hope it has inspired you to keep on reading.



Year 4 went to see Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock (world-famous space scientist) at The Wimbledon Bookfest this week. Dr Aderin-Pocock answered some very big questions for the children and they all received a hardback copy of her book 'Am I Made of Stardust?'



Harvest Celebration – Tuesday 4th October

We will be holding our Harvest Celebration on Tuesday morning at the church. If you are able, we invite children to bring in an item of non-perishable food on Tuesday, which we will take to the church for the Foodbank. The Foodbank is currently in urgent need of the following items:

- UHT milk
- Tinned or packet soup
- Tinned or long life fruit
- Jam or sandwich spreads
- Ketchup or table sauces

They have plenty of pasta at the moment, but obviously any non-perishable items would be gratefully received.

Reception Information Evening – Tuesday 4th October – 6.00pm

There will be an information evening for all current parents/carers of children in our Reception classes. This will be an opportunity for the teachers to share with you more about the curriculum, and how you can help your children at home. The evening will be over by 6.45pm, and will take place in the main school hall.

Morning Drop and Go!

Now that we are entering our 5th week of this new academic year, we would strongly urge all parents/carers of children in Years 1-6 to drop their children in the playground (or even at the Faraday Gate) and then leave as soon as possible via the Effra Gate. There is no need for you to wait until your child's class have gone into school. Last week a child was temporarily 'lost' as they had got caught up amongst the adults on the astroturf. Thank you so much for your co-operation.

Schools Sunday – Sunday 16th October, 10am @ Holy Trinity Church

We encourage as many children and families as possible to come to the special Schools' Sunday service at Holy Trinity Church on Sunday 16th October at 10am. Children do not need to wear their school uniform. The choir will be singing, so we would certainly ask that as many choir members as possible attend – please see the message below from Mrs Quinn

Choir - Holy Trinity Church, Sunday 16th October

Both school choirs will be singing during the Schools' Sunday Service at Holy Trinity Church at 10am on Sunday 16th October. We will be singing the Jubilee Anthem which many of the choir learnt last term and which we have been practising this term. I will give the children the lyrics to practise – they do not need to learn the song off by heart, they can bring the lyric sheet for the service. School uniform does not need to be worn.

Any queries, please email me.

hilary.quinn@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk

Emails

We strongly encourage home/school communication, and email is the best way for this. Some of my team, however, have been receiving some quite abrupt emails from parents/carers. Please do take the time to consider how your email may be received by the reader. If there are any problems, please do not hesitate to email me at

headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk

After School Club Policy

Please find attached to this bulletin a copy of the After School Club Bookings and Admissions Policy which has been updated to reflect the recent changes to daily pick up times and to make it clearer that the club closes at 5.45pm each day. Our governors have also reduced the late pick up fee to £5 per 15 minutes but asked that we begin to apply this more strictly than we have in the past.

HOTS Notices

Thank you for all your donations of **preloved uniform**. We are happy to announce our first in-person uniform sale will take place next month coinciding with Share My Learning. More details to follow.

CAN YOU HELP? We are looking for volunteers to help us sort and size the uniform. There is no fixed commitment, we are just looking for people who have a couple of hours spare who can help us as and when it is suitable. Please contact Kirsty at hotsemail@gmail.com.

Don't forget you can purchase your preloved uniform online anytime at www.pta-events.co.uk/hots

Finally, watch this space for the full calendar of HOTS activities and events for the year ahead... Coming Soon!!

The HOTS committee

After School Club Assistant Vacancy

Role: After School Club Assistant

Hours: 9 hours per week – Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 3pm to 6pm – 38 weeks per annum (excludes INSET days)

Grade: ME4, Scale Point 3-4 £21,783 to £22,179 pro-rata (Approx £4,776 to £4,863)

Date: As soon as possible

We are looking to appoint one or more proactive and enthusiastic After School Club Assistants to work on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays (term time only), with the possibility of additional work to cover occasional staff absence on the other days of the week. You must be warm and responsive, able to work flexibly as part of a team to provide a high-quality stimulating environment for the 80 children (of all ages) in our care.

Holy Trinity is a two-form entry school with a happy atmosphere and a strong Christian ethos. We are committed to team working and the successful candidate will be given support and guidance by the staff and leadership team.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expect all staff to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be subject to an enhanced DBS check.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact our Headteacher Izzy Rickards (headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk). She will be able to send you the detailed job description, person specification and application form.



Wonderdome

Visit Wimbledon library during Libraries Week for a fascinating, fun and interactive Planetarium Show which takes you on a journey through space.

Children will learn amazing facts about our solar system and beyond, including taking a flying visit to and learning information about our incredible neighbouring planets. Is it possible to live on them? And what makes Planet Earth so special that life thrives here?

Saturday 8 October at Wimbledon Library

There are 4 sessions available

- 13:15-13:45 - show 1
- 14:00-14:30 - show 2
- 14:45-15:15 - show 3 - a dedicated session for SEND children
- 15:30-16:00 - show 4

Booking required:

[Wonderdome - Planetarium Show Tickets, Sat 8 Oct 2022 at 13:15 | Eventbrite](#)

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2022

BAME VOICE PRESENTS

“BRIDGING THE GAP”



What is available for young people in Merton?
How can we bridge the existing gap of opportunity
for all the young people in the borough?

Hear their
stories, their
hopes and
wishes for the
future.

Wimbledon Library
35 Wimbledon Hill Road
London SW19 7NB

Saturday 15th October 2022

11am – 4pm

FREE ENTRY

Food

PRIZES

Music

Youth Stalls

International Star Alim Kamara

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S EDUCATION WELLBEING SERVICE

Coffee Morning

We are here to offer support for parents/carers who would like support with managing their child's anxiety or everyday tricky behaviour. We aim to empower parents/carers by helping you understand your child's difficulties and by providing tools and strategies you can start using right away with your child. We also offer workshops and groups to children and parent/carers.

**Come and meet us at Holy Trinity on Friday 21st October at 8.45am to find out more about how we may be able to support you.
Enter via the doors to the Small Hall on Effra Road.**

Parent Wellbeing Webinar for Parents of children just starting in school

Our NHS-in-School Wellbeing Team invites you to join their first webinar of the year – this webinar is to support reception and year parents with helping their children 'find their feet' at primary school. It looks at key ways you can support your child's wellbeing and manage ups and downs as your child starts at our school. Sign up for free here: www.eventbrite.com/cc/primary-parents-nhs-wellbeing-workshops-682309

Parent Wellbeing Webinar for Parents of teenagers

The teenage years can bring about many challenges for teens and parts with their wellbeing and mental health. Our NHS-in-Schools Team has a free upcoming webinar for you to hear about teenage mental health, what can support your child's mental health, things to look out for and overview support options if ever needed. Signup here: www.eventbrite.com/cc/secondary-parents-nhs-wellbeing-workshops-725989

Mayor of London Warmer Homes programme

Energy bills are expected to rise by 80% this October. Families who own their own homes or rent privately, are on a means tested benefit or low incomes, and have children receiving the Pupil Premium may be eligible for a Warmer Homes grant. The Mayor of London Warmer Homes Programme offers grants of between £5,000 and £25,000 for heating, insulation and ventilation improvements for low-income Londoners who own their homes or rent privately and live in an EPC D-G rated property.

Warmer Homes is supported by Merton Council as part of its commitment to reduce the cost of living, make homes warmer, greener and cheaper to run and our borough a fairer place for all.

To find out if they are eligible, families should visit www.london.gov.uk/warmerhomes.

October Half Term Sports Camp

NEAT will be running a sports camp for three days during the October Half Term. To find out more please see the attached flyer.

Attached items:

- After-School Club Policy
- New Youth Club
- NEAT Half Term Camp
- Half Term Cookery Club
- Warriors RFC Flyer

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)

Date	Time	Event
4 th October	9.15	Harvest Service @ Church
4 th October	18.00	Reception Information Evening – Main School Hall
5 th October	9.45-10.45 14.00-14.30	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2023 Nursery Open Morning for entry in 2023
11 th October	8.15-8.45	EYFS/KS1 Share My Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
12 th October	8.15-8.45	KS2 Share My Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
Sunday 16 th October	10.00	Schools' Sunday Service @ Holy Trinity Church – more details to follow
17-21 st October		Parent/Teacher Meetings this week
20 th October	14.00	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2023
21 st October		Break up for half term
31 st October		Autumn 2 begins
11 th November	9.45-10.45 14.00-14.30	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2023 Nursery Open Morning for entry in 2023
14 th – 18 th November		Anti-bullying week
14 th November		Odd Socks Day – children are invited to wear odd socks to school
28 th November – 2 nd December		Assessment week
29 th November	8.15-8.45	EYFS/KS1 Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers

30 th November	8.15-8.45	KS2 Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
2 nd December	9.45-10.45 14.00-14.30	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2023 Nursery Open Morning for entry in 2023
6 th December	9.15	Reception Nativity TBC
7 th December	9.15	Reception Nativity TBC
8 th December	9.15	Year 2 Christmas show TBC
9 th December	10.30/2.30	Nursery Nativity TBC
9 th December		Christmas Jumper Day – children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper to school
13 th December	9.15	Year 1 Concert TBC
14 th December	18.30	Year 3/5 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church TBC
15 th December	18.30	Year 4/6 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church TBC
16 th December	14.00	Break up
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 – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
22 nd March	8.15-8.45	KS2 Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
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 – 11 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