

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all managed to have a lovely Easter. We're delighted to be back at school, and even more pleased to see the sun shining. The children (and staff) have impressed me with how they have settled back into school life so quickly, and happily. We are praying for an un-disrupted term!



Jian (Year 4) has painted this piece of work, *Apples to Cameras*, for the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition.

Jian writes,

'I tried to portray the reality that humans today are constantly being monitored by cameras because they no longer trust each other. On the left side of the painting is a tree with lots of apples as a symbol of trust to describe the past when people trusted each other, whereas, these days, depicted on the right side, there are only cameras on the tree, not apples.'

I'm sure you'll all agree that it's amazing!



Year 2 have been creating their own clay tiles this week in art, using repeating patterns.





One of our Year 6 pupils had great fun creating this sculpture in the Wild Garden this week.



Year 1 had great fun on safari this week!

### Local Heroes wanted!

For one of our worship themes in the second half of the summer term, we will be looking at heroes from the Bible, together with local heroes. We would love to film interviews with people in the local community who you would class as a hero, especially throughout the pandemic. Do you know someone who volunteers for the DONS? Do you know someone who is a nurse, or a doctor? Do you know someone who has helped develop the COVID vaccine? Has your neighbour supported you through lockdown? If you are a local hero, or you would class someone you know as a local hero, please do email me at [headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk)

### School Photographs – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May

Just to let you know that the photographer will be coming in on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May to take class photographs. Please ensure that your child/children dress smartly, in full school uniform on that day. **If your child has PE on that day, please can they come to school in their uniform, rather than PE kit, and bring their trainers to change into for PE.**

### Swimming

We had originally booked swimming lessons for our Year 2 children this term, but sadly, due to COVID, the pool couldn't honour our booking. We are in the process for booking the lessons for these children when they will be in Year 3.

## **PGL/France**

Both the PGL trip (for Year 4) and the trip to France (for Year 6), have had to be cancelled this year. Visits like PGL can take place after 17<sup>th</sup> May, but our booking was for April, and the guidance doesn't allow for any new bookings to be made! Whilst this is disappointing for the children (and indeed was disappointing for the children who missed out last year too), we are in discussions about organising fun days instead – further details will follow in due course.

## **Appropriate Video/Online Games**

We have become aware that some of our children are playing games like Call of Duty or Grand Theft Auto. Please may I remind you that these games are not suitable for primary-aged children, due to their content. Please ensure that you check the age rating before allowing your children to play these games. Thank you.

## **Parent Forum – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 7.00pm**

The Governors will be holding their annual Parent Forum (via Zoom) on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021. This will be an opportunity for parents to discuss a number of different aspects of school life. A Parentmail has been sent with further details.

## **Lost Property**

Our Lost Property box is full of jumpers and sweatshirts that are un-named! Please take time this weekend to write your child's name (both first name and surname) on their uniform – especially those items that might be taken off in this lovely sunny weather. Thank you.

## **Messages from Mrs Quinn**

### **Trinity Singers**

We would love to welcome new members to the choir this term. If you enjoy singing, then come and join us! Our dates for this term are:

April 29, May 13, May 27 (via Zoom) and then hopefully back in person at school on June 10, July 1 and July 8. There is the option to join all rehearsals, just to join the Zoom rehearsals or just to join the in person rehearsals at school, whichever you would like to do. Rehearsals are always on a Thursday from 8-9pm. Any questions, please email me ([hilaryquinn@holyltrinity.merton.sch.uk](mailto:hilaryquinn@holyltrinity.merton.sch.uk))

## **Music Festival**

This term sees the return of our Music Festival for Year 2 - Year 6. This is an opportunity for children to prepare a performance and sing to the class, or, if they learn an instrument, to play to the class. The heats will take place in music lessons in the weeks beginning 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> May, with some children being selected to perform in the Finals, which I hope to arrange for some time in June.

Children in Year 2 and Year 3 may choose to sing one of the songs that we have been learning in class this term or their own choice of song. Children in Year 4- Year 6 are free to choose their own song. Own choice songs **MUST** be age appropriate (i.e. no inappropriate lyrics or content). They may sing on their own or with a friend, but it is up to them to sort out who to sing with and to rehearse together.

It is a great opportunity for those that learn an instrument to have the chance to perform to their friends. A good standard of performance is expected.

Children do not have to sing or play - it is just as important to have a good audience for those that do perform. Any queries - please see Mrs Quinn (who is in school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays) or email ([hilaryquinn@holyltrinity.merton.sch.uk](mailto:hilaryquinn@holyltrinity.merton.sch.uk))

## **Updated COVID-19 Safety Message from Public Health England**

1. **Coronavirus is still spreading in London**, let's make sure the next step we take is forward, not back.
2. The basic measures of **Hands, Face, Space, Fresh Air** are still important to keep London safe.
3. **Wash your hands** regularly and make the most of hand sanitiser stations at buildings and public spaces across the capital if you need to be out.

4. **Always wear a face covering where rules apply**, particularly on public transport in London.
5. **Meet with others outside** if you don't live with them and stay two metres apart where possible. Sticking to the rule of six or two households will allow us to take this next step carefully.
6. **Get fresh air** into your home and workplace and open windows on public transport where possible. Opening windows regularly can help remove air that contains virus particles and prevent the spread of coronavirus.
7. **Get tested regularly** – anyone can get tested for free, symptoms or no symptoms. If you do have symptoms you must still self-isolate immediately and book a test as quickly as possible.
8. **Get your vaccine when it is your turn.**

### **National survey of children, The Big Ask**

The new Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, this week launched [The Big Ask](#) – the largest ever consultation with children aged 4 to 17 in England. All schools are encouraged to support their pupils to [complete this survey](#). Parents, care leavers and those working with children are also invited [to complete the adult survey](#) to share their views.

### **Parking – message from Merton**

As you are aware, Holy Trinity is part of our School Streets Scheme which promotes better air quality, safer streets and healthier lifestyle options.

As recommended in Merton's Air Quality Charter, we are actively discouraging car usage for school journeys and instead encouraging children and parents to walk, scoot or cycle to school. In the past parents were allowed a 10-minute parking concession in CPZ areas, allowing them to park whilst dropping / picking up pupils. To support and complement the measures that have already been introduced, and to ensure that car use is minimised and to alleviate the problems in the neighbouring roads, the parking concession no longer applies. Parents/Carers are not permitted to park on any yellow line restrictions or / and within CPZ permit holder bays. Any parking would need to be at pay and display bays subject to payment of the appropriate tariff.

Due to the number of complaints received from residents regarding congestion, obstructive parking and parking without a permit, Parking Services have already started parking enforcement in areas surrounding school streets.

### **Some workshops that you may find useful**

#### **KIDSCAPE Workshops**

We are currently delivering ZAP workshops for children, young people, parents and carers through our virtual delivery platform.

ZAP is a **FREE** 90-minute workshop for young people aged 9-16 who are dealing with a bullying situation, or have experienced bullying. We provide young people with a range of tools to help manage and defuse bullying situations. The workshop is proven to increase assertiveness, build resilience, empower confidence and raise self-esteem.

**It is expected that parents and carers will be present with their children during the workshop. As part of ZAP Community Online a supporting virtual session for parents and carers will take place shortly after the children's workshop.**

If you would like to take part in a **ZAP Community Online workshop**, please register below (please note that some information requested on the form may not be applicable at the current time).

#### **Workshop dates:**

 **Tuesday 11th May 2021 - 4.30pm -6pm / Parent session starts at 6.30pm - 8.30pm**

 **Tuesday 22nd June 2021 - 4.30pm -6pm / Parent session starts at 6.30pm - 8.30pm**

 **Wednesday 14th July 2021 - 4.30pm -6pm / Parent session starts at 6.30pm - 8.30pm**



## ZAP in Schools: Bullying awareness, assertiveness and resilience workshops for children in Years 5-8



### FREE Digital Safety Workshops for parents and carers

We also offer FREE digital safety workshops for parents and carers. The Workshop is for 90 minutes and aims to equip parents and carers with knowledge to understand the many positives of the digital world and the potential risks. During the workshop parents will learn about harmful content, cyberbullying, gaming, live-streaming, grooming, popular apps and much more. To sign up for this email [tom@kidscape.org.uk](mailto:tom@kidscape.org.uk).

Workshop date:

📅 Wednesday 19th May - 4.30pm - 6pm

Register for these workshops by clicking on this link: [https://kidscape.org.uk/kidscape-programmes/zap-community-workshops/workshop-dates/?mc\\_cid=e289c71564&mc\\_eid=2f9963d6ee](https://kidscape.org.uk/kidscape-programmes/zap-community-workshops/workshop-dates/?mc_cid=e289c71564&mc_eid=2f9963d6ee)

### On the internet... (Childnet)

'On the internet' is a learning-to-read book for children aged 4 and above. The large, bright illustrations show all the different ways that the internet can be used for.

Find On the internet here: <https://www.childnet.com/resources/a-learning-to-read-book>

Other Childnet books for younger children include:

Smartie the Penguin (3 to 7 year olds)

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/smartie-the-penguin>

Digiduck's Big Decision (3 to 7 year olds)

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/digiduck-stories>

### Term dates for 2021-2022

#### Autumn Term 2021

- First day: Wednesday 1 September 2021  
(INSETs Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> so children back Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- 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 4<sup>th</sup> so children back Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>)
- 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 6<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, so children end Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July)

As further dates are added, these will be highlighted.

Date	Time	Event
3 <sup>rd</sup> May		Bank Holiday – school closed
7 <sup>th</sup> May		School Photographs
11 <sup>th</sup> May	7pm	Parent Forum via Zoom – further details to follow
17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> May		Assessment Week
28 <sup>th</sup> May		Break up for half term – usual finish times
7 <sup>th</sup> June		INSET day – school closed
8 <sup>th</sup> June		2 <sup>nd</sup> half summer term starts
14 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> June		Sports Week
9 <sup>th</sup> July		End of Year Reports issued
14 <sup>th</sup> /15 <sup>th</sup> July	Evening	Year 6 Production
19 <sup>th</sup> July		Transition afternoon – children will meet their next class teacher
22 <sup>nd</sup> July		Leaver's Service and Term ends
23 <sup>rd</sup> July		INSET day

NB We are waiting for the Government's announcement from 21<sup>st</sup> June and updated guidance for schools, before making a decision about our Open Afternoon/Evening and other summer term events.

Izzy Rickards