

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 have had another packed week, full of exciting curriculum opportunities. Do take a look at the photographs which give a flavour of what the children have been learning about this week.



Reception are continuing to learn about people who help us. This week they had an exciting visit from the Fire crew, complete with their fire engine.



This week Nursery revisited their 'All About Me' topic, exploring the importance of their skeleton. The children enjoyed role playing in the doctor's surgery and making cards for the class dragon that was getting better in hospital. They also learnt the *Rules of the Road*: Stop, Look, Listen, Think and always hold an adult's hand when crossing the road.



Year 4 had the best time at Kidzania last week as part of their Geography unit on 'Earning a living'.

Flu Immunisation Catch Up – Monday 28th November

The immunisation team will be returning to school at some point during the day on Monday to provide flu immunisations for those who were absent or refused their vaccination earlier this week, or for families who completed their consent forms after the original deadline. If you have any queries, please contact the Immunisation Team on 0203 903 3373 or hrch.immunisationteam@mertonmailbox@nhs.net. We do not manage the lists



Advent Writing Challenge

From 1st December we will be revealing a daily writing challenge on our Advent Calendar in the Reception area. An online copy of the Advent calendar is also on your child's class page on the Learning Platform. The children can use their writing journals to complete the challenges.

We would love to publish a Christmas anthology of the children's work they are most proud of on the Learning Platform in celebration. If you and your child are happy to give permission for this to happen, please download the writing page and permission slip from your class page. The children can then use this to write the best version of their work and hand it in to their class teacher in paper form. Writing pages and permission slips will also be available in a folder next to the Advent calendar in school.

Spring Term Activity Clubs – bookings go live on Monday 28th November @ 7.00pm

Bookings go live on Monday 28th November at 7.00pm. The deadline for booking clubs is 7.00pm on Friday 9th December. Further details can be found in the attached information.

Book Fair – 28th November to 2nd December

Are you in need of ideas for Christmas presents? The travelling Book Fair will be in school from 28th November until 2nd December. It will be open before and after school and during the Share My Learning sessions next week.

Holy Trinity Great Big Christmas Jumper Swap

Do you have any Christmas jumpers your child has grown out of? Are you planning on buying a new one this year? Why not join in the Holy Trinity Great Big Christmas Jumper Swap. The school governors and HOTS are working together to help families save money on an area that in recent years has become an additional expense at an already expensive time of year.

How will it work?

Next week, during Share my Learning on the 29th and 30th November, you are invited to donate your old, unwanted Christmas jumpers and leave them in the bins as you come in the school. There will be different bins depending on age so please make sure you put them in the right ones. If you are not able to come to Share my Learning perhaps drop yours off with someone who is coming and they can bring it in for you.

On Friday 2nd December at pick up you can come and choose a different Christmas jumper in a larger size/different size, again these will be displayed in different age groups to make it easier to find the size you need, obviously this will be on a first come first serve basis and we might not have lots of choice. If you cannot be at school in person to choose a jumper after school on Friday, one of the team will happily select one for you (if there are any left!) if this is the case please get in touch with Sarah Williams sarah.williams.governor@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk preferably before next Friday.

We are trialling this to see if it is helpful....but recognise it may not all work perfectly, and only works if we get plenty of donated jumpers!

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 29th November 2022, 8.15-8.45am for EYFS and KS1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)
- Wednesday 30th November 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.

During *Share My Learning*, there will be an opportunity for you to visit the travelling Book Fair.

I understand that for some key workers these times may not be convenient. Please email headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk if this is the case.

All Welcome Christmas Coffee Morning – Friday 9th December (straight after drop off)

School will be hosting a coffee morning on Friday 9th December in the small hall to celebrate all things Christmassy. As we are a school made up of a wide range of communities and cultures we would love to invite you to bring/make something you would traditionally eat as a treat at this time of year to share with other parents/carers. This coffee morning is open to anyone but you are especially welcome if you speak English as an additional language and/or are a new comer to the school. We will provide the tea and coffee and some mince pies but hopefully will get a chance to try something new as well as meet new people. If you have any queries please get in touch with Sarah Williams on sarah.williams.governors@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk and don't forget to wear your Christmas jumper (if you have one)!

Forthcoming Christmas Events

Christmas Jumper day – Friday 9th December

Once again, we will be taking part in Save the Children's annual Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 9th December. Children may come to school wearing a Christmas jumper with their usual school uniform bottom half! For the privilege of wearing a Christmas jumper, children are invited to donate to Save the Children Fund using the following link: <https://christmas.savethechildren.org.uk/fundraising/abi-hann-christmas-jumper-day>
Do see the information about our first Holy Trinity Christmas Jumper Swap above.

Reception Nativity

Parents/carers of Reception children are warmly invited to watch their Nativity performance on Tuesday 6th December @ 9.15am (Robins' parents/carers), or Wednesday 7th December @ 9.15am (Owls' parents/carers). If you cannot attend on your class' particular day, just come to the other one. All of the children will be in both performances.

Year 2 Christmas Performance

Parents/carers of Year 2 children are warmly invited to watch their Christmas performance on Thursday 8th December @ 9.15am.

Nursery Christmas Performance

Parents/carers of our Nursery children are warmly invited to watch their Nativity on Friday 9th December. The morning nursery will be performing at 10.30am and the afternoon children at 2.30pm. Children who attend full-time will be in both performances.

Year 1 Christmas Concert

Parents/Carers of Year 1 children are warmly invited to the Year 1 Christmas Concert on Tuesday 13th December @ 9.15am.

Carol Services – 14th/ 15th December, 6.30pm @ Holy Trinity Church

The children are busy preparing for their carol services. The Carol Service for **all** children in Year 3 and Year 5 takes places on Wednesday 14th December, with the Year 4 and Year 6 service being held on Thursday 15th

December. Both services are held at Holy Trinity Church, and start at 6.30pm. Children should arrive by 6.15pm, and wear their school uniform.

All children are expected to attend, as they will all be participating.

Retiring collections will be taken at the end of each of our Christmas events for local charities.

Christmas lunch

Caterlink, our catering company, will be cooking a delicious Christmas lunch on **Tuesday 13th December** for children in Nursery (who stay for lunch), Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and **Wednesday 14th December** for children in Years 3, 4, 5, 6.

Please note that on 13th December all children in KS2 will need to bring in a packed lunch, and children in Nursery, Reception and KS1 will need a packed lunch on 14th December.

This year, Christmas lunches will need to be booked in advance. Please look out for the forthcoming Parentmail, which will give further information.

HOTS Notices

Christmas Trees

Orders have now closed for HOTS Christmas trees. Thank you to everyone who ordered with us, helping us raise over **£1000** for the school.

The trees will be delivered to the school car park on **Saturday 3rd December**. **You will receive an email next week with a time slot for collection.**

Christmas Carols

We will be singing Christmas Carols together on Saturday 10th December. Tickets are just £2.50 each from the HOTS website (free entry for under 4's.) There will be mince pies, mulled wine, and lots of festive fun! **We can't wait to see you there!**

www.pta-events.co.uk/hots/

Santa Hats

If you or your child need a Santa hat for this festive season, HOTS have some simple felt Santa hats for sale. They come in one universal size and are just £2.

www.pta-events.co.uk/hots/

**Thank you for your support,
The HOTS committee**

Useful Health Information

One of our parents who works in the NHS has forwarded this link to me. Do take a look as it contains such useful information about childhood illnesses, and advice as to whether to send your child to school or not with these illnesses.

<https://www.swlondon-healthiertogether.nhs.uk/>

Nits

Please take time to continually check your child's hair for nits. They have been doing the rounds especially in Year 1. It needs everyone to be vigilant please. If you need any advice, please email headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk and I can be in touch with our school nurse.

Holy Trinity Church Warm Space

Every Friday, starting 18th November, Holy Trinity (next to the Polka Theatre), 234 The Broadway, South Wimbledon, is offering a cosy warm space from 10-4 to fight the winter cold.

Apart from a pleasant, welcoming environment, we offer:

- Tea and coffee
- A light lunch
- Magazines
- Jigsaws
- Great company
- Wi-fi

There is no charge, just drop-in.

If you require further information please contact Richard Blades on 07887 481462 or John Eades on 07802 176258.

Holy Trinity Church Christmas Fair.

This will be taking place at the church at 234 The Broadway, SW19 1SB on Saturday 3rd December 11am – 4pm.

There will be loads of activities for all the family with the opportunity to do some of your Christmas Shopping and to visit Santa in his Grotto. We will be running a pop-up café selling food and drink as well as a cake stall to satisfy your taste for sweet things.

If you would like to donate anything to sell, we would be happy to receive books (fiction and children's only please), all toys, bric-a-brac, bottles of wine (full) and empty screw top bottles of wine, still with the top and old bottle gift bags, plus any unwanted gifts from previous years! All donations can be left at the church in the reception. Please check to make sure that it is open before coming.

If you have some spare time on the day and would be happy to help on one of the stalls, even better! Please let Richard know on churchwardens@ht-sw.org.uk.

See you on the day!

Attached items:

- Spring term Activity Clubs

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)

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
28 th November – 2 nd December		Assessment week
29 th November	8.15-8.45	EYFS/KS1 Share my Learning
30 th November	8.15-8.45	KS2 Share my Learning
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
7 th December	9.15	Reception Nativity
8 th December	9.15	Year 2 Christmas show
9 th December	10.30/2.30	Nursery Nativity
9 th December		Christmas Jumper Day – children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper to school
13 th December	9.15	Year 1 Concert
14 th December	18.30	Year 3/5 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church
15 th December	18.30	Year 4/6 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church
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
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/KSI 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.

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