

Growing together as children of God

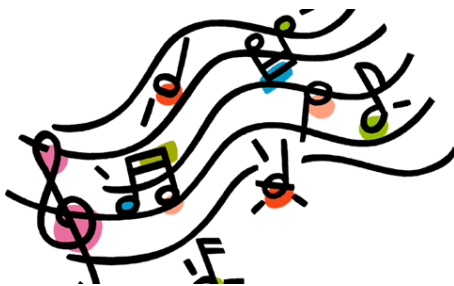


At Holy Trinity C of E Primary School:

- ✓ 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

A wonderful and different week in school. The school never feels quite right when a class or year group are on a trip and this has been the case this week as Year 6 have been in France on their residential trip. It has felt even more strange as Mrs Rickards and six other members of staff from across the school have accompanied them. The daily reports tell of great adventures and lots of being fun being had by all, with trips to Vimy Ridge, Wellington Quarry and Le Touquet market, an egg drop challenge and silent disco to name just a few of the fantastic opportunities they have experienced! We look forward to hearing all about it next week and to having our HT family complete again.



We were spoilt yesterday morning as Mrs Quinn, the school orchestra and choirs gave a spectacular performance to the school and parents. The orchestra played three very different pieces and it was inspiring to hear how they worked together to produce such quality – very talented children! The choirs' performance was equally as brilliant and the harmonies in James Bay's Holding Back the River were stunning – a very moving performance. A very big thank you to Mrs Quinn for all her hard work and inspiring our children to love and perform music as they do.

Science Week 2023: Holy Trinity Celebrates Connections!



Science Week saw many awe and wonder moments this week in school. The theme was connections and the children had a fantastic time carrying out experiments, hearing about science in different careers and of course dressing up to celebrate all things science! A very big thank you to our science lead, Mrs Niemann, for planning and organising the week.



Silly Science Workshops



To start our Science Week, each year group participated in a workshop to capture their attention. It was lovely to hear how excited the children were about the experiments that they participated in!



STEM Occupations

We had some of our parents generously give up their time to come and talk to us about their occupations in engineering, electronic components, sustainability and technology. Their message of 'Being Curious' has definitely inspired us. We'd like to say a big THANK YOU to Mrs Cummins, Mr Wagner, Mr Yagoub and Mr Buckley!



Poster Competition Winners:

These will be announced in next week's bulletin.

Competitions

This year we held two competitions during our Science Week. The first being a Dress Up Competition and the second a Poster Competition on the theme 'Connections'.

Congratulations to all of our creative winners!

Dress Up Winners: Florence, Gigi and Bea (Nursery), Elodie (Owls), Ezra (Robins), Lavinia (1F), Steven (1M), Emily (2S), Eva (2B), Matthew (3H), Daphne (3T), Henikay (4H), India (4T), Amelia (5H) and Darcy (5T).

Library Books

Please could you have a good look round at home this weekend and ensure that all school library books are returned to school before Friday 31st March. Thank you very much.



Easter Bonnet/Hat Parade – Friday 31st March

All children are invited to make an Easter Bonnet or hat to wear to school on Friday 31st March. Prizes will be awarded for the most creative bonnet/hat. This is entirely optional!

Lent Appeal

Our Year 6 House Captains are busy planning activities for our 2023 Lent Appeal, which will take place in the last week of term (week beginning 27th March). The following activities will be taking place during that week:

Easter Trail – children from Reception upwards will be able to follow the Easter Trail around the school, answering Easter-themed clues as they go. The names of all of the children who complete the trail will be put in a hat, and winners selected. **£1 to participate.**

Hop-Bop Party – the House Captains will be hosting 30-minute parties for each year group, full of fun games and dancing. **£2 to participate.**

Easter Bake Sale – children from Reception upwards are invited to make cakes and enter them in to the Easter Bake Sale. The cakes will be judged, and then sold in a Bake Sale after school. This will take place on **Tuesday 28th March. £1 to enter.**

Easter Egg Raffle – children will have the chance to purchase raffle tickets, with the raffle being drawn on the last day of term. **Tickets cost 50p each.**

This year our raffle tickets will only be sold via ParentMail (it will not be possible to buy tickets in the playground with cash). You can also sign up and pay, for your child to take part in the other above activities. Please log in to ParentMail and look for 'Payments-Shop' and then 'Lent Appeal 23'.

In addition to these activities, each class will also participate in a **sponsored event**, which the children will have selected with their class teacher. Your children will be bringing home paper sponsor forms this week. We would be grateful if all sponsor money could be paid via ParentMail (one donation per family) if at all possible.

The House Captains have chosen these charities to support this year:

- The Brain Tumour Charity <https://www.thebraintumourcharity.org/>
- The Red Cross Syria and Turkey Earthquake Appeal <https://donate.redcross.org.uk/appeal/turkey-syria-earthquake-appeal>



Thank you in advance for all of your support.

HOTS Notices

Your child(ren) have designed their own **CORONATION MUGS** to celebrate the upcoming King's coronation.

Next week you should receive their artwork together with instructions on how to order a mug featuring their design. If you wish to order, the deadline is the 31st of March. A percentage of any orders will go directly to HOTS to help fund essential resources for the school next term.

The mugs will be delivered home in their school bags the week after the Easter break.

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Friday 21st April will be the Spring Fling Disco 🍷🍩🌸 We have a limited number of tickets left so do get yours before they are gone!

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hots>

Nursery and KS1 disco is 5.30-6.30pm

KS2 disco is 6.45-8pm

If you can volunteer on the day please do email us hotsemail@gmail.com

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Please save the date for **PARENTS QUIZ NIGHT** on **Friday 19th May** in the school hall. More information will follow shortly please save the date and so watch this space!

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We are excited to announce that the **SUMMER FAIR** will take place on **Saturday 24th June!** Please save the date and more information will follow.

The HOTS Committee

Attached items:

- Mitcham Marlins Swimming Open Trial Leaflet

Term Dates 2022-2023

Spring Term 2023

- Last day: Friday 31st March 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
27 th – 31 st March		Lent Appeal events
27 th – 30 th March		Parent/Teacher Meetings
28 th March	9.15	Easter Service @ Holy Trinity Church
31 st March	14.00	Easter Bonnet/Hat Parade Break up for Easter holidays
17 th April		Summer term begins
21 st April	Evening	HOTS Disco
May		Year 2 SATS
8 th May		Extra Bank Holiday
9 th – 12 th May		Year 6 SATS
10 th – 12 th May		Year 4 to PGL
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		Special 125 th Anniversary Celebration – details TBC 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
24 th June		Summer Fair
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

Wishing you a wonderful weekend and don't forget the clocks go forward on Sunday!

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