

Growing together as children of God



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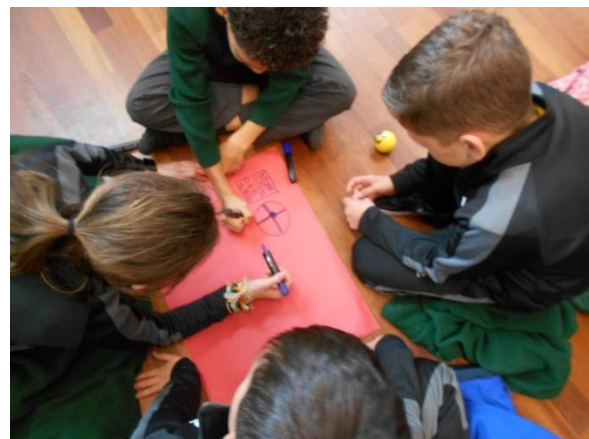
- ✓ we want our pupils to **grow** in confidence, independence, resilience and knowledge, so that all achieve their full potential and develop a life-long love of learning and of the world around us.
- ✓ we work **together** with families, community and church to model positive relationships, supporting 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

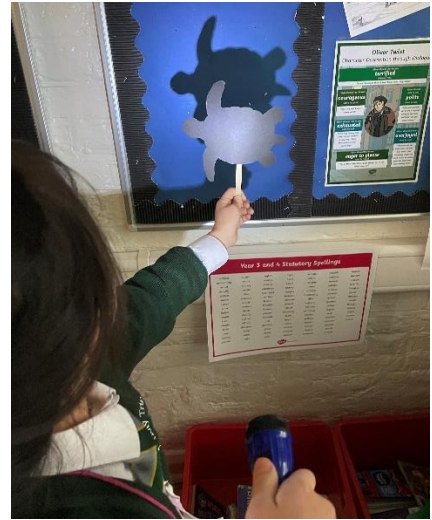
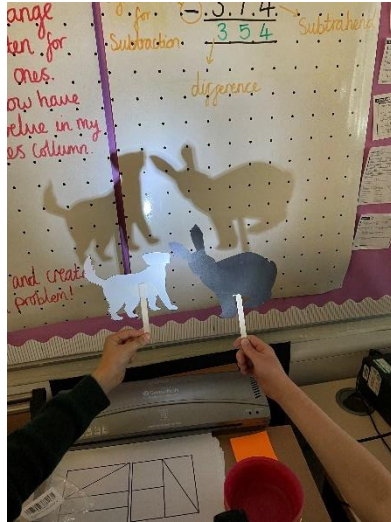
It has been a jam-packed week with STEM workshops, Maths Challenges, Class photographs, a visit to the Polka Theatre and the Year 4 residential to Windmill Hill. Year 4 are on their way back as I write, and we will include some photographs in the Bulletin next week. They have had a wonderful time, but will probably sleep for the whole weekend (I'm sure the staff team will anyway!).



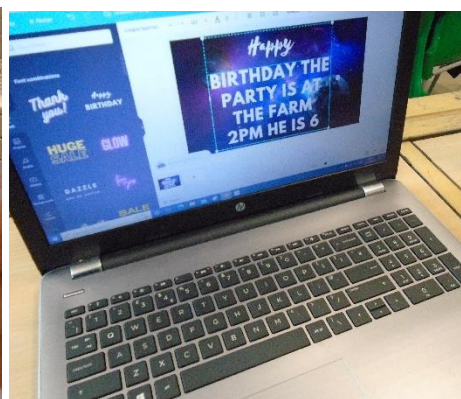
Reception children made Ladybird fact files and Ladybird biscuits to link with their minibeast topic!



The Year 5 children enjoyed learning about sustainability and engineering and designed their own cars! We are so grateful to Mr Moscatelli, and his team, for running the workshop for us.



In their Science unit on light and shadow, Year 3 have been exploring how shadows are formed. They created their own shadow puppets to experiment how shadows can change when moving the puppet closer or further away from the light source and if shadows look different on different backgrounds, such as the floor and whiteboard.



Year 3H explored desktop publishing in their Computing lesson this week. They thoroughly enjoyed learning how to add and change the font size, style and colour to make a document 'stand out'.

We would love to hear your views on our school!

Our annual parent survey is going live today, and will close on 13th May. Please do take the time to complete one response per family. If your answers are different for different children, please use the comments boxes to give further information.

To complete the survey, please click on the link below.

<https://forms.gle/U3BPwvFe9TJLCy49>

The information we get from this survey is so helpful in shaping our School Improvement Plan for the coming academic year. Following the survey, the governors will organise a Parent Forum, to discuss aspects of the survey in more detail. Watch this space for further information.

There will be a prize for the children in the year group with the most survey responses!

Monday 2nd May Bank Holiday

Just a reminder that school is closed on Monday 2nd May – we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 3rd May.

Morning Drop-off and Afternoon Pick-up

Once your child has gone to their class line (Years 1-6), please do vacate the playground as soon as possible, as this helps the children to transition into class much more easily.

At the end of the day, we need to lock the gates as soon as we can, to allow the after school activity clubs to start promptly. Do make use of South Park Gardens to carry on your conversations. Thank you so much for your co-operation.

Year 6 SATS – 9th to 12th May 2022

Our lovely Year 6 children will be taking their SATS tests every morning from 9th to 12th May. We will be starting promptly at 9.00am. Please ensure that your child arrives at school in good time. It would be great if they could get good rest each night, and have a hearty breakfast!

We do not want the children to be overly stressed about these tests.

Sweets

We have had a number of children bringing sweets into school. Please do not allow your child to bring any sweets into school.

The HOTS book corner project

HOTS are excited to launch 'The Book Corner Project'. Each class teacher has set up an Amazon wishlist containing books and other items to upgrade their classroom's book corner. Parents who wish to take part are invited to buy an item from the list, which will be delivered straight to school and to their child's classroom.

The book corners are used every day by all children and this is a great way parents can directly impact their child's classroom resources and provide new books for the school.

Please find your relevant list below:

[Miss Ade's Nursery Wishlist](#)

[Miss Smythe' Reception Owls Wishlist](#)

[Mrs Channel's Reception Robins Wishlist](#)

[Mr Skillern's Year 1 Foxes Wishlist](#)

[Miss Panners Year 1 Moles Wishlist](#)

[Miss Dorey's Year 2 Badgers Wishlist](#)

[Mrs Niemann's Year 2 Squirells Wishlist](#)

[Mrs Witting's Year 3H Wishlist](#)

[Miss Davies Year 3T Wishlist](#)

[Mrs Duke's Year 4H Wishlist](#)

[Miss McHenry's Year 4T Wishlist](#)

[Miss Poverello's Year 5H Wishlist](#)

[Mrs Raincock & Miss Brown's Year 5T Wishlist](#)

There has been a technical hitch with the 5T Wishlist – more items will be added soon, please keep checking!

[Mrs Ottley's Year 6H Wishlist](#)

[Miss Thomas' Year 6T Wishlist](#)

When purchasing please remember to include a gift note with your teachers name on it so we know which classroom it should be delivered to!

I would like to use this opportunity to remind you about a free and easy way you can support HOTS any time you shop on Amazon. By setting up **Amazon Smile**, which takes *less than a minute*, anytime you spend with Amazon, they will give a donation to Holy Trinity. **It costs you nothing** and could make the world of difference to what our school can afford this year!

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/>

Thanks so much for your support,

The HOTS committee

HOTS AGM

Join us for the **HOTS AGM on Wednesday 18th May 7.30pm** at school. We will be discussing our fundraising over the last year, welcoming ideas for the year ahead and talking about the return of the summer fair and how you can help.

It is a great opportunity to meet the committee and find out how you can support the vital fundraising we do for the school. **The money we raise helps support every area of the school**, from the playground and sports equipment to books and musical instruments, from extra support staff such as the librarian to workshops for every age group.

Please come along and show your support. There will be refreshments (wine) and we promise to keep it short and sweet!

Many thanks,

The HOTS Committee

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 9th and 16th May, with some children being selected to perform in the Finals (date to be arranged). 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

hilary.quinn@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk

Living With COVID

As you will know, the COVID guidance changed on 1st April 2022.

In summary, the two main takeaway messages from guidance are:

- 1) the importance of prevention measures such as vaccination;
- 2) if a child is unwell (especially if they have a temperature), they stay away from setting until they are better – this is similar to the way we managed things before the pandemic. Children with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or mild cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education or childcare setting.

There is no longer a need for children to isolate at home for 5 days. If they are feeling ill (or have a temperature), then they should stay at home until they are better. If they are feeling well enough to come to school (and don't have a temperature), then they should be in school.

We are very keen for school attendance to improve this term.

Parent/Carer Prayer group

The parent/carer prayer group will be meeting once a fortnight on zoom this term starting next Friday 29th April 9-10am on Zoom.

Meeting ID: 898 8286 0530

Passcode: qj8ZRB

Anyone is welcome to join us as encourage one another in our faith and pray for our each other, our school, community and the wider world around us. For further information please contact Sarah Williams on timso.williams@gmail.com

Online Safety

Children are increasingly using Social Media and online games. We frequently get reports about children using social media or games which are meant for children much older. Please endeavour to keep a step ahead of your children. You might find the following link helpful <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

We have recently reviewed our Online Safety Policy - I have attached it for your information.

Transition Workshops for Year 6 pupils and parents

This term our NHS Wellbeing in School's Team is offering our Year 6 classes three sessions of 'Worry Ninja' workshops – focusing on supporting confident transitions to secondary school and ways to help worries about the transition.

You will be sent parent handouts for your information that work alongside these sessions for using at home. You are also invited and encouraged to attend a 'Worry Ninja: What Parent's need to know' session to hear about the workshops and be given practical skills to support the transition. Sign up for free here (two options):

Option 1: Worry Ninja Parent Session - Tuesday the 24th of May at 6.00pm:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/310463343217>

Option 2: Worry Ninja Parent Session – Wednesday the 29th of June at 6.00pm:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/310493844447>

Also, for children and parents where anxieties are around that bit more and some additional sessions might be helpful over summer. Register your interest for summer 'Worry Ninja plus' summer sessions for transitioning year 6 pupils and parents here to hear more: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/325734971067>

With best wishes,

Merton Wellbeing Service in Schools.

The Charlie Waller Trust - Free Parent Webinars

The Charlie Waller Trust are running a series of live webinars for parents, carers and educators. They are all presented by our mental health trainers, speakers and guest speakers who come from a wide range of professions, including education, psychology, social work, youth work, public health, psychotherapy and nursing. Topics include 'The Teen Brain', 'Sleep' and 'Perfectionism'.

The webinars explore strategies for maintaining positive mental health, paying attention to our own wellbeing and supporting those around us.

Click the link below to book:

https://charliewaller.org/what-we-offer/free-webinars?_cldee=ihCZKGNsumTcOylWVDZ8IHE3esNtUIYPRM6Oke2Hd7lw8oIATCYjpig3SMdb5eY7bUkdZqETImz9FV0CP4B5Wdg&recipientid=contact-427d0f9c0b76eb11a81200224841449f-e1b8a9f8434345f4ba798b0d116a5fb6&esid=ae35db54-0ab1-ec11-983f-6045bd0f31bc

Attached items:

- Online Safety Policy
- Motspur Park Football Club Information
- Helping Children to Regulate their Emotions Webinar Flyer

Term dates 2021-2022

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 6th June and Friday 22nd July, so children end Thursday 21st July)

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)

As further dates are added, these will be highlighted. By next week we will be able to give you all of the dates for this term.

Date	Time	Event	Notes
2 nd May		Bank Holiday – school closed	
9 th – 12 th May		Year 6 SATS	
27 th May		Jubilee Celebrations Break up for half term	
6 th June		INSET Day – School closed	
7 th June		2 nd half of term begins	
6 th June -17 th June		Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Window Year 4 Timetables Check Window	
20 th – 24 th June		Year 6 to France Book Week	
2 nd July		Summer Fair	
4 th – 8 th July		Sports Week – days TBC	

13 th /14 th July	6.30pm	Year 6 Production	
21 st July	9.15	Leaver's Service @ Holy Trinity Church	
21 st July	2.00pm	Term ends	
22 nd July		INSET Day – School closed	

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Izzy Rickards