

Growing together as children of God



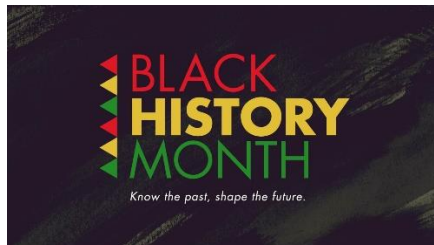
At Holy Trinity C of E Primary School:

- ✓ 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

I have just returned from the Southwark Diocesan Headteacher Conference in Canterbury, where our focus was 'Though we are many, we are one body'. We had a number of inspiring speakers, including Leroy Logan (a former MET superintendent and the founding member of the Black Police Association), Viv Grant (director of Integrity Coaching) and Bishop Rosemarie Mallet (the new Bishop of Croydon). I look forward to working with our Junior Leadership Team on our diversity and inclusion work in school.

For Black History Month, the children learnt the meanings of being different and diversity. They looked at different black musicians, including Stormzy, and how they have been inspired by their heritage.



*"I encourage everyone to not just use diversity as a buzzword," Stormzy said.
"Embrace the worth and value of embracing a wide range of voices."*

We had a wonderful Harvest Celebration at Holy Trinity Church this week. The Growing Together in Spirit Team led our harvest thoughts, readings and prayers. Father Simon spoke about God's provision through the story of the Feeding of the 5000. Thank you so much for all of the gifts of food, which will be distributed by the church to families in need in the local community.



We are delighted that we have been awarded the Platinum School Sport Mark for 2023. My thanks go to Miss Hann, our PE leader, for all of her hard work in helping us to achieve this award.



Year 6 had a visit from the police this week where they were learnt all about the job, local crime and how to stay safe. They had a chance to ask lots of questions.

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 11th October, 8.15-8.45am for EYFS and KS1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)
- Wednesday 12th October, 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 also be a pre-loved uniform sale – please see the HOTS' Notices for more information.

Morning Drop and Go!

Thank you so much for supporting our 'drop and go' routine in the morning – it has really helped the children to settle in well.

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

Felicity's acting success

One of our former pupils, Felicity (now in Year 8), will be performing as Young Elsa in the new Frozen musical in the West End. What an amazing achievement for such a talented pupil.

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.

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.



Your child could win a family trip to Westminster in the **Find Your Balance art + written word competition!**

Parent Zone and Google are looking for all young creatives to answer this question:

What would you like the internet of the future to be like?

It could be about protecting the environment, new ways to learn about other cultures, how we meet with family, or something else.

Entries can be a story, picture, poem, cartoon, lyrics, word cloud, whatever you like. It just needs to fit onto a page of A4.

Find out more
parentzone.org.uk/findyourbalance

Closing date: Wednesday 19 October 2022

Google parentzone

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

Attached items:

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
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