

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

Mrs Quinn and the choirs went to St Mark's Church this week, to join with two other schools for the amazing Singfest! The children performed, and behaved, excellently!

Year 6 are looking forward to their residential in France next week. I am going too! I will be checking my emails, but if there is anything urgent during the week, do please email Miss Hann (abi.hann@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk)



Our Year 5 children had an amazing time learning about the Vikings, and being Vikings, in their special workshop last week!



This week, Nursery have been learning all about bees based on our book 'The Beeman' by Laurie Krebs and Valeria Cis. We had a visit from our very own 'beewoman', Mrs Wyke, who showed the children her bee suit and other beekeeping items which the children were very keen to try on and investigate. We made delicious bee biscuits with bright yellow and black stripes. The children also looked at different 2D shapes and learnt how bees use hexagons in their beehives.



Our Eco-Warriors have designed these informative Fairtrade posters, encouraging us to buy Fairtrade.

Activity Clubs Summer 2023

Booking for our Activity Clubs programme for the summer term went live at 7pm on Monday 13th March and closes at 12noon on Wednesday 22nd March. For more information please see the attached programme summary.

Music Assembly

On Thursday 23rd March at 9.00 there will be a Musical Assembly where the choir will perform the songs that they sang at SingFest and the orchestra will perform some of the pieces that they have been working on this term. Parents/Carers are welcome to join us for this musical feast!

STEM Occupations

We are looking for parents/carers who might be able to support us during our Science Week. As part of our **Science week (week commencing 20th March 2023)** later on this half-term, we would love to hear from any of our parents/carers who are in the field of **STEM (Science, Engineering, Technology, Maths)**, who might be willing to come in and speak to the children about their role. This will only take up an hour of your time. If you are interested in being involved, please email Mrs Niemann at beth.niemann@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk
Thank you!

Science Dress Up Day

To celebrate our Science Week, we will be **dressing up on Friday, 24th March**. The theme of our week is **'Connections'**. Feel free to be as creative as possible with your costumes using the theme or any science related link- this may be related to a science topic you've covered, a scientist, a science occupation/job or your favourite scientific discovery. There will be prizes for the most creative costumes!

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>

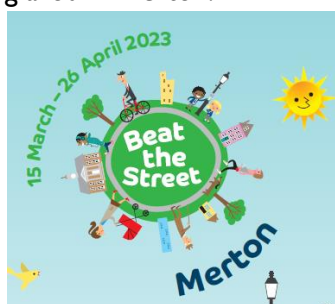
Thank you in advance for all of your support.

Share My Learning

Share My Learning for Years 3, 4 and 5 will be held on Wednesday 22nd March, from 8.15 to 8.45am.

Beat the Street has arrived in Merton!

Do register your child's card, and get walking around Merton.



Website Spotlight

Did you know that we have a wealth of health and wellbeing resources and information on our website? Do click on the link to see what support is available.

https://www.holytrinity.merton.sch.uk/web/health_and_well-being/334137

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

A message from the Friends of South Park Gardens

The Friends of South Park Gardens' Easter Egg Hunt returns on Sunday 2nd April 2023 at 3.00 pm. Our first fundraising event of 2023.

The Easter Egg Hunt is a fun event for the children who go around South Park Gardens collecting 6 sticks, 2 with bunnies on, 2 with eggs on and 2 with chicks on. In return they receive a bag of eggs. No chocolate is hidden in the Gardens. There are extra prize sticks for a special prize. There will also be a quiz for older children as this egg hunt is aimed at children aged 7 years old and under. In addition, there is a raffle for a large Easter Egg and other prizes. Further details are contained on the attached poster. Contactless payment for the entry fee is available, but it would be helpful to bring cash for the raffle.

Help on the day of the Easter Egg Hunt, is needed with setting up the event from 12.00 pm for a 3.00 pm start, during the event, taking payments, selling raffle tickets, helping with replanting sticks in the gardens. Help is also needed in advance of the day getting the bags of eggs ready for Sunday.

Please let us know whether you can help as soon as possible. You can do this by sending an email to friendsofsouthparkgardens@gmail.com with the word Easter Egg Hunt -Volunteering in the subject title.

Many thanks. We look forward to welcoming you on Sunday 2nd April 2023.

Friend of South Park Gardens Trustees

Opportunities on offer at our local libraries



NEED A FOOTBALL?
Borrow one for free from your local Football Library

#LibraryBall

YOUR NEAREST FOOTBALL LIBRARY IS

Wimbledon Library
35 Wimbledon Hill Road
London
SW19 7NB

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ALIVE AND KICKING

Scan to find out more

Merton Sensory Libraries

All of our children's libraries have unique themes with sensory equipment and specialist SEND book stock, specially adapted toys and equipment that can be borrowed. In addition to this we have an exciting programme of SEND events/activities available. Booking for all SEND events is required via www.mertonlibraries.eventbrite.co.uk

Bag Books Storytime

Morden Library – 1st Saturday of the month 10-10:30am
Mitcham Library – 2nd Saturday of the month 10-10:30am
Wimbledon Library – 3rd Saturday of the month 10-10:30am

Stay and Play

Wimbledon Library - 1st Saturday of the month 10-10:45am
Morden Library – 2nd Saturday of the month 10-10:45am
Mitcham Library – 3rd Saturday of the month 10-10:45am
West Barnes Library – 4th Saturday of the month 10-10:45am

Sensory Library

Colliers Wood Library - 1st Saturday of the month 10-10:45am
Pollards Hill Library – 2nd Saturday of the month 3-3:45pm
Raynes Park Library – 3rd Saturday of the month 10-10:45am

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Homework Club!

Wimbledon Library

Come and join us at Wimbledon Library for our weekly homework club! Bring along some work and get support and encouragement in a friendly environment to help you with your studies!

Ages 5-12

Fridays 4:30pm-5:30pm
Starts Friday 3rd February
No booking required, just drop in!

On during term time

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www.merton.gov.uk/libraries 02082745757

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Attached items:

- Summer Term Clubs
- New Lunch Menu
- Information for Year 5 parents about the Sutton tests for entry in 2024

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
20 th – 24 th March		Year 6 visit to France Science Week – dress up day 24 th March
17 th March	8.15-8.45	EYFS/KSI Share my Learning NB this is a date change Year 6 Share My Learning
22 nd March	8.15-8.45	Years 3, 4, 5 Share my Learning
27 th – 31 st March		Parent/Teacher Meetings
28 th March	9.15	Easter Service @ Holy Trinity Church
31 st March	14.00	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

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Izzy Rickards