

FRIDAY BULLETIN

30.11.18

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday morning we were treated to a special visit by World Champion and Olympic Kayaker, Anna Hemmings (also mum to Sophia and Luke). Anna shared with the whole school about her sporting career, and also how she came back from 2 years of chronic illness to win two further world titles. Her talk was truly inspirational! Anna then launched our new *Step it up* Programme, and officially opened our running track. The children (Year 2-6) are now wearing pedometers on a daily basis and counting how many steps they are doing. I'm trying very hard to up the number of steps I do too!

James Shone, a former teacher, also visited school on Monday to share his remarkable story with staff and parents. James became blind following surgery to remove a brain tumour. Unable to start his dream job as a headteacher, he decided to set up a charity to encourage children to focus on what they can do, rather than what they can't do. Do have a look at his website to find out more about his work <http://icanandiam.com/>

Forthcoming Christmas Events

Please check the school calendar for the forthcoming Christmas events. Parents of children in Nursery, Reception and Year 2 will receive separate Parentmail communication about their nativity performances. This year our retiring collections will be split between the local Night Shelter (organised for Holy Trinity by Maggie Thomson and Mrs Zahra), and The Oak Centre for children and young people at The Royal Marsden.

Christmas Jumper day – Friday 14th December

Once again we will be taking part in Save the Children's annual Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 14th 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 bring in £1 for Save the Children Fund.

Year 1 Carols – Tuesday 18th December @ 9.15am

Parents/Carers of Year 1 children are warmly invited to the Year 1 Carol presentation on Tuesday 18th December @ 9.15am.

Carol Services – 19th/ 20th December, 6.30pm @ Holy Trinity Church

The children are busy preparing for their carol services next week. The Carol Service for **all** children in Year 3 and Year 5 takes places on Wednesday 19th December, with the Year 4 and Year 6 service being held on Thursday 20th 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.

Extra Choir Rehearsal

All the children in the choirs are working very hard for their performances at the Carol Services. We will be performing one very special piece with Trinity Singers (our Parents' Choir) and the children are very excited about it. We will be having a brief rehearsal altogether straight after school, for those who can make it on **Tuesday 18th December**, in the small hall - more details to follow.

Christmas lunch

Chartwells, our catering company, will be cooking a delicious Christmas lunch on **Wednesday 19th December** for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and **Thursday 20th December** for children in Years 3, 4, 5, 6. We will send a Parentmail communication out about this, but please note that on 19th December all children in KS2 will need to bring in a packed lunch, and children in Reception and KS1 will need a packed lunch on 20th December.

Learning Support Assistant Role

We currently have a Learning Support Assistant vacancy. Please see the school website https://www.holytrinity.merton.sch.uk/web/job_vacancies/307910 for further information.

Parking

Yet again we have had complaints from neighbours about irresponsible parking by our parents. Please respect our neighbours, and park safely. I have heard reports of very unsafe parking, particularly on Effra Road when parents are picking children up after activity clubs. Thank you.

Messages from HOTS

Christmas Carols in South Park Gardens

Our Christmas Carol event is coming up on Dec 8 from 4:30-6:00. We are looking for volunteers to set up/tidy up and serve mulled wine. If you can help please send an email to HOTS. Hotsemail@gmail.com

Happy School Bag collection – Thursday 6 December

Are you having a clear out before Christmas? Once again you can recycle your good quality second-hand clothes, linen, soft toys and other items through Happy School Bag and help HOTS at the same time. Bags will be delivered to you via book bags in the next few days or you can use your own. **Please** bring your bags back to school **before 9am** on Thursday 6 December. **Please do not** deliver before that because there is no storage at school. Thank you.

They accept quality, dry and clean second-hand ladies, men's and children's clothing, paired shoes and trainers, handbags, belts, hats, console games, jewellery, toiletries as well as bed linen, towels and soft toys.

They do not accept bric-a-brac, single shoes, mats, carpets, pillows, blankets, curtains or dirty, damaged or wet clothing.

The more we collect, the more *Happy School Bag* gives us as a donation.

Attachments

Please find attached an idea for an alternative Advent Calendar, information about the Kingstonian cricket club, and information from Merton Council about their admission consultations.

Term Dates 2019-2020

Autumn Term 2019

- First day: Monday 2 September 2019 (**NB INSET DAYS 2nd/3rd September 2019 children begin 4th September**)
- Last day: Friday 20 December 2019
- Half term: Monday 21 October to Friday 25 October 2019

Spring Term 2020

- First day: Monday 6 January 2020 (**NB INSET DAY 6th January 2020 children begin 7th January**)
- Last day: Friday 3 April 2020
- Half term: Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February 2020

Summer Term 2020

- First day: Monday 20 April 2020
- Last day: Monday 20 July 2020 (**NB INSET DAY 20th JULY 2020 children finish 17th July**)
- Half term: Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May 2020 (**NB INSET DAY 1st JUNE 2020 children return 2nd June**)

Key Dates for 2018-2019

Date	Time	Event
5 th December	3.50-7.00pm	Parent/Teacher meetings
6 th December	3.50-6.00pm	Parent/Teacher meetings
7 th December	9.00am	SEND Parent Support group – Small Hall
8 th December	PM	Christmas Carols in South Park Gardens for Women in Need
10 th December	2.15pm	Reception Nativity
11 th December	9.30am	Reception Nativity

12 th December	9.15am	Year 2 Nativity
13 th December	9.15am	Year 2 Nativity
14 th December		Christmas Jumper Day
14 th December	10.30am/2.30pm	Nursery Nativity
17 th December	9.00am	EAL Coffee Morning – Small Hall
18 th December	9.15am	Year 1 Concert
19 th December		Reception & KS1 Christmas lunch
19 th December	6.30pm	Year 3/5 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church
20 th December		KS2 Christmas lunch
20 th December	6.30pm	Year 4/6 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church
21 st December	2.00pm	Break up
7 th January 2019		INSET Day
8 th January		Term begins for all children
14 th January	9.00am	EAL Coffee Morning – Small Hall
18 th January	9.00am	Parent Prayer Group – Club Room
24 th January	9.00am	5T Class Assembly
31 st January	9.00am	3T Class Assembly
7 th February	9.00am	1M (Moles) Class Assembly
11 th February	9.00am	EAL Coffee Morning – Small Hall
13 th February	8.15-8.45am	Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
15 th February	9.00am	Parent Prayer Group – Club Room
15 th February		Break up for half term
25 th February		2 nd half of term begins
28 th February	9.00am	2S (Squirrels) Class Assembly
7 th March	9.00am	4H Class Assembly
11 th – 15 th March		Science week
14 th March	9.00am	1F (Foxes) Class Assembly
15 th March	9.00am	Parent Prayer Group – Club Room
18 th March		Assessment week
18 th March	9.00am	EAL Coffee Morning – Small Hall
20 th March	All day and evening	Year 5 at the Royal Albert Hall
28 th March	9.00am	4T Class Assembly tbc
2 nd April	9.15am	Easter Service @ Holy Trinity Church
4 th April	1.50-7.10pm	Parent/Teacher meetings NB School closes at 1.30pm
5 th April		Easter Bonnet/Hat Parade
5 th April	2.00pm	Break up for Easter holidays
23 rd April		Summer term begins
23 rd – 26 th April		Year 4 PGL Residential
26 th April	9.00am	Parent Prayer Group – Club Room
13 th – 16 th May		Year 6 SATS
20 th – 24 th May		Book Week
24 th May	9.00am	Parent Prayer Group – Club Room
24 th May		Break up for half term
3 rd June		INSET Day
4 th June		2 nd half of term begins
17 th – 21 st June		Sports Days for all year groups TBC
21 st June	9.00am	Parent Prayer Group – Club Room
24 th – 28 th June		Year 6 in France
11 th July	TBC	Open Afternoon/Evening
17 th /18 th July	7.00pm	Year 6 Production
22 nd July	2.00pm	Term ends
23 rd July		INSET Day

Thank you for your continued support. I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Izzy Rickards – Headteacher