

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

In light of the news of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, we held a special time of reflection and prayer this morning with the whole school. We are grateful to Father Mark for leading us in prayer for Her Majesty.



A prayer

God of love,

We thank you for the life of The Queen,
for her service to our nation,
and for her faith in you.

Be close to all of us who mourn,
that we may we find comfort and hope in your love,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Everlasting God, we pray for our new King.

Bless his reign and the life of our nation.

Help us to work together
so that truth and justice, harmony and fairness
flourish among us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

You can shed tears that she is gone
or you can smile because she has lived.
You can close your eyes and pray that she'll come back
or you can open your eyes and see all she's left.
Your heart can be empty because you can't see her
or you can be full of the love you shared.
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday
or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.
You can remember her and only that she's gone
or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.
You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back
or you can do what she'd want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

A poem read at the funeral of the Queen Mother

We are delighted to have welcomed our Reception and Nursery children this week. We are so impressed with how well they have settled into school.

Catering Team Success

Many congratulations to our catering team – they won team of the year!



A few messages at the start of the term

Birthdays

We love to celebrate birthdays at school, and often children like to bring in items to share with their friends. We are a Gold Healthy School, so we ask that sweets and cakes are not brought in please. Instead of food items, some families have brought in small items of stationery, or have purchased a book for the class, which is read on the child's birthday.

No Nuts!

We are a no nut school! Please ensure that packed lunches do not contain anything with nuts in, including Nutella sandwiches.

Morning Snacks

EYFS and KS1 are provided with a piece of fruit or vegetable by the Government's fruit and vegetable scheme, so they do not have to bring in a snack. KS2 are welcome to bring in a piece of fruit or vegetable to eat during morning play.

Bikes and Scooters

We strongly encourage children to either walk to school or come on a bike or scooter. As soon as your child gets to the gates, to make it safe for everyone, we ask that children push their bike or scooter to the shed.

Trim Trail and Climbing Wall

In the past we have had some nasty accidents with children using the apparatus after school. Please ensure that your child/children do not use the trim trail or climbing wall before or after school.

Naming Clothes

Thank you so much to those of you who have named your child's clothes. We already have some un-named items of lost property. Please can I urge you to get a Sharpie pen and label (with both first name and surname) all items of clothing? If named items get lost we can quickly return them to their owner.

One-way System at morning drop off

Just a reminder that entrance in the morning is via the Faraday Gate, and exit is via the Effra Gate. There is no one-way system in the afternoons.

Thank you so much for your co-operation with all of these things – it is greatly appreciated!

Home Learning

Home Learning will start next Friday. A detailed Parentmail will be sent during the week giving further information.

Welcome Coffee Morning for Parents/Carers – Friday 16th September @ 8.45am

You are all warmly invited to a Coffee Morning next Friday morning. This coffee morning would be particularly helpful for those parents/carers for whom English is not their first language. This will take place in the Small Hall. Enter via Effra Road.

Meet the Teacher Sessions

At the start of the new academic year we will be offering you a chance to meet your child's new teacher, and to hear more about the expectations of the new year group. We will share the presentation with all parents if you are not able to attend the session.

Year Group	Meet the Teacher Date – all sessions will be from 8.45-9.30am
4	Monday 12 th September
5	Tuesday 13 th September
6	Wednesday 14 th September

Music At Holy Trinity – A message from Mrs Quinn

We have a number of extra curriculum music activities on offer at Holy Trinity:

Year 3 and Year 4 choir -Thursday lunchtime.

Year 5 and Year 6 choir - Wednesday lunchtime.

Both choirs will start in the week commencing 19th September. There are no auditions for the choir – all children are welcome to join but are expected to show commitment to rehearsals for at least a half term session after the first 'try out' rehearsal.

Orchestra is an after school club and runs on a Tuesday starting on 20th September. If your child has instrumental lessons, is of approximately Grade 1 standard or higher and would be interested (mainly for Years 4,5 and 6) please let me know as this club is by invitation only.

Instrumental lessons. If you are interested in instrumental lessons for your child we currently offer piano, guitar and violin lessons, mainly through Merton Music Foundation who send tutors into school. Please contact them for details or speak to me. A flyer is also attached for brass lessons which we are particularly promoting this year. If there is sufficient interest in woodwind lessons (flute, clarinet, oboe) then we can also look into getting a woodwind teacher.

Parents and Carers – do you enjoy singing? We have a long established adult choir at Holy Trinity called Trinity Singers - if you were at the Summer Fair you may have heard us performing with the school choirs. We would love to welcome new members. You don't need to be able to read music and you won't be asked to sing a solo! We are a very friendly choir so if you enjoy singing, then this is for you. Preparations are already underway to perform with the school choirs at the Carol Services so come and join us and encourage your child to join the school choir then you will be able to perform together at Christmas! We rehearse every fortnight during term time on a Thursday evening. Our first Open Rehearsal is on Thursday 15th September from 8pm to 9pm in the school hall (entrance through car park). Please come and give us a try – I look forward to seeing you all.

Any queries about any of the above, please feel free to come and speak to me (I am in school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays) or email me (hilary.quinn@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk)

Class Contact Lists

Each class has one or more parent reps who kindly volunteer to co-ordinate a WhatsApp or email group for the parents and carers. They send out friendly reminders about things which are happening in school, work closely with HOTS to lead fundraising initiatives, organise social events for parents of children in the class and co-ordinate collections to buy gifts for the teachers at Christmas and the end of the academic year.

If you are not connected with other parents in your child's class and you'd like to be, please email the school office (info@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk). We will be delighted to connect you with your class reps.

Please note that the class contact groups should only include the families of children currently in the class, so we would be grateful if you would politely remove any parents whose children are no longer in the class.

Parent/Carer Prayer group

Every parent/carer is warmly invited to join others to pray for the life of the school and our community straight after drop-off, on the following days:

- 23 September
- 21 October
- 18 November
- 16 December
- 20 January
- 24 February
- 24 March
- 21 April
- 19 May
- 23 June
- 14 July

Please enter via the main school office on Effra Road. The meeting will end by 10.00am.

Information about applying for Secondary School

Please see attached a presentation from Merton Council giving further information on applying for Secondary Schools this year.

Information about Saint Cecilia's Open Days

St Cecilia's Open events for Year 7 2023 entry now booking!

If you have a child in years 5/6, or have friends or neighbours with primary-aged children, here are details of how to book free tickets to Saint Cecilia's open events for Year 7 entry next year.

<https://www.saintcecilias.london/open-events-1>

A Message from Holy Trinity Church

Holy Trinity Church will be starting up Junior Church sessions again during the morning service from 11th September. We are always keen to find new helpers, and if you'd like to volunteer (usually no more than once a month), please contact Mark Eminson: eminson.mark@gmail.com or 07939 253915.

Polio vaccine booster campaign in London

In August, the NHS launched an urgent polio vaccine booster campaign for 1-9 year olds in response to detection of poliovirus in sewage. The NHS will contact children when it is their turn to have the vaccine. Children aged 1-4 years will be vaccinated at their GP surgery and those aged 5-9 years will be vaccinated at the mass vaccination sites. Polio vaccine will be offered to those children who are unvaccinated (no/incomplete polio vaccination) and a booster will be offered to those who are fully vaccinated.

The risk to the population of developing symptomatic polio is assessed to be low, due to high vaccine coverage overall, and currently there have been no notified cases of polio in the UK. However, in some areas/communities with lower vaccine coverage, unvaccinated individuals may be at risk. The indicative timeline is to offer the polio vaccine to all 1 to 9 year olds in London by 26th September.

Parents and guardians can check their child's red book if they are unsure if their child has received this vaccine. More information and a short video clip on polio can be found here: 1) <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/polio/> 2) [IPV booster campaign video](#)

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
12 th September	8.45-9.30	Reception in full time Year 4 Meet the Teacher
13 th September	8.45-9.30	Year 5 Meet the Teacher
14 th September	8.45-9.30	Year 6 Meet the Teacher
21 st September	9.45-10.45	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2023
4 th October	9.15	Harvest Service @ Church
5 th October	9.45-10.45 14.00-14.30	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2023 Nursery Open Morning for entry in 2023
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
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
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.

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