

### 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

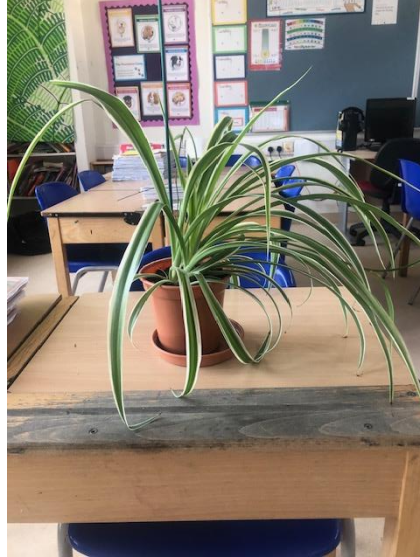
It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school – there has certainly been lots of excited chatter as the children make new friends and reconnect with old friends. Thank you so much for all of your kindness and offers of support – I am so grateful.

Please may I remind you that I have an Open Door Policy, and am always willing to meet with parents/carers. Do email me in the first instance at [headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk)

We are starting the new year with a whole school project, 'Growing Our Future'. Children in Early Years will be reading 'Errol's Garden'; KS1 are reading 'The Secret Sky Garden'; and KS2 are reading 'The Promise'. All three texts focus on a child's desire to impact on the natural world around them through rewilding, and on building a sense of community through interacting with nature in shared spaces. During the project we will build the children's knowledge of the importance of plants, trees and flowers to people and wildlife in the local community and engage children in positive acts of change to support rewilding in their local area.

Classes have already been enjoying the out of doors and visiting South Park Gardens.





Year 5 explored plant reproduction and propagated a spider plants using its spiderettes. We will see whose grows the best!

### **A Prayer for the start of a new academic year**

Loving Lord

*At the start of this new academic year, please help us to trust in you.*

*Thank you that you know our worries and our fears already. Thank you that you will be with us each day.*

*Please help us to use the challenges this year will bring to develop a love of learning.*

*Thank you that you made each one of us unique and special, and that you have given all of us different gifts.*

*Please help us to appreciate and respect each other.*

*We pray in Jesus' name.*

*Amen.*

### **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.

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Meet the Teacher Date – all sessions will be from 8.45-9.15am</b>
1	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> September
2	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September
3	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September
4	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> September
5	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> September

### **Attendance**

This is just a reminder about how important it is to attend school regularly and punctually. Absence during term time, except for illness, is not usually authorised. Please inform the school by 8.45am on each day of absence. There is an option on Parentmail to do this, or by calling the main school telephone number.

### **Do you know anyone fabulous who might like a role in our After School Club?**

We are looking to appoint a proactive, energetic and positive-minded After School Club Manager to work from 2pm to 6pm, Monday to Friday, to lead the day to day management and organisation of our After School Club which cares for up to 80 children each day. You be responsible for ensuring resources are available to support the weekly

planning, for directing a daily team of 7 staff plus specialist sports coaches and for role modelling excellent interactions with the children in a safe, homely and nurturing environment. You will need to be someone who is passionate about all aspects of childcare and education, and able to bring new ideas to the role. You will need to have a caring and dynamic approach, as well as an ability to lead and motivate a range of staff. Full support will be provided by our Senior Leadership Team as we work together to establish this new role.

We are also looking to appoint one or more proactive and enthusiastic After School Club Assistants to work from 3pm to 6pm on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 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 children in our care.

If you are interested, or know anyone who might be interested in either of the vacancies please email [headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk)

## Secondary School Information

All Merton secondary schools will be holding their open events in the coming weeks. These are usually advertised via My Merton, however the paper version of this is no longer being produced and sent out to all households. The events will be advertised via the new electronic version and via social media as well as on the Merton website. All details of the open events, together with further details of the Transfer to Secondary School application process, can be found on the following page of the Merton website [www.merton.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/admissions/secondary/dates](http://www.merton.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/admissions/secondary/dates)

**FINDING YOUR FEET: CHILDREN'S EMOTIONAL WELLBEING AND STARTING SCHOOL**

Starting school can be an exciting time for children and parents - it can also bring along a host of emotions, worries and some challenges for your child and you as parents.

The Wellbeing Team in Schools hopes to talk you through some common anxieties and worries that many children and parents will go through, and provide different ways you could approach some of these challenges. It will be drawing on child development and cognitive-behavioural ideas and hopes to be practical and engaging.

**DATE / TIME**

Monday 11th September 12.30-1.30 pm  
Tuesday 12th September 12.30-1.30 pm

**LOCATION**

Online - Hosted on Teams

Sign up to this event for free on Eventbrite (and check out our others!) by scanning the QR Code or following the link below:

[Click here to book](#)

**NHS**  
South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS Trust

**Wellbeing Support Service**  
NHS

wellbeinginschoolsevents@swlstg.nhs.uk



## Attached Items

- Transition to Secondary School Presentation
- St Cecilia's Secondary School Flyer

## Term Dates 2023-2024

### Autumn Term 2023

- First day: Monday 4 September 2023  
(INSETs Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September so children back Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September)
- Last day: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December
- Half term: Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October 2023

### Spring Term 2024

- First day: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024  
(INSET Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January so children back Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January)
- Last day: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024
- Half term: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024

### Summer Term 2024

- First day: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024
- Last day: Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024
- Half term: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024  
(INSETs Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July, so children return after half term on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and term ends Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024)

## Key Dates for the Term

Any new dates added will be highlighted.

Date	Time	Event
11 <sup>th</sup> September	8.45-9.15	Reception children start (morning only) Year 1 Meet the Teacher
12 <sup>th</sup> September	8.45-9.15	Reception in morning Year 2 Meet the Teacher
13 <sup>th</sup> September	8.45-9.15	Reception in morning and lunch (until 12.30) Year 3 Meet the Teacher
14 <sup>th</sup> September	8.45-9.15	Reception in full time Year 4 Meet the Teacher
15 <sup>th</sup> September	8.45-9.15	Year 5 Meet the Teacher
22 <sup>nd</sup> September	9.45-10.45	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2024
26 <sup>th</sup> September	9.15	Harvest Service @ Church
26 <sup>th</sup> September	18.30	Reception Curriculum Evening
5 <sup>th</sup> October	9.45-10.45	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2024
11 <sup>th</sup> October	8.15-8.45	EYFS/KSI Share My Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
13 <sup>th</sup> October	8.15-8.45	Share My Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	10.00	Schools Sunday @ Holy Trinity Church
16-20 <sup>th</sup> October		Parent/Teacher Meetings this week
20 <sup>th</sup> October		Break up for half term
30 <sup>th</sup> October		Autumn 2 begins
7 <sup>th</sup> November		School Eucharist @ school
9 <sup>th</sup> November	9.45-10.45	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2024
13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> November		Anti-bullying week
17 <sup>th</sup> November	9.45-10.15	Nursery Open Morning for entry in 2024
27 <sup>th</sup> November – 1 <sup>st</sup> December		Assessment week
1 <sup>st</sup> December	8.15-8.45	Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
12 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15	Reception Nativity
13 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15	Reception Nativity
14 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15	Year 2 Christmas show TBC
15 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30/2.30	Nursery Nativity
18 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15	Year 1 Concert
18 <sup>th</sup> December	18.30	Year 3/5 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church TBC
19 <sup>th</sup> December	18.30	Year 4/6 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church TBC
21 <sup>st</sup> December	14.00	Break up
8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024		<b>INSET Day – School closed</b>
9 <sup>th</sup> January 2023		Term begins for all children

11 <sup>th</sup> January	9.45	Nursery Open Morning for entry in 2024
9 <sup>th</sup> February		Break up for half term
19 <sup>th</sup> February		2 <sup>nd</sup> half of term begins
11 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> March		Assessment weeks
18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> March		Year 6 in France
20 <sup>th</sup> March	8.15-8.45	Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
25 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> March		Parent/Teacher Meetings
28 <sup>th</sup> March	14.00	Break up for Easter holidays
15 <sup>th</sup> April		Summer term begins
19 <sup>th</sup> April	8.15-8.45	Year 6 Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
8 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> May		Year 4 PGL
13 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> May		Year 6 SATS
24 <sup>th</sup> May	8.15-8.45	Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
24 <sup>th</sup> May		Break up for half term
3 <sup>rd</sup> June		<b>INSET Day – School closed</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> June		2 <sup>nd</sup> half of term begins
4 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 4 Multiplication Check Week
10 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> June		Assessment Week
10 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Window
29 <sup>th</sup> June		Summer Fair
19 <sup>th</sup> July	8.00-8.45	Extended Share My Learning
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	9.15 14.00	Leaver's Service @ Holy Trinity Church Term ends
24 <sup>th</sup> July		<b>INSET Day – School closed</b>

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Izzy Rickards