

Dear Parents and Carers,

The whole school has just enjoyed watching the Reception children perform their nativity Dress Rehearsal – they did so well. Parents and carers are in for a real treat next week! The rest of the school are busy rehearsing for their Christmas performances, and carol services. I look forward to seeing many of you over the next two weeks.

Our Year 5 and 6 Eco-Warriors and JLT members went to visit the Houses of Parliament today. I'll report more about their visit next week.

As part of their Geography lessons Year 4 are learning about the Rainforest – they have been busy designing tree-planting machines!

### **Sporting Success**

Miss Banks is so proud of the Year 5/6 Girls' Football team. They qualified for the Merton finals last week and played amazingly well – finishing 5<sup>th</sup> out of 32 schools. They actually won all of their matches except one, which had to go to a penalty shoot-out! If the competition was based on the number of matches won, we would have been victorious! The team were a credit to our school – they showed respect to others and supported one another throughout the competition.

The Boys' Year 5/6 team participated in a recent Merton tournament. Miss Banks was once again so proud of our pupils – they showed respect, skill and a fantastic team spirit. Well done to all who took part.

### **Healthy Packed Lunches**

As I have been in the dining room recently I have noticed an increasing number of sweets, chocolates and other sugary snacks appearing in lunchboxes. Please may I remind you that lunchboxes should contain healthy food. No sweets should be brought in to school. Thank you.

### **School Admissions Arrangements – draft policy for consultation 18 November 2019 to 12 January 2020**

As a Voluntary-Aided Church of England school, Holy Trinity school in Wimbledon is the admissions authority responsible for setting admissions arrangements annually for both the nursery and school places. Every seven years, in accordance with the Schools Admissions Code 2014, we must consult on these arrangements.

This year we have made some suggested minor amendments to the policy in line with other schools within Merton or Southwark Diocese which are highlighted in yellow in the draft policy so it is easier for you to determine the changes from our current Admissions Policy published on our website (dated March 2019 for admissions from September 2020). Namely amendments relate to:

- Children of staff – children of permanent staff will be on our priority list (to help with staff recruitment and retention)
- Siblings (Open places - priority will be given to siblings who applied as an open place)
- Tiebreaker (in instances where two or more applicants have equal priority for final places)
- Nursery places (clarifying full and part time places available)
- Waiting lists (Year 2 and above will operate as one list)

The proposed draft policy (which can be found on our website <https://www.holytrinity.merton.sch.uk/web/admissions/308143>) will take effect for entry into nursery and reception from 2021 and be ratified at a full Governing Body meeting after the consultation period ends on 12 January. The new policy will be published on our website by 15 March 2020.

We have set up a separate email address to receive your views during the consultation period and would welcome your thoughts on the draft policy. Thank you!  
[consultation@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk](mailto:consultation@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk)

### **Growing in Awesomeness booklets**

We are really keen to see the challenges/goals you have set for yourself this term. Remember to come visit either Mrs Rickards, Miss Hann or Mrs Witting to show off your booklet so you can earn your bronze stickers. We look forward to seeing what you have accomplished. Booklets are available to collect from the School Office.

### **Forthcoming Christmas Events**

#### **Christmas Jumper day – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

Once again we will be taking part in Save the Children's annual Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **Reception Nativity**

Parents/carers of Reception children are warmly invited to watch their Nativity performance on either Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December @ 2.15pm, or Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December @ 9.30am.

#### **Year 2 Christmas Performance**

Parents/carers of Year 2 children are warmly invited to watch their Christmas performance on either Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December @ 9.15am, or Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December @ 9.15am.

#### **Nursery Christmas Performance**

Parents/carers of our Nursery children are warmly invited to watch their Nativity on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. The morning nursery will be performing at 10.30am and the afternoon children at 2.30pm.

#### **Year 1 Carols**

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

#### **Carol Services – 18<sup>th</sup>/ 19<sup>th</sup> December, 6.30pm @ Holy Trinity Church**

The children are busy preparing for their carol services. The Carol Service for **all** children in Year 3 and Year 5 takes place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, with the Year 4 and Year 6 service being held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Retiring collections will be taken at the end of each of our Christmas events – money raised will be given to the Night Shelter, organised by churches in the Merton Priory Parish, to give food and shelter in the cold winter months.**

#### **Christmas lunch**

Chartwells, our catering company, will be cooking a delicious Christmas lunch on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** for children in Years 3, 4, 5, 6. Please note that on 17<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> December.

**Due to environmental reasons we have decided not to have crackers at our Christmas lunches this year – this is a decision supported by our Eco-Warriors. Children are encouraged to bring a Christmas hat to school to wear during their Christmas lunch (please name your child's hat). Thank you so much for your support.**

#### **Save your stamps for RNIB**

This Christmas, you can save your stamps from post and parcels you receive and help make a real difference to people with sight loss. Donate your stamps and RNIB will recycle them into much-needed funds. All stamps: new, used, British, first, second, overseas accepted. Just leave centimetre of envelope/parcel around stamp edge. A donation box will be available outside the school office or send them direct to:

RNIB, Xchange Master Ltd, 272 Bath Street, Glasgow G2 4JR.

Click on the link for more information

## End of Term

Term ends at 2.00pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Please note there will be no After School Club on this day. The After School Club ends on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

## Messages from Mrs Quinn

### 2 choir dates for the diary

Mrs Quinn is hoping to have a massed choir rehearsal (Year 3/4 Choir, Year 5/6 Choir and Trinity Singers) on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December from 3.30-4pm, to rehearse this year's combined choirs' carol for the Carol Service. Please keep this date and time free if you can. A letter has been sent via Parentmail with further information.

Both choirs have been given lyric sheets for the 2 carols that they are singing at the Carol Services. They have been working really hard (and very enthusiastically!) at the combined choirs carol rehearsals. Here is the link to the backing track if they wish to practise at home

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/ltvegfm62cu6kb0/AAC6VYT4Rf5l0vyjHW6XvXm9a?dl=0&preview=Star+of+Bethlehem+v+for+HT.wav>

Year 5 and 6 Choir have been invited to sing at the Mulled Wine and Carol Singing event in the school hall on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 4.30-6pm in aid of a local charity. A letter has been sent to choir children.

## Messages from HOTS

### Mulled Wine and Carol Singing

Join us in the school hall on **Saturday 7 December**, 4:30-6pm, to sing some of your favourite carols and festive tunes and enjoy a cup or two of mulled wine. All the money raised goes to a local charity. Please bring mince pie donations.

### Panettone

If you have pre-ordered any Panettone from HOTS they will be available on Monday after-school in the playground.

### Carol Services

As per previous years, HOTS will be funding refreshments at the two KS2 carol services (**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December**) – we will be asking for mince pie donations and helpers closer to the time.

## 2020-2021 Term Dates

### Autumn Term 2020

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September - Fri 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

NB Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September INSET days so **children start on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September**

**Half term** Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020

### Spring Term 2021

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

NB Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 INSET day so **children start on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

**Half term** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021

### Summer Term 2021

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021

NB Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July INSET days

**Term ends for children on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021**

**Half term** Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021

## Key Dates for 2019-2020

Any new dates are highlighted

Date	Time	Event
9 <sup>th</sup> December	2.15pm	Reception Nativity
10 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am	Reception Nativity
11 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am	Year 2 Christmas show
12 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am	Year 2 Christmas show

13 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30am/2.30pm	Nursery Nativity
13 <sup>th</sup> December		Christmas Jumper Day – children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper to school
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Lunchtime	Christmas lunch for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 All other children will need to bring a packed lunch on this day
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Lunchtime	Christmas lunch for children in Year 3-6 All other children will need to bring a packed lunch on this day
18 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am	Year 1 Concert
18 <sup>th</sup> December	6.30pm	Year 3/5 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church for all children in Year 3/5
19 <sup>th</sup> December	6.30pm	Year 4/6 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church for all children in Year 4/6
20 <sup>th</sup> December	2.00pm	Break up
6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020		<b>INSET Day – School closed</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> January		Term begins for all children
17 <sup>th</sup> January	9.00am	Parents' Prayer Meeting
23 <sup>rd</sup> January	9.00am	5T Class Worship
30 <sup>th</sup> January	9.00am	3H Class Worship NB Date change
30 <sup>th</sup> January	9-10.30am	Parent/Carer Workshop run by Sara Rosenthal as part of the Mental Health Trailblazer Project The focus will be on worry and anxiety in children and how parents/carers can support them
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> February		Mental Health Awareness Week
6 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00am	5H Class Worship NB Date change
12 <sup>th</sup> February	8.15-8.45am	Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
13 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00am	6T Class Worship
14 <sup>th</sup> February		Kindness Day
14 <sup>th</sup> February		Break up for half term
24 <sup>th</sup> February		2 <sup>nd</sup> half of term begins
28 <sup>th</sup> February		Parents' Prayer Meeting
5 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am	2S Class Worship
6 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am	PGL Meeting for Year 4 parents/carers
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Evening Time TBC	Maths Information Session for Parents/Carers – Reasoning in the Curriculum
12 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am	1F Class Worship
16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> March		Assessment week
19 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am	1M Class Worship
26 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am	4T Class Worship
27 <sup>th</sup> March		Parents' Prayer Meeting
31 <sup>st</sup> March TBC	9.15am	Easter Service @ Holy Trinity Church
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	1.50-7.10pm	Parent/Teacher meetings <b>NB School closes at 1.30pm</b> <b>NB There will be no After School Club on this day</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> April		Easter Bonnet/Hat Parade
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	2.00pm	Break up for Easter holidays
20 <sup>th</sup> April		Summer term begins
22 <sup>nd</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> April		Year 4 PGL Residential
24 <sup>th</sup> April		Parents' Prayer Meeting
28 <sup>th</sup> April		Class Photographs
8 <sup>th</sup> May		<b>VE Day Bank Holiday – School closed</b>
11 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> May		Year 6 SATS
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	9.00am	France Trip meeting for Year 6 parents
20 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> May		Book Week
22 <sup>nd</sup> May		Break up for half term
1 <sup>st</sup> June		<b>INSET Day – School closed</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> June		2 <sup>nd</sup> half of term begins and Assessment week
8 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 1 Phonics Screening Check/Year 4 Timetables Check
15 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> June		Healthy School Week/Sports Days for all year groups
16 <sup>th</sup> June	AM	KS2 Sports Day @ Garfield Park
17 <sup>th</sup> June	AM	Reception Sports Day @ school
18 <sup>th</sup> June	AM	KS1 Sports Day @ school
19 <sup>th</sup> June	AM/PM	Nursery Sports Day @ school
22 <sup>nd</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 6 in France
26 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00am	Parents' Prayer Meeting
9 <sup>th</sup> July	TBC	Open Afternoon/Evening
TBC	7.00pm	Year 6 Production
17 <sup>th</sup> July	9.15am	Leaver's Service @ Holy Trinity Church
17 <sup>th</sup> July	2.00pm	Term ends
20 <sup>th</sup> July		<b>INSET Day – School closed</b>

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Izzy Rickards

Headteacher