

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

I have just returned from the Southwark Diocesan Headteacher's Conference, held in the spectacular grounds of Canterbury Cathedral. It was a wonderful time of refreshment, engagement, networking, and connecting closer to God. I thought I would share with you our conference prayer:

Heavenly Father,

*When we are faced with trials, help us see joy
in our growing perseverance.*

*May we know that You are the God of hope
who fills us with joy and peace as we trust in
You.*

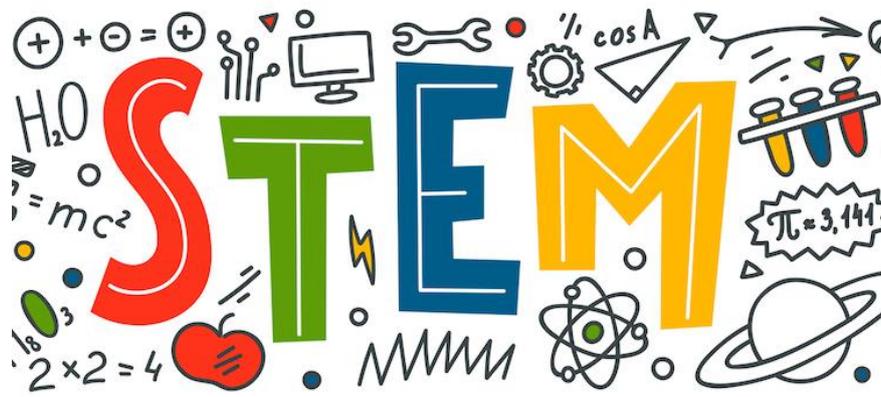
*May the Holy Spirit whisper reminders in
our ears to take time to be with You to
remember that You have got it all covered.*

*Help us to remember to eat our food with
gladness and drink our wine with a joyful
heart, for You have already approved what
we do.*

*Lord, help us to remember that, because You
gave your only Son for us, the victory is ours!*

In Jesus' name,

Amen



On Wednesday morning Years 4,5 and 6 took part in an interactive STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) workshop where they learnt about different STEM job opportunities. They learnt in more detail about four jobs: Civil Engineer, Senior Engineer, Medical Physicist and Solutions Architect.

Marley said that it gave a good understanding of STEM. It told you what jobs include STEM too. Arun commented that it gave him an insight into STEM subjects and that it was really fascinating to hear from people who work in a STEM field. Maisie said that it was really interesting to guess and find out the different STEM jobs and it was really enjoyable and engaging.



Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors launched Anti-Bullying Week by taking Worship on Monday. They reminded us about the definition of bullying (**Several Times On Purpose**) and challenged us all to use kind words with each other. We also celebrated our differences by wearing odd socks!



Reception have been learning about people who help them. They enjoyed a visit from the police this week, who took their fingerprints!

School Closed on Friday 26th November

As you are aware, the Government has allowed schools to choose a day to close this academic year in lieu of the extra Bank Holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 (which falls in the May half term).

We have chosen to close on **Friday 26th November 2021**, but other schools may have chosen a different day.

I apologise for any inconvenience that this might cause.

Christmas Lunches

This year our school Christmas lunches will be held on Tuesday 7th December (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) and Wednesday 8th December (Years 3-6). Children should bring a packed lunch on the day when they are not having their Christmas lunch.

The menu will be as follows:

Roast turkey served with a chicken chipolata sausage, sage stuffing balls, roast potatoes, peas, carrots, gravy and cranberry bread (halal version available) or

Special Christmas Wellington (vegetarian) with sage stuffing balls, roast potatoes, peas, carrots, gravy and cranberry bread

The dessert options available on the day will include Christmas chocolate log. Special Diets will be catered for.

Children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and those eligible for Free School Meals will receive a free meal in the normal way. All other children will be charged £2.23 and this will be payable through ParentMail in the normal way.

Our catering company Caterlink have asked for final food orders by the end of next week, so we would be grateful if you would **complete the ParentMail form sent this week by Thursday 25th November**. If your child is absent on the day of the Christmas lunch you will not be charged.

Carol Services

Our KS2 children have started learning songs for the Carol Services at the end of term. This is just advanced notice that all KS2 children are expected to attend these services.

15 th December	6.30pm	Year 3/5 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church	All children in Year 3/5 to attend Parents/carers invited
16 th December	6.30pm	Year 4/6 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church	All children in Year 4/6 to attend Parents/carers invited

COVID Update

If there is a positive COVID case in your child's class, I will send a Parentmail to the whole class to let them know. Due to changes in the self-isolation rules, only the child (or adult) who has tested positive would need to self-isolate for 10 days. Schools no longer have the responsibility of identifying close contacts as NHS Test and Trace fulfil this role. If your child is in the class of a positive case, even if you are not contacted by NHS Test and Trace, you are advised to get a PCR test for them as a precautionary measure. If you are getting a PCR test as a precautionary measure, the current guidance is that there is no need for your child to self-isolate until the results are in. If we have a positive COVID case in school, this is reported to the Merton Public Health Team.

If your child has any COVID symptoms, please keep them off school, and arrange for them to have a PCR test. Please keep school informed.

To keep us all safe, families are strongly advised to take regular Lateral Flow Tests to pick up any asymptomatic cases. For further information about COVID and testing click on the link

<https://www.merton.gov.uk/coronavirus/test>

Further information for parents/carers can be found by following this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/step-4-update-what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges>

HOTS NOTICES

A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who came to HOTS quiz night on Friday. Not only did we raise a massive £1,500 for the school, but we were also finally able to enjoy being back together and having fun as a parent community! A great night was had by all!

Carols by Candlelight

Please join us for our next event, **Carols by Candlelight**, on Saturday 11th December from 4-6pm in the school playground. Tickets are just £5 and under 4's go free, so wrap up warm and join us for a singalong! 🕯️

Christmas Trees

A reminder you can order your **Christmas tree** from us for collection on the 4th December. These beautiful trees are also available for anyone in the community to buy via the HOTS website so please do spread the word!!

Get your trees and carol tickets here - <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hots>

Finally, if you have any empty unwanted **JAM JARS** at home please can you bring them into school and leave them with Mrs Rickards at morning drop off, to help us create some lanterns for our Christmas Carols event! Thank you!

Advent Bible Series

The parent prayer group would like to invite you to a series of coffee mornings looking at the key messages of Christmas: Hope, Joy, Peace and Love. If you are interested, we will be meeting each Friday morning in December at 9-10am starting on the 3rd December (could be in person or on zoom). Whether you are a believer, someone looking for a deeper meaning to Christmas or want a refresh on what it's all about, you are really welcome to share in some seasonal joy and tradition with us at this time of year. If you are interested in joining us please contact Sarah Williams on 07740469892 or timso.williams@gmail.com.

Holy Trinity Church Christmas Fair Saturday 4 December 11am-4pm

Do make a note of the date and we hope to welcome many of you, having missed a year!

Two requests at this stage: first, would anyone be happy to display an estate agent's board advertising the Fair? Second, is anyone interested in helping oversee and run one of our stalls?

For offers of help with either of these, please contact churchwarden Richard Blades:

churchwardens@ht-sw.org.uk

Attached/Linked items:

- Touch Typing Christmas Course Flyer
- Christmas in the Village Flyer

Term dates 2021-2022

Autumn Term 2021

- First day: Wednesday 1 September 2021
(INSETs Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd so children back Friday 3rd)
- Last day: Friday 17 December 2021
- Half term: Monday 25 October to Friday 29 October 2021

Spring Term 2022

- First day: Tuesday 4 January 2022
(INSET Tuesday 4th so children back Wednesday 5th)
- Last day: Friday 1 April 2022
- Half term: Monday 14 February to Friday 18 February 2022

Summer Term 2022

- First day: Tuesday 19 April 2022
- Last day: Friday 22 July 2022
- Half term: Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June 2022
(INSETs Monday 6th June and Friday 22nd July, so children end Thursday 21st July)

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)

As further dates are added, these will be highlighted. By next week we will be able to give you all of the dates for this term.

Date	Time	Event	Notes
26th November		Extra Bank Holiday – School closed	In lieu of Queen’s Jubilee Bank Holiday in May 2022
29 th November – 3 rd December		Assessment week	
1 st December	2.00	Nursery Open Afternoon for entry in 2022	Informal talk in nursery and tour
3rd December	9.00	Parent Prayer Group Advent Series	
7 th December	9.15	Reception Nativity	Robins’ parents/carers to watch
8 th December	9.15	Reception Nativity	Owls’ parents/carers to watch
9 th December	9.15	Year 2 Christmas show	Year 2 parents/carers invited
10th December	9.00	Parent Prayer Group Advent Series	
10 th December	8.45	International Coffee Morning	Small Hall – enter via Effra Road
10 th December	10.30/2.30	Nursery Nativity	Nursery parents/carers invited
10 th December		Christmas Jumper Day – children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper to school and give a donation to Save the Children Fund	
11 th December	4.00-6.00pm	HOTS Carols by Candlelight	
14 th December	9.15	Year 1 Concert	Year 1 parents/carers invited
15 th December	6.30	Year 3/5 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church	All children in Year 3/5 to attend Parents/carers invited
16 th December	6.30	Year 4/6 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church	All children in Year 4/6 to attend Parents/carers invited
17th December	9.00	Parent Prayer Group Advent Series	
17 th December	2.00pm	Break up	
4 th January 2022		INSET Day – School closed	
5 th January 2022		Term begins for all children	
11 th February		Break up for half term	
21 st February		2 nd half of term begins	
1 st April	2.00pm	Break up for Easter holidays	
19 th April		Summer term begins	
9 th – 12 th May		Year 6 SATS	
27 th May		Break up for half term	
6 th June		INSET Day – School closed	
7 th June		2 nd half of term begins	
6 th June -17 th June		Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Window Year 4 Timetables Check Window	
21 st July	9.15	Leaver’s Service @ Holy Trinity Church	
21 st July	2.00pm	Term ends	
22 nd July		INSET Day – School closed	

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Izzy Rickards