

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a great, albeit wet, week! Year 4 enjoyed a visit from the Freshwater Theatre company. The children bravely joined the Time Traveller on a daring mission back to Ancient Greece and persuaded Zeus, a rich Athenian and a Spartan slave, to help them. To inspire their history topic, Year 6 visited Hampton Court Palace to see where Henry VIII actually lived, and to find out more about the Tudors.

I am looking forward to seeing those of you who can make it at the Schools Sunday service this weekend.

A message from the Chair of governors

It's been a busy start to the term - new families and staff are setting in. We held our first governing board meeting of the school year last night and welcomed 4 new governors - Rev Mark Eminson, Debra Francis, Kat Hastie and Gus Rankin. Our sub-committees are all meeting too and we've been reviewing evaluations and last year's data and developing our long term strategy and school improvement plan. We also signed off our annual safeguarding policy and are beginning to look at how our admissions consultation (which we have to do every 7 years) might look later in the year.

Our governors page will soon be updated with all the new details. You can contact us through Mrs Rickards, the office or governors@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk

Schools Sunday – Sunday 29th September 2019, 10am @ Holy Trinity Church

All children, together with their families, are invited to the Schools' Sunday on 29th September 2019, 10am at Holy Trinity Church. This is a chance for us to join together with The Priory School and commit the year to God.

Uniform does not need to be worn.

A message from Mrs Quinn about Schools Sunday

Both school choirs (Year 3/4 Choir and Year 5/6 choir) will be singing a song with Priory School Choir during the Schools' Sunday Service. I realise it is a weekend performance and many of you may have your own church or other commitments but it would be great if there could be a good number of the choir performing.

The children in the choir do not need to wear school uniform and can sit with their families during the service.

Harvest Festival – Tuesday 1st October 2019

On Tuesday 1st October during the school day we will be having our Harvest Festival Service at Holy Trinity Church. If you are able to bring a non-perishable item of food, or something from the list below to school on that day we will take it to the church. Items will be taken to the Wimbledon Foodbank.

Urgently needed items:

- instant mash/tinned potatoes
- rice
- small boxes of tea bags
- shampoo
- small bottles of fabric conditioner

Other items are very welcome, but the foodbank have said they have plenty of pasta at the moment. Their website has an up-to-date list of items most needed. <https://wimbledon.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

TAMHS Worker

We are delighted to welcome James Dawson, who is our new TAMHS (Targeted Mental Health in Schools) worker. He will be in school every Thursday. Once he is fully up and running you will be able to book appointments via the school office, but in the meantime please email headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk or sarah.duke@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk if you would like to book an appointment, or know more about the service.

Mental Health Trailblazer Project

We are delighted to be part of Merton's Mental Health Trailblazer Project, which aims to ensure our pupils enjoy good emotional well-being through accessing the advice and help that they need. Educational Well-being Practitioners are currently being trained up, and once trained they will be ready to support us in school and run a number of different projects and workshops for parents. Please see the attached newsletter for further information.

Sport Update

Many of you gave us feedback about the provision of sport at Holy Trinity. We have listened and have now employed a coach who works across Years 2-6 on a Tuesday or Thursday.

Please read the following to find out about some of the changes we are making in relation to our involvement in competitions:

Question	Answer
How do I know which competitions we are entering?	Please see the attached list which gives further information about the events on offer this year
How will children be picked for the teams?	Children will now be picked for teams during their PE lessons by their teachers and the coach.
Will we be sending more than one team to competitions like some other schools?	This depends on the type of event. There are some events (usually called festivals) which are more inclusive and less competitive – we are usually only allowed to send one team to these events. Other events involve a competitive element. For these events we will endeavour to send 2 teams. One team will be made up of those who performed best in the PE lessons, and the other will be made up of those who tried really hard. For both teams, children must display good sportsmanship, and show respect.
My child plays sport outside of school – will this be taken into account when selecting teams?	Children will not be selected just because they play the sport competitively outside school – they will still need to show their ability in lessons.
How will I know if my child has been selected for a team?	You will receive a letter via Parentmail 2 weeks before a competition.
How will the teams be trained for the events?	In the run up to a competition our coach will be organising some training sessions at lunchtime for the team/s.
Who will be accompanying the teams to the events?	A member of school/coaching staff will accompany all teams together with parent helpers.
How can I help?	Have a look at the dates of the events and email headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk with the dates of any events you can help with. We would really value the help of parents even if your child isn't selected to be in the team!

Might your child be eligible for Pupil Premium?

If you haven't already done so, can we encourage you to complete the short form

at https://self.merton.gov.uk/service/Pupil_Premium_and_Free_School_Meals_application (or complete the coloured paper application form available from the school office) to see whether the school can claim Pupil Premium funding for your child? **All you have to do is provide your contact details and National Insurance number and Merton Council will do the rest.**

If your child is entitled to Pupil Premium funding the school will receive additional money each year. In the past this has been used to fund interventions, books, school trips, residential trips and activity clubs. Children in Key Stage 2 who are entitled will also receive hot meals free of charge (Children in Reception and Key Stage 1 already receive free meals).

This applies to children from nursery through to Year 6.

Dictionaries for sale

We are keen for all KS2 children to have their own dictionary. If you would like to buy one for your child you can do so through Parentmail, and the dictionary will be delivered directly to your child in class.

Attached items:

- Sport Fixtures 2019-2020
- Flyer with details of a workshop for Year 1 parents
- Trailblazer Newsletter

Key Dates for 2019-2020

Any new dates are highlighted

Date	Time	Event
29 th September	10.00am	School Sunday @ Holy Trinity Church
7 th October	7.00-8.00pm	James Shone – <i>Keeping our eyes on the right ball</i> – Talk for parents/carers
11 th October	10.00am	Nursery Open Morning for entry in 2020
14 th –18 th October		Maths Week
16 th October	8.15-8.45am	Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
17 th October		School photographs
18 th October	9.00am	Parents' Prayer Meeting
18 th October		Break up for half term
28 th October		2 nd half of term starts
28 th October		KS2 First Aid Workshop
30 th October	3.50-7.00pm	Reception Parent/Teacher Meetings
31 st October	3.50-6.10pm	Reception Parent/Teacher Meetings
1 st November		KS2 - First Aid Workshop
7 th November	9.00am	6H Class Worship
11-15 th November		Anti-bullying week
11 th November	9.00am	Coffee Morning for families for whom English isn't their first language
12 th November	Evening Time TBC	Maths Information Session for Parents/Carers – Fluency in the Curriculum
14 th November	9.00am	3T Class Worship
15 th November	10.00am	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2020
18-22 nd November		Assessment week
21 st November	9.00am	2B Class Worship
22 nd November		Nursery Open Morning for entry in 2020
28 th November	9.00am	4H Class Worship
28 th November		Nasal Flu Vaccinations
4 th December	3.50-7.00pm	Years 1-6 Parent/Teacher meetings
5 th December	3.50-6.00pm	Years 1-6 Parent/Teacher meetings
9 th December	2.15pm	Reception Nativity
10 th December	9.30am	Reception Nativity
11 th December	9.15am	Year 2 Christmas show
12 th December	9.15am	Year 2 Christmas show
13 th December	10.30am/2.30pm	Nursery Nativity
13 th December		Christmas Jumper Day – children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper to school
18 th December	9.15am	Year 1 Concert
18 th December	6.30pm	Year 3/5 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church
19 th December	6.30pm	Year 4/6 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church
20 th December	2.00pm	Break up
6 th January 2020		INSET Day – School closed
7 th January		Term begins for all children
17 th January	9.00am	Parents' Prayer Meeting
23 rd January	9.00am	5T Class Worship
30 th January	9.00am	3H Class Worship NB Date change
3 rd – 7 th February		Mental Health Awareness Week
6 th February	9.00am	5H Class Worship NB Date change
12 th February	8.15-8.45am	Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
13 th February	9.00am	6T Class Worship
14 th February		Kindness Day
14 th February		Break up for half term
24 th February		2 nd half of term begins
28 th February		Parents' Prayer Meeting
5 th March	9.00am	2S Class Worship
6 th March	9.00am	PGL Meeting for Year 4 parents/carers
10 th March	Evening Time TBC	Maths Information Session for Parents/Carers – Reasoning in the Curriculum
12 th March	9.00am	1F Class Worship
16 th – 20 th March		Assessment week
19 th March	9.00am	1M Class Worship
26 th March	9.00am	4T Class Worship
27 th March		Parents' Prayer Meeting
31 st March TBC	9.15am	Easter Service @ Holy Trinity Church
2 nd April	1.50-7.10pm	Parent/Teacher meetings NB School closes at 1.30pm
3 rd April		Easter Bonnet/Hat Parade
3 rd April	2.00pm	Break up for Easter holidays
20 th April		Summer term begins

22 nd - 24 th April		Year 4 PGL Residential
24 th April		Parents' Prayer Meeting
28 th April		Class Photographs
7 th May		Polling Day – School closed
8 th May		VE Day Bank Holiday – School closed
11 th – 14 th May		Year 6 SATS
22 nd May	9.00am	France Trip meeting for Year 6 parents
20 th – 24 th May		Book Week
22 nd May		Break up for half term
1 st June		INSET Day – School closed
2 nd June		2 nd half of term begins and Assessment week
8 th – 12 th June		Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Year 4 Timetables Check
15 th – 19 th June		Healthy School Week Sports Days for all year groups
16 th June	AM	KS2 Sports Day @ Garfield Park
17 th June	AM	Reception Sports Day @ school
18 th June	AM	KSI Sports Day @ school
19 th June	AM/PM	Nursery Sports Day @ school
22 nd – 26 th June		Year 6 in France
26 th June	9.00am	Parents' Prayer Meeting
9 th July	TBC	Open Afternoon/Evening
TBC	7.00pm	Year 6 Production
17 th July	9.15am	Leaver's Service @ Holy Trinity Church
17 th July	2.00pm	Term ends
20 th July		INSET Day – School closed

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Izzy Rickards

Headteacher