

Dear Parents and Carers,

Exciting new launch – today!

Log on to <http://www.holytrinity.merton.sch.uk/web> to see our new website. My thanks go to Miss Hann for masterminding the whole project.

Nativity Performances

Many of the children have been busy rehearsing for their Nativity shows. The dates and times are shown in the 'Dates for your Diary' below. We look forward to seeing you at one of the performances.

The performances will be filmed and there will be an opportunity for you to get a lasting memory of your child's show. According to our policy we ask that parents do not make recordings of their own, or take photographs during the performance. We will ensure that there is an opportunity for you to take a picture of your own child/children after the show on the stage. We have a number of children who, for very good reasons, are unable to be photographed, so we ask all parents to respect this.

Carol Services

The children are busy preparing for their nativity performances and the carol services. The Carol Service for all children in Year 3 and Year 5 takes place on Wednesday 13th December, with the Year 4 and Year 6 service being held on Thursday 14th December. Both services are held at Holy Trinity Church, and start at 6.30pm. Children should arrive by 6.20pm, and wear their school uniform.

Christmas Fundraising - Ben McNicol Trust

Once again the retiring collections at our Christmas events will be for the 'Ben McNicol Trust' (www.benmcnicoltrust.com) which provides accommodation for families of children requiring treatment at the Royal Marsden Hospital. Raffle tickets will also be on sale with spectacular Christmas hampers as prizes.

Fantastic Fundraisers

I am constantly amazed by the kindness and generosity of our pupils here at Holy Trinity. Several small groups of pupils have been busy fundraising for a number of different charities. Lucas and Melissa have raised £28.01 for Bloodwise, a charity set up to help beat blood cancer. Zoe, Sethni, Emilie and Katrina have been busy making, and selling, panda items to raise money for the Winton Foundation for the Welfare of Bears.

Puppet Show – Monday 18th December @ 10.30am

Mrs Slavicek, one of our Reception parents, has kindly offered to perform a puppet show on Monday 18th December to our children in Reception and Year 1. She would like to open the offer to any Reception parents with younger children. If you are a Reception parent and would like to bring your younger child/children please just come on the 18th December at 10.30am. There is no charge, but we will have a retiring collection for the Ben McNicol Trust.

Christmas Jumper Day – 15th December

Once again we will be taking part in Save the Children's annual Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 15th 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.

Coffee Morning – Thursday 14th December

Sara Rosenthal, our TAMHS worker, will be hosting a coffee morning for parents on Thursday 14th December from 9.15-10.15am at school. The coffee morning will be ideally suited to parents who might have children with special educational needs, and will offer a chance to chat together informally about the different challenges that parents face. Sara will also give information about our forthcoming *Magic 123 Parenting Group*, due to start in the Spring term. If you would like to know more please email headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk.

Any budding gardeners?

We are hoping to rejuvenate our school garden this year. We are looking for adult who might be able to commit to running a weekly gardening club for 30-40 minutes at lunchtime from January 2018, or who might be willing to help

us with a few gardening tasks. If you might be interested, or would like to discuss this further please email me at headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk .

Polling Day - School closed on Thursday 3rd May 2018

We have received a letter saying that the school will be used as a polling station for Merton Borough Council elections on 3 May 2018. I'm afraid school will have to be closed on that day.

Dates for your diary

Date	Time	Event
2 nd December	Evening	HOTS involved in Carols in South Park Gardens
4 th December	2.15pm	Reception Nativity
5 th December	9.30am	Reception Nativity
6 th December	9.15am	Year 2 Nativity
7 th December	9.15am	Year 2 Nativity
8 th December	9.00am/2.30pm	Nursery Nativity
12 th December	9.15am	Year 1 Carol Service @ School
13 th December	6.30pm	Year 3/Year 5 Carol Service @ Church
14 th December	TBC	Reception/Year 1 @ Polka Theatre
14 th December	6.30pm	Year 4/Year 6 Carol Service @ Church
15 th December		Christmas Jumper Day – come to school wearing a Christmas Jumper
15 th December	9.00am	Parent Prayer Group
20 th December	2.00pm	School term ends
3 rd January		INSET Day
4 th January		Spring Term starts
19 th January	9.00am	Parent Prayer Group
25 th January	9.00am	1M Class Assembly (Moles)
1 st February	9.00am	3T Class Assembly
8 th February	9.00am	2S Class Assembly (Squirrels)
9 th February		Break up for half term
19 th February		2 nd half of term begins
22 nd February	9.00am	1F Class Assembly (Foxes)
23 rd February	9.00am	Parent Prayer group
26 th February		Assessment week begins
1 st March	9.00am	4H Class Assembly
8 th March	9.00am	5T Class Assembly
15 th March	1.45-7.00pm	Parent/Teacher Meetings NB School ends at 1.30pm
16 th March	9.00am	Parent Prayer Group
22 nd March	9.00am	4T Class Assembly
29 th March	2.00pm	School term ends
16 th April		Summer Term starts
20 th April	9.00am	Parent Prayer Group
24 th – 27 th April		Year 4 PGL visit to Windmill Hill
May		Year 2 SATS
3rd May		Polling Day – School Closed
14 th May		Year 6 SATS week begins and Assessment week begins for other years
18 th May	9.00am	Parent Prayer Group
25 th May		Break up for half term
4 th June		INSET day
5 th June		2 nd half of term begins
15 th June	9.00am	Parent Prayer Group
13 th July	9.00am	Parent Prayer Group
20 th July	2.00pm	School term ends
23 rd July		INSET day

Thank you for your continued support. I hope you have a good weekend.

Izzy Rickards
Headteacher