

Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite it being a short week we managed to pack a lot in! Year 3 had a fantastic time visiting The National Gallery for a workshop looking at Religious Education through art. Children from Reception, Year 1 and 2 enjoyed being pirates during their drama workshops. Year 6 were treated to a day at Chessington World of Adventures in recognition of the hard work they have put in to preparing for their SATS tests.

We welcomed Mrs Wigley, from the Merton Music Foundation, to our Music Festival Finals on Wednesday. She was so impressed by the quality of musical ability in our school. My thanks go to Mrs Quinn for organising the whole event, and to the children for preparing so well for both the auditions and the finals.



On Wednesday as a school we took part in *Share a Pencil Day* along with thousands of other children all across the country. The day was all about raising awareness of the importance of education and the difficulties children face worldwide in going to school.

Parent Governor Election

Two Parent Governor nominations were received by today's deadline. As we have two vacancies a ballot is not required and the two applicants have therefore been automatically elected. Kirsty Warwick and Gillian Wood, both existing governors, have been elected as Parent Governors for a 4-year term. More information about them is provided below.

Catherine Allen has now stepped down as an elected Parent Governor. We would like to thank Catherine for her hard work and valuable input over the last 4 years.



I'm Kirsty, mum to Lily in 4T, and Max at Rutlish. I'm re-standing for election as parent governor and have thoroughly enjoyed making a difference in the school for the past four years. I am currently chair working closely with the Senior Leadership team to develop pupils and staff and also sit on the Children's Family and Community committee. I am passionate about supporting the mental health of pupils, staff and governors, influencing outcomes and budgetary decisions. I've worked in charity PR, marketing and strategic communications for 25 years, and also volunteer and mentor others in my spare time.



I'm Gillian. I have been on the board of Governors for the past year and have gained invaluable experience in the running of the school and its wider role within the community. I currently sit on the Children, Families & Community Committee. My oldest son, Oliver attends Holy Trinity Nursery.

I would love to continue to be a Governor. I hope to represent the best interests of children and their development in a happy, healthy and sustainable school. I have twenty years' experience in Food Retail and work as a Sustainable Packaging Buyer at Fortnum & Mason focussing on removing plastic packaging.



Our Year 5s participated in an evaluation programme for **Eat Like a Champ**, a free healthy eating educational programme designed for primary school children, and earned the school vouchers to purchase sports equipment. Mrs Witting would like to thank the Year 5s and the Year 5 teachers for all the hard work they put in!

Parent Forum – Thursday 13th June 7.00-9.00pm

Our next opportunity for you to discuss aspects of our school will be at the **Parent Forum** (run by the governors) on Thursday 13th June 2019, from 7.00-9.00pm. The Parent Forum will follow-up on feedback received in the recent parent survey. Please look out for further details.

Cricket Success

We entered 2 teams into the recent Year 5/6 Cricket Tournament run by Merton School Sport Partnership. We are so proud of all of our children. One of our teams came third and will now go on to compete in the finals. Well done to everyone who took part.

Sumdog National Competition

If your child enjoys a competitive element to their maths please encourage them to take part in Sumdog's UK National Maths Contest. We have had great success in these competitions so far. Your child should already have their own log-in details. Please see the details below from the Sumdog website:

Sumdog's UK National Maths Contest is almost here! It started today at 8am, and finishes at 8pm on May 30. Here are some things to keep in mind during the contest:

- Students can play at any time.
- For the score to count, the UK National Maths Contest activity must be showing in the green panel on the left of the student's screen when they click to start each game.
- Their scores are based on correct answers.
- A class's score is the average of the scores from all students from that class who take part.
- To appear on the leaderboard, at least 10 students from a class need to play.

No Nuts

Please may I remind you that we are a nut-free school. No food containing nuts should be brought into the school. This includes no Nutella, pesto (made from nuts) or nuts in cereal bars. Please take extra care as we have a number of children who are extremely allergic to nuts.

Leaving Holy Trinity?

We don't like saying goodbye to valued members of our school community, but we know that sometimes families move away for a number of different reasons. So that we can try and fill any spaces in the school, please do let us know, if you haven't done so already, if you are leaving Holy Trinity this academic year (other than Year 6 children). We are now required by Merton to inform them of the new address and school of any children leaving us.

Spaces in the school

We love our school to be as full as possible! If you know of any families moving into the area, please do let them know that we may well have a few spaces in the school. We are always happy to give tours of the school or speak to prospective parents.

Book day costume workshop

One of our parents has kindly offered to run the following workshop:

Ever wanted to make something for a school dress up day but don't know where to start? On the **20th June (after school)** we will be running a session for parents/carers to learn basic sewing and dress up making skills to help them create outfits for Book Week dress up on the 12th July. There are 10 places available for the session. If you are interested in this, please email headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk by the 12th June to book your place.

Southwark Diocesan Board of Education Vacancy

The SDBE is advertising a new role – Professional Assistant to Directorate and Office Manager. Do look at the attached advert for further information.

Resilience Workshop

We have been made aware of a Resilience Workshop being held on 4th June 2019, 7.30pm at Bliss café on Wimbledon Broadway. The workshop is being run by Champs Academy, who run transition workshops for children in Year 6 moving to secondary school. Do look at their website for further information www.champs-academy.co.uk

SEND Event and newsletter

Please see attached details of a forthcoming Kid's First event, together with their latest newsletter.

Holy Trinity School Summer Fair – Saturday 22 June 2019 12-4.00pm

Volunteers Needed: Preparations for the Summer Fair are in full swing and we need your help to make the fair a success. We are looking for some volunteers for the Fair set up and bar – please contact hotsemail@gmail.com if you can help. Don't forget to also sign up for your class stall. Your reps will be in touch if they haven't already.

In addition, we really need lots of donations for the class stalls. We will begin our donation collections after half term. When possible please contact the class rep to arrange the most convenient option. Most reps are responsible for collecting the donations from the school and you could save them a trip.

Books, DVDs and CDS: Are you having a clear out of books and CDs? Bring them to school and help **4H** with their stall at the summer fair. They are also looking for fruit and veg crates to store and move them in.

Cake Sale: Badgers will be running the cake stall this year so would welcome your home-baked cakes to sell. They are also running a Family Bake Off competition- look out for further details in the school Bulletin.

Wine: Squirrels are looking for full and empty screw top bottles of wine as donations for the water to wine stall.

Sweets and Party Bag fillers: Foxes' tombola stall needs sweets, and small party bag fillers that would fit in a jam jar (e.g. erasers, bouncy balls etc) fabric donations (off cuts that are large enough to cover jam jars) and jam jars.

Teddy Bear and Soft Toy Adoption: 5T is looking for good quality soft toys.

Quality Second Hand Costume shop: 6H is looking for second hand costumes.

Raffle - We are still looking for more prizes to add to our raffle. If you know of a company who could donate one, please contact HOTS

Matched Funding – please ask your employer if they do match funding.

Thank you all. It's more vital than ever that our fair is a huge success. It's our biggest fundraiser of the year and the money is desperately needed to support our children and continue to support the school's work.

Lisa MacLean

HOTS chair

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Term Dates 2019-2020

Autumn Term 2019

- First day: Monday 2 September 2019 (**NB INSET DAYS 2nd/3rd September 2019 children begin 4th September**)
- Last day: Friday 20 December 2019
- Half term: Monday 21 October to Friday 25 October 2019

Spring Term 2020

- First day: Monday 6 January 2020 (**NB INSET DAY 6th January 2020 children begin 7th January**)
- Last day: Friday 3 April 2020
- Half term: Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February 2020

Summer Term 2020

- First day: Monday 20 April 2020
- Last day: Monday 20 July 2020 (**NB INSET DAY 20th JULY 2020 children finish 17th July**)
- Half term: Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May 2020 (**NB INSET DAY 1st JUNE 2020 children return 2nd June**)

Key Dates for 2018-2019

Dates highlighted in yellow are new or have been amended

Date	Time	Event
3 rd June		INSET Day
4 th June		2 nd half of term begins and assessment week
5 th June		Year 2 visit to The Transport Museum
10-14 th June		Art/DT and Humanities Week
13 th June	7.00-9.00pm	Parent Forum
14 th June	9.00am	Coffee morning for parents with English as an additional language – Small Hall (enter via Effra Road)
17 th – 21 st June	10.45/2.45 9.15am 9.15am 9.15am	Sports Days for all year groups Nursery – 18 th June AM Nursery – 10.45am/PM Nursery – 2.45pm both in the Nursery outside area Reception - 19 th June @ school KS1 – 20 th June @ school KS2 – 21 st June @ Garfield Park
21 st June	9.00am	Parent Prayer Group – Club Room
22 nd June		Summer Fair @ school
27 th June		Nursery visit to farm
24 th – 28 th June		Year 6 in France
1 st July		Year 2 Transition Workshop
4 th July		Reception visit to Battersea Park Zoo
8 th July		Reports out
9 th July		Year 6 visit to Southwark Cathedral
8 th – 12 th July		Book Week Dress Up day Friday 12 th July – children are invited to come to school dressed as a character from a book they have read
11 th July	3.30-5.00pm	Open Afternoon
15 th July	9.00am	Coffee morning for parents with English as an additional language – Small Hall (enter via Effra Road)
17 th /18 th July	7.00pm	Year 6 Production
22 nd July	9.15am 2.00pm	Leaver's Service @ Holy Trinity Church Term ends
23 rd July		INSET Day

I hope you all have a wonderful half term.

Izzy Rickards – Headteacher