

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for all of your support this half term. It was lovely to see so many of you at our first *Share My Learning* morning, and the Maths Workshop. If you didn't manage to make it to the Maths Workshop do look at the presentation on our website

(https://www.holytrinity.merton.sch.uk/web/parent_workshops_and_information_sessions/355185)

This week the children have enjoyed: performing at Merton Music Foundation's Singfest; visiting the Merton Civic Centre, as part of Democracy week; learning about Ancient Greece, and eating Greek food; making Stone Age houses, and dressing up in Stone Age costumes; making, and eating, apple crumble and custard; making, and eating Challah bread and tackling challenging maths problems during our *Maths is Everywhere* day!

We are grateful to our children for taking on so many different areas of responsibility within our school. Today we handed out the JLT (School Council) badges, and thanked the Year 6 children for all they do to help our school. I am hoping that their badges will arrive soon!

A message from Chartwells

With the new Autumn/Winter menu coming in after the October half term (please see the menu attached), there will continue to be a beautiful foodie smell coming from the kitchen, courtesy of Chloe and her team. Are you aware that your child/children in Year R, 1 and 2 can get **FREE school lunches**?

Did you know that most packed lunches contain 4x the saturated fat, 3x as much salt, 3x as much sugar and 2x the calories as packed lunches? Why would you not take advantage of all the offerings from Chloe and her team?

At Holy Trinity, we are passionate about promoting all aspects of health, including how our children feed their brains. We believe that a child that feeds their brain with quick, convenient food is not going to be at their best in the classroom or in the playground. So, I encourage you to revisit the new school menus with your child, and persuade them to TRY them, even if it's just for a week.

Meet our lovely team! Rebecca, Clare, Bama and Chloe (left to right)



Messages from Mrs Quinn

Merton Singfest

Congratulations to the school choirs on their performance at Merton Singfest on Tuesday - they sang brilliantly and with such enthusiasm. Their songs were well received by the audience. Mrs Quinn is very proud of you all! Carol Service rehearsals begin straight after half term.

Instrumental Brass Lessons

This week Chris Smith, our brass teacher came and spoke to the children about playing a brass instrument (trumpet, trombone, French horn etc.) and played his trombone. One of our Year 4 pupils impressed us all with his trumpet playing. If your child was inspired to take up a brass instrument, please go to the Merton Music Foundation page www.mmf.org.uk, and sign up on the parents/guardians page or speak to Mrs Quinn.

English as an Additional Language Coffee Morning – Monday 29th October, 9.00am

This is an invitation for anyone who speak English as a second or an additional language. We would love you to join our coffee morning on Monday 29 October straight after morning drop off in the small hall (enter via Effra Road entrance) to make some new friends and perhaps practise your English in a supportive environment. HOTS are kindly providing the tea, coffee and there will be cake too!

HOTS AGM

Please see the attached letter regarding the HOTS AGM to be held at 9.00am on Friday 16th November 2018, in the Small Hall.

HOTS Pumpkin Disco – 2nd November 2018



Tickets are now on sale online. All attendees, including parents, will need to purchase a ticket at www.pta-events.co.uk/hots

Session 1: Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2 - 5:15 - 6:30pm
Minimum of 2 children per adult

Session 2: Years 3, 4, 5, and 6 - 6:45 - 8:00pm
Maximum of 5 children per adult

A message from Madam Moran – our Modern Foreign Languages Leader

I do not set language homework for the children however some of them have asked whether they can practise their French or try to learn another language at home. Obviously I am delighted to see such enthusiasm and would like to support the children in their quest for linguistic excellence!

We use <http://www.linguascope.com> as an online resource to support language learning in the school. It has a wide range of languages for the children to try and also an English section for those children who are learning English as an additional language. It has a variety of vocabulary games and worksheets plus an online test facility and certificates. If your child does complete a unit and prints off their certificate, please encourage them to bring it into school so that we can celebrate their success!

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The Elementary and Beginner sections are suitable for Primary School use. The intermediate section is aimed at KS3 and may be suitable for native speakers. However please check the content of each unit as it is aimed at older children and their GCSE topics.

Collection at the end of the day

Please remember to let the school office know, in plenty of time, whether someone different to usual is collecting your child. Additionally, we have had a number of parents stopping to collect their children as their class is being walked out to the playground. This has led to anxious staff, and phone calls having to be made to check that children are safe. Please ensure that you collect your child from the main playground (Years 2-6) so that your child can be handed over to you safely.

Collection after Clubs

Please ensure that you arrive in good time to collect your child from an after-school activity club. Some of our club providers have other jobs to go on to after Holy Trinity. Thank you.

Sickness Absence Reminder

Please may I remind you that children who have had sickness or diarrhoea must be kept off school for 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea.

Poppies for sale

After half term we will be selling poppies, and other poppy-related merchandise. Children will be able to buy the items from the office or Mrs Rickards.

Curriculum Newsletter

You should all have received a Curriculum Newsletter today which outlines what your child will be learning next half term. Do take a look and think about trying some of the suggested activities/visits.

Secondary School Applications

Just a reminder to all Year 6 parents that the closing date for secondary school applications is 31st October 2018. If you would like any help with the process please email me (headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk)

Inspiring Confidence in Every Individual – Monday 26th November, 7.00pm

We are delighted that we have been able to book an evening for parents/carers with James Shone, from the charity *I can & I am*. James Shone has a truly inspiring story and philosophy to help parents and carers understand how best to respond to serious setbacks, teenage anxiety and general lack of self-esteem. The heart of his work is to inspire confidence in every individual to enable them to know who they are and what they are able to do, rather than focusing on what they can't do. More information about James' story and charity can be found at www.icanandiam.com The event is free to attend but there will be a retiring collection towards the work of the charity.

Gardening Club

We are very keen to run a lunchtime Gardening Club. If you are a budding gardener and can spare an hour a week please email me.

Key Dates for 2018-2019

Date	Time	Event
29 th October		2 nd half of term starts
29 th October	9.00am	Coffee morning for parents/carers for whom English isn't their first language (EAL) – Small Hall
1 st November	9.00am	6H Class Assembly
2 nd November	9.00am	SEND Parent Support group – Small Hall
2 nd November	PM	HOTS Disco
8 th November	9.00am	5H Class Assembly
12-16 th November		Anti-bullying week
15 th November	9.00am	3H Class Assembly
16 th November	9.00am	HOTS AGM
19-23 rd November		Assessment week
19 th November	9.00am	EAL Coffee Morning – Small Hall
22 nd November	9.00am	2B (Badgers) Class Assembly
23 rd November	9.00am	Parent Prayer Group – Club Room
26 th November	7.00pm	An evening with James Shone from the charity <i>I can & I am</i>
5 th December	3.50-7.00pm	Parent/Teacher meetings
6 th December	3.50-6.00pm	Parent/Teacher meetings
7 th December	9.00am	SEND Parent Support group – Small Hall
8 th December	PM	Christmas Carols in South Park Gardens for Women in Need
10 th December	2.15pm	Reception Nativity
11 th December	9.30am	Reception Nativity
12 th December	9.15am	Year 2 Nativity
13 th December	9.15am	Year 2 Nativity
14 th December	10.30am/2.30pm	Nursery Nativity
17 th December	9.00am	EAL Coffee Morning – Small Hall
18 th December	9.15am	Year 1 Concert
19 th December	6.30pm	Year 3/5 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church
20 th December	6.30pm	Year 4/6 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church
21 st December	2.00pm	Break up
7 th January 2019		INSET Day
8 th January		Term begins for all children
14 th January	9.00am	EAL Coffee Morning – Small Hall
18 th January	9.00am	Parent Prayer Group – Club Room
24 th January	9.00am	5T Class Assembly
31 st January	9.00am	3T Class Assembly
7 th February	9.00am	1M (Moles) Class Assembly
11 th February	9.00am	EAL Coffee Morning – Small Hall

13 th February	8.15-8.45am	Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
15 th February	9.00am	Parent Prayer Group – Club Room
15 th February		Break up for half term
25 th February		2 nd half of term begins
28 th February	9.00am	2S (Squirrels) Class Assembly
7 th March	9.00am	4H Class Assembly
11 th – 15 th March		Science week
14 th March	9.00am	1F (Foxes) Class Assembly
15 th March	9.00am	Parent Prayer Group – Club Room
18 th March		Assessment week
18 th March	9.00am	EAL Coffee Morning – Small Hall
20 th March	All day and evening	Year 5 at the Royal Albert Hall
28 th March	9.00am	4T Class Assembly tbc
2 nd April	9.15am	Easter Service @ Holy Trinity Church
4 th April	1.50-7.10pm	Parent/Teacher meetings NB School closes at 1.30pm
5 th April		Easter Bonnet/Hat Parade
5 th April	2.00pm	Break up for Easter holidays
23 rd April		Summer term begins
23 rd – 26 th April		Year 4 PGL Residential
26 th April	9.00am	Parent Prayer Group – Club Room
13 th – 16 th May		Year 6 SATS
20 th – 24 th May		Book Week
24 th May	9.00am	Parent Prayer Group – Club Room
24 th May		Break up for half term
3 rd June		INSET Day
4 th June		2 nd half of term begins
17 th – 21 st June		Sports Days for all year groups TBC
21 st June	9.00am	Parent Prayer Group – Club Room
24 th – 28 th June		Year 6 in France
11 th July	TBC	Open Afternoon/Evening
17 th /18 th July	7.00pm	Year 6 Production
22 nd July	2.00pm	Term ends
23 rd July		INSET Day

Thank you for your continued support. I hope you have a wonderful half term.

Izzy Rickards – Headteacher