

Dear Parents and Carers,

*Maths is for life and not just for Christmas* has been our maths week theme this week. The children have taken on maths detective personas to investigate maths in everyday life. They've looked at maths in nature, in art, in science and in music. Children have solved mathematical mysteries and had fun with Fibonacci! We even completed our worship series looking at the numbers in the life of Joseph! Do ask your child what they have been up to this week. My thanks go to Miss Hann for organising the week.

The children looked very smart yesterday as they had their photographs taken. The photographers commented about how polite and well-behaved our children were – we are very proud of them!

We shared with the children our *Growing in Awesomeness* programme (see below). You will see the booklet attached to this Bulletin so children can get started over half term should they wish to. Copies will also be available in school for children to pick up after half term.

### **Growing in Awesomeness**

At Holy Trinity, we are committed to promoting character development and so we are proud to introduce our new programme **Growing in Awesomeness**. This will be launched next week with the children.

Each term, children will be given the opportunity to record one challenge in their special booklet for every character value. The children will need to accomplish their challenge at some point in the term. Being an active member of the scouts, for example, will warrant achievement of the Participation Step or setting a personal target such as walking the dog or achieving a particular distance in a sporting activity will warrant achievement of the Healthy Habits Step. Once a challenge has been completed, children will need to have their steps signed off by either Mrs Rickards, Miss Hann or Mrs Witting and an achievement sticker will be awarded. The children will also have the opportunity to celebrate their achievements during our Celebration Assemblies.

Our programme inspires children to become active citizens of both their school and wider community and therefore outside achievements are fully recognised. Through this approach, children are able to acknowledge and value wider progress beyond that of academic achievement and understand that character traits are transferable, lifelong skills.

*Growing in Awesomeness* is an on-going, life journey - one that involves and celebrates personal challenge, character development, growth and achievement. It is our aspiration that our children will feel inspired to live out our character building steps so that they may continue to shine and share, both now and as adults.

The 7 character values, together with some suggested examples, are:

Character Value	Suggested examples of challenges
Appreciation	Write/make a thank you card to someone telling them why you appreciate them Take photographs or create a piece of art to show your appreciation of creation
Participation	Actively participate in a club, team, band or group
Kindness	Bake a cake for someone who needs cheering up Show kindness in the home by doing things without being asked Work towards adding a kindness heart to our kindness tree in school Share games with others you might not normally play with, or invite them to your house for a play date
Resilience	Keep on going with a task you find difficult e.g. learning to ride your bike, swimming, juggling, knitting etc.
Healthy Habits	Choose fruit instead of pudding Complete the Healthy Habits chart at school Walk/scoot or ride to school instead of driving Reduce your use of digital devices, especially at night time, so that you get the recommended amount of sleep
Service	Contribute to a charity or cause Help out at a fundraising event Do something in the local community

Goal	Set yourself a personal goal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Read an extra book</li> <li>• Learn a new skill e.g. baking</li> <li>• Beat your personal best in a sport</li> <li>• Work towards your next swimming badge or music grade</li> </ul>
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### No orchestra rehearsal on 19th November.

There will be no orchestra rehearsal on Tuesday **19th November** as Mrs Quinn has a meeting after school. Apologies that the wrong date was sent out earlier this week.

### Remembrance Week – 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> November

After half term we will be having a focus on Remembrance. If you have a relative or a friend who might be able to come in to school that week to talk about their experiences of World War II we would love to hear from you. Please email [headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk)

### 30 Hour Nursery Places

From September 2020 we are trialling offering 30-hour nursery places. Further information can be found on our website.

### Outdoor Paint

We are very keen to paint the planters in our playground with brightly coloured paint suitable for use outside. If you have any suitable half-used tins of paint that we could use, we would be very grateful. Thank you.

### Messages from HOTS

#### Christmas is 'a' coming!

**But first....Pumpkin Disco!** The Pumpkin Disco will take place on Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. KS1 will run from 5:30 to 6:45 and KS2 will run from 7:00 until 8:15. For KS1 it is a minimum of 2 children per adult and for KS2 it is a maximum of 5 children per adult. Tickets are on sale. Many volunteers are needed to make the disco a success. Please register to volunteer on the website when you purchase your tickets. We will also be asking for donations of cakes/baked goods on the day if you can help that way too! You are welcome to wear fancy dress but it is not necessary. Tickets will be available at [www.pta-events.co.uk/HOTS](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/HOTS).

#### Vallebona Panettone

We are very excited to announce that we are working again with Italian Catering Company, **Vallebona**, to bring their most delicious panettone right to our very school doorstep!

For those of you that had the joy of purchasing one of their culinary delights last year, we hope you are as excited as we are to see them back on offer again.

And for those of you who have never heard of **Vallebona**, let us entice you with a pop-up stall in the Muga on **Friday, October 18** after school (weather permitting) to try their Traditional Panettone and Chocolate Panettone. They are melt in your mouth delights and the combination of panettone infused with chocolate is a must for chocolate lovers.

**Time is short as we have to put our final orders through by November 3 as the panettone is ordered from Italy.**

You can pay online by using the following link...

[www.pta-events.co.uk/hots](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/hots)

#### Costs are as follows:

- Traditional Panettone in stylish Box - £15
- Chocolate Panettone in stylish Box - £16
- Traditional Panettone hand wrapped with wool Pompom - £17
- Chocolate Panettone hand wrapped with wool Pompom - £18

A percentage of these costs goes towards HOTS and school fundraising initiatives - therefore a little festive cheer goes a long, long way for our school fundraising!

We do need to raise a certain amount of money to enable the order to go through - we hope to reach this so don't delay and come along to sample the Christmas treats next week!

## Christmas cards – your child’s design

As you may know, the children have been very busy in their classes recently designing their Christmas cards... The artwork is now with the printers and will soon be back and sent home with your children for ordering purposes.

Their artwork will be accurately reproduced in full colour onto A6 cards (sold in packs of 12). Additional items are also available, such as larger luxury cards, wrapping paper and gift tags. To order, simply visit [www.apfsorders.co.uk](http://www.apfsorders.co.uk) and input the unique code found on the label on the reverse of your child’s artwork. Instructions are also on the back of the artwork.

Orders must be placed by midnight on **November 7**. Any orders placed after this date will be classed as a late order and will be subject to a handling and postage fee (and will not raise any fundraising for the school). You can also make any changes you want to your child’s name/class, and create your own custom greetings during the online ordering process.

The final products will be delivered back to you via your child in late November, in good time for international posting dates.

Please remember, every order is more money raised that goes right back into the school!

## AGM November 15

November 15 is our AGM, **9am after drop off in the small hall**. All are welcome. It’s your chance to hear how we raised our funds and what we spent it on in the last year. We are also looking for new committee members. Nominations should be emails to [hotsemail@gmail.com](mailto:hotsemail@gmail.com) by the night before.

## Christmas Trees

Once again, we’ll be selling beautiful non-drop Nordman Fir Christmas trees, which will be available for collection from school on **Saturday 7 December**. A range of sizes (5’ / 6’ / 6’8”+) at very reasonable prices (£30 / £39 / £48). Please place your order on [www.pta-events.co.uk/hots](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/hots)

## Mulled Wine and Carol Singing

Join us in the school hall on **Saturday 7 December**, 4:30-6pm, to sing some of your favourite carols and festive tunes and enjoy a cup or two of mulled wine. All the money raised goes to a local charity. Please bring mince pie donations.

## Crackers & Carol Services

As per previous years, HOTS will be funding refreshments at the two KS2 carol services (**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December**) – we will be asking for mince pie donations and helpers closer to the time...

## Raise money while you shop!

Don’t forget that you can also raise lots of money for the school just by doing your online shopping for all those lovely presents via the **Easyfundraising** portal. Simply register by going to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hots](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hots), then log on whenever you’re ready for a shopping spree, select your preferred retailers (John Lewis, M&S and over 2,700 more!) and start shopping. It’s really easy and simple, and there are money-off vouchers for many stores too. They also have a special app that can be downloaded, which will remind you to shop via this portal each time you log into your favourite retailer. So sign up and get spending! While you are registering for that please also register with Amazon Smile. If you select HOTS as your charity, Amazon will give a donation every time you shop. It would be amazing if we could all use Amazon smile for our Christmas shopping this year <https://smile.amazon.co.uk>

## Attached items

- *Growing in Awesomeness* Booklet
- MAPS Flyer
- Disney Hits Half Term Club

## Key Dates for 2019-2020

Any new dates are highlighted

Date	Time	Event
28 <sup>th</sup> October		2 <sup>nd</sup> half of term starts
28 <sup>th</sup> October		KS2 First Aid Workshop
30 <sup>th</sup> October	3.50-7.00pm	Reception Parent/Teacher Meetings

31 <sup>st</sup> October	3.50-6.10pm	Reception Parent/Teacher Meetings
1 <sup>st</sup> November		KS2 - First Aid Workshop
7 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00am	6H Class Worship
8 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00am	Coffee Morning for parents of children with Special Educational Needs or Disability
11-15 <sup>th</sup> November		Anti-bullying week
11 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00am	Coffee Morning for families for whom English isn't their first language
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Evening Time TBC	Maths Information Session for Parents/Carers – Fluency in the Curriculum
14 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00am	3T Class Worship
15 <sup>th</sup> November	10.00am	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2020
18-22 <sup>nd</sup> November		Assessment week
21 <sup>st</sup> November	9.00am	2B Class Worship
22 <sup>nd</sup> November		Nursery Open Morning for entry in 2020
28 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00am	4H Class Worship
28 <sup>th</sup> November		Nasal Flu Vaccinations
4 <sup>th</sup> December	3.50-7.00pm	Years 1-6 Parent/Teacher meetings
5 <sup>th</sup> December	3.50-6.00pm	Years 1-6 Parent/Teacher meetings
9 <sup>th</sup> December	2.15pm	Reception Nativity
10 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am	Reception Nativity
11 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am	Year 2 Christmas show
12 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am	Year 2 Christmas show
13 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30am/2.30pm	Nursery Nativity
13 <sup>th</sup> December		Christmas Jumper Day – children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper to school
18 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am	Year 1 Concert
18 <sup>th</sup> December	6.30pm	Year 3/5 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church
19 <sup>th</sup> December	6.30pm	Year 4/6 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church
20 <sup>th</sup> December	2.00pm	Break up
6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020		<b>INSET Day – School closed</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> January		Term begins for all children
17 <sup>th</sup> January	9.00am	Parents' Prayer Meeting
23 <sup>rd</sup> January	9.00am	5T Class Worship
30 <sup>th</sup> January	9.00am	3H Class Worship NB Date change
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> February		Mental Health Awareness Week
6 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00am	5H Class Worship NB Date change
12 <sup>th</sup> February	8.15-8.45am	Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
13 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00am	6T Class Worship
14 <sup>th</sup> February		Kindness Day
14 <sup>th</sup> February		Break up for half term
24 <sup>th</sup> February		2 <sup>nd</sup> half of term begins
28 <sup>th</sup> February		Parents' Prayer Meeting
5 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am	2S Class Worship
6 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am	PGL Meeting for Year 4 parents/carers
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Evening Time TBC	Maths Information Session for Parents/Carers – Reasoning in the Curriculum
12 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am	1F Class Worship
16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> March		Assessment week
19 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am	1M Class Worship
26 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am	4T Class Worship
27 <sup>th</sup> March		Parents' Prayer Meeting
31 <sup>st</sup> March TBC	9.15am	Easter Service @ Holy Trinity Church
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	1.50-7.10pm	Parent/Teacher meetings <b>NB School closes at 1.30pm</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> April		Easter Bonnet/Hat Parade
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	2.00pm	Break up for Easter holidays
20 <sup>th</sup> April		Summer term begins
22 <sup>nd</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> April		Year 4 PGL Residential
24 <sup>th</sup> April		Parents' Prayer Meeting
28 <sup>th</sup> April		Class Photographs
7 <sup>th</sup> May		<b>Polling Day – School closed</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> May		<b>VE Day Bank Holiday – School closed</b>
11 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> May		Year 6 SATS
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	9.00am	France Trip meeting for Year 6 parents
20 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> May		Book Week
22 <sup>nd</sup> May		Break up for half term
1 <sup>st</sup> June		<b>INSET Day – School closed</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> June		2 <sup>nd</sup> half of term begins and Assessment week
8 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Year 4 Timetables Check
15 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> June		Healthy School Week Sports Days for all year groups
16 <sup>th</sup> June	AM	KS2 Sports Day @ Garfield Park
17 <sup>th</sup> June	AM	Reception Sports Day @ school

18 <sup>th</sup> June	AM	KSI Sports Day @ school
19 <sup>th</sup> June	AM/PM	Nursery Sports Day @ school
22 <sup>nd</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 6 in France
26 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00am	Parents' Prayer Meeting
9 <sup>th</sup> July	TBC	Open Afternoon/Evening
TBC	7.00pm	Year 6 Production
17 <sup>th</sup> July	9.15am	Leaver's Service @ Holy Trinity Church
17 <sup>th</sup> July	2.00pm	Term ends
20 <sup>th</sup> July		<b>INSET Day – School closed</b>

I hope you have a lovely half-term.

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