

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy week with many year groups going on school visits. Year 2 visited the National Portrait Gallery and took part in an art workshop where they were asked to draw something they were passionate about! Year 5 learnt about liturgy when they went to St Andrew's Church in Wimbledon. Year 6 started their World War 2 topic with a trip to The Imperial War Museum.

Sporting Success

Our Year 3/4 Tag Rugby team won 5 games and drew 2 at the Merton tournament this week. They played so well, and proudly represented the school. They received their certificates in Celebration Worship this morning.

Our Year 5/6 9-side football team were victorious last week. They beat Wimbledon Park School by 9 goals to 2. Many congratulations to them all for playing so well, and working as a team.



Sports Days

Our Sports days will be held this term (please see dates list). The times have now been confirmed and are included in the dates list at the end of this Bulletin.

School Closure for Elections – Thursday 23rd May 2019

We have been advised by Merton Council that the school will be used as a polling station for local elections on 23rd May. This means that school will be closed for pupils and staff on this day.

Parents who have paid for an After School Club session on Thursday 23rd May will receive a refund via ParentMail (for those who paid via ParentMail) or the payment will be transferred to next term (for those who paid via childcare vouchers), in accordance with the After School Club Bookings and Admissions Policy 2019.

Parents who have paid for the teacher-led Running Club will receive a refund via ParentMail. The outside organisations which normally lead Thursday Activity Clubs will contact parents directly to confirm arrangements (Funky Fitness, Year 1 French Club, KSI Drama Club, Football & Ball Skills).

Batteries

If you still have batteries to be recycled, please ensure you bring them to school next week as they are all being collected soon.

ParentMail Problems

A few parents have told us that they are having problems with their ParentMail apps. We think this might be following an update from ParentMail.

If you are having problems accessing your app please try:

- Switching off your phone completely and then switching it on again
- Deleting and then reinstalling the app from the App Store or Google Play (this has worked for some families)

Don't forget that you can also access ParentMail from a computer by visiting <https://pmx.parentmail.co.uk> and using your username and password.

You can re-set your password (or recover forgotten passwords) by visiting <https://pmx.parentmail.co.uk>, using your email address as your username and then clicking on 'Forgotten your password?'

Music Festival

This term sees the return of our Music Festival for Year 2 - Year 6. This is an opportunity for children to prepare a performance and sing to the class, or, if they learn an instrument, to play to the class. The heats will take place in music lessons in the weeks beginning 6th and 13th May, with some children being selected to perform in the Finals on Wednesday 22nd May.

Children in Year 2 and Year 3 may choose to sing one of the songs that we are learning in class or their own choice of song. Children in Year 4 - Year 6 are free to choose their own song. Own choice songs **MUST** be age appropriate (i.e. no inappropriate lyrics or content). They may sing on their own or with a friend, but it is up to them to sort out who to sing with and to rehearse together.

It is a great opportunity for those that learn an instrument to have the chance to perform to their friends. A good standard of performance is expected.

Children do not have to sing or play - it is just as important to have a good audience for those that do perform. Any queries - please see Mrs Quinn (who is in school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays) or email (hilary.quinn@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk)

Mental Health Green Ribbons

Wow! It's been great to see so many children and adults wearing their green ribbons for mental health awareness. If you or your child have not had a chance to get one you can find them in the office area or speak to a Year 6 Healthy School Ambassador.

TAMHS Worker

Sara Rosenthal, our current TAMHS worker, will be leaving the TAMHS service to be part of the new Trailblazer Mental Health Project (which Holy Trinity is also part of). Sara's last scheduled day at Holy Trinity will be on May 9th 2019. Liz Hart, who was the TaMHS clinician at Holy Trinity previously, will be coming back to Holy Trinity and will be available on Mondays during the Summer term. She starts on Monday 13th May 2019. If you would like further information please email me at headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk

PSHE Resources

If you would like further information about the new Relationship and Sex Education curriculum the government have produced this helpful link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education-faqs>

A useful booklet has been produced to help children deal with anxiety www.dragonflyimpact.co.uk/anxiety-booklet-pdf

Please find attached the **Meaningful May Action Calendar** which gives some lovely ideas for May!

New Group for Girls

Please see attached information about a new youth group for girls, being held at Holy Trinity Church.

Teacher Appreciation Day – 7th May 2019 – A Message from Kirsty Warwick, Chair of Governors

Next Tuesday sees us mark National Teachers Appreciation Day in school. Whilst predominantly a US day, many schools in Merton have decided to adopt this day too. As governors we will be providing some treats for our hard-working staff to show our appreciation for the skill, quality of teaching and care they give to all our pupils. If you or your children would like to also mark this occasion with a little hand written note, drawing or treat, we are sure staff would be delighted.

Best regards

Kirsty Warwick, chair of governors

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
10 th May	9.00am	Coffee morning for parents with English as an additional language – Small Hall (enter via Effra Road)
13 th – 16 th May		Year 6 SATS
21 st May		Year 3 visit to the National Gallery
22 nd May	AM	Music Festival Finals
23 rd May		Elections – School will be closed all day as we are used as a Polling Station
24 th May	8.50am	Year 6 French Trip Parent meeting
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
5 th June		Year 2 visit to The Transport Museum
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	2.00pm	Term ends
23 rd July		INSET Day

I hope you all have a wonderful long weekend.

Izzy Rickards – Headteacher