

Dear Parents and Carers

About 80 of our pupils sang their hearts out at Merton Music Foundation's Singfest this week. Well done to everyone who participated, and a huge thank you to Mrs Quinn for making it possible.

Our House Captains, and Shoesday Team launched our Lent Appeal events in worship this morning. Do read the Parentmail sent out this week which gives further details of the charities we are supporting and all of the events.

As part of World Book Day, Year 2 enjoyed a visit to Wimbledon Library to watch a dramatisation of Charlie Cook's Favourite Book, by Julia Donaldson. Reception children have been learning how to use a Balance Bike safely this week, with Merton's cycle training team. As part of their Geography topic, Year 5 have participated in a workshop today all about Antarctica.

Our Year 3s had a fun, interactive opportunity to revisit their spelling words whilst playing Spelling Battleships. Henry said, *"I quite liked Spelling Battleships because we managed to learn our spelling words while playing a game, and worked together."*

Nils commented, *"I worked well with my partner revising my spelling words."*



Jian, from Year 3, wrote this prayer for her class worship this week:

Dear Lord,

Thank you for making us feel the seven values of awesomeness, so that we can be stronger and braver as we grow. We also thank you for our friends who give us resilience and enable us to participate in activities. Thank you for our families who help us to appreciate things, and help us to develop healthy habits. Thank you for our teachers who give us kindness and the will to try to serve one another, and set goals for our lives.

Please give us courage to share these values all around your wonderful creation, and make joy flow to even the darkest corners of the world.

We pray this in your Son, Jesus Christ's name. Amen.

### **Drop Everything And Read (D.E.A.R)**

As this week was World Book Day, we felt this would be the perfect time to launch a new reading programme to promote a love for reading at Holy Trinity. It is important to us that our pupils love reading as this has so many lifelong benefits. Every day at 3 pm, the children will be read to by an adult, which will not only model good fluency and expression, but will also model a love of reading.

We recognise that parents/carers and the home environment are essential to fostering a love of reading and that children are more likely to continue to be readers in homes where books and reading are valued. Therefore, we would like to take this opportunity to encourage you to dedicate some time at home for your family to **Switch Off And Read (S.O.A.R)**.

Where reading is an enjoyable experience, lifelong readers are created.

### **Coronavirus Update**

We are continuing to follow the advice sent out by the Government

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

The children are washing their hands as often as possible, and have been encouraged to sneeze into their sleeves, if they don't have a tissue immediately to hand. Our cleaners have received extra training and are taking extra time when cleaning surfaces, door handles and toilets.

We will keep you updated when new information arises. Do contact me if you have any concerns.

### **Nut-free School**

We have had a recent focus on allergy awareness at school, and I thought it would be a good opportunity to remind you that we are a nut-free school. No items containing nuts (including Nutella, cereal bars, peanut butter etc.) must be brought into school in order to protect our children who have serious allergies.

The children have been reminded that they mustn't share food, but if you could speak to your child about this too, we would be very grateful.

### **No Smartphones**

We have noticed that some of our older children are bringing smart phones into school. As you are aware, the only type of phone allowed in school is a 'brick' type phone. The only children who are allowed to bring a phones in to school are those who walk to and from school unaccompanied.

### **Wet Weather Collection**

As it often seems to rain just as school ends I thought it wise to remind you that our wet weather collection routine is the same as the dry weather collection. Children are dismissed from their doors for Nursery, Reception and Year 1. All other children are brought to the playground and dismissed as usual. Please do not wait outside the back door as this causes a bottleneck. Thank you so much for your help with this.

### **Maths Workshop Date Change**

Due to a clash of bookings, we have had to change the date of the Maths Workshop, due to be held next week. It will now be held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April, from 7.00pm.

### **Lozenges/Cough Sweets**

We have noticed that a few children are bringing cough sweets/lozenges into school. Please can I remind you that any medication, even lozenges, must be handed to the office, where you will be asked to complete the relevant paperwork.

### **Long Hair and Hairbands**

Please ensure that all long hair is tied up. All hairbands should be suitable for school i.e. not brightly coloured, jazzy or too large!

## Attached Items

- Time and Leisure – featuring our very own Eco-Warriors and parent community!  
<https://www.timeandleisurejunior.co.uk/ht-spring-2020/>
- Easter Summer Camps

## 2020-2021 Term Dates

### Autumn Term 2020

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September - Fri 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

*NB Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September INSET days so **children start on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September***

**Half term** Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020

### Spring Term 2021

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

*NB Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 INSET day so **children start on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021***

**Half term** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021

### Summer Term 2021

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021

*NB Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July INSET days*

**Term ends for children on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021**

**Half term** Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021

## Key Dates for 2019-2020

Any new dates are highlighted

Date	Time	Event
10 <sup>th</sup> March		Maths Information Session for Parents/Carers – Reasoning in the Curriculum <b>This session has now been postponed until the summer term</b>
12 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am	1F Class Worship
16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> March		Assessment week
17 <sup>th</sup> March		School Eucharist
19 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am	1M Class Worship
20 <sup>th</sup> March	PM	Disco organised by HOTS
25 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am	Music Assembly – see Mrs Quinn's notice
25 <sup>th</sup> March		Race for Life Event @ Garfield Park (Nursery @ school) See separate Lent Appeal Parentmail
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> <b>NB There will be no After School Club on this day</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
30 <sup>th</sup> April	7.00pm	Maths Workshop
1 <sup>st</sup> May	PM	HOTS' Quiz Night
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
21 <sup>st</sup> May	7.00-9.00pm	Parent Forum
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	KS1 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
27 <sup>th</sup> June		Summer Fair
8 <sup>th</sup> /9 <sup>th</sup> July	7.00pm	Year 6 Production
10 <sup>th</sup> July	8-8.45am	Extended Share My Learning – during this time parents and children will have a chance to visit their current teacher and their new teacher
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 all have a wonderful weekend.

Izzy Rickards

Headteacher