

### Growing together as children of God



At Holy Trinity C of E Primary School:

- ✓ we want our pupils to **grow** in confidence, independence, resilience and knowledge, so that all achieve their full potential and develop a life-long love of learning and of the world around us.
- ✓ we work **together** with families, community and church to model positive relationships, supporting each other and acknowledging that we are stronger when we work together.
- ✓ we are growing together as **children of God**, strengthening our faith, secure in the knowledge we are unique, loved and cherished.

Dear Parents and Carers

This week, in light of the COP26 Conference in Glasgow, we have been thinking of how we can play our part to help protect God's world. Our Eco-Warriors will be meeting soon to work towards gaining the Silver Eco-Schools Award.

Father Mark, together with the Growing Together in Spirit Team, led a beautiful Eucharist service for us in worship on Tuesday – the first since the start of COVID!



Year 2 have been working hard to make their very own Tudor houses for their *Great Fire of London* topic. Their favourite part was all of the straw, used for the roofs, that gives our London street from 1666 an authentic smell!!



Year 6 enjoyed investigating static electricity in science this week.

## Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Tournament

Our Year 5/6 Tag Rugby team made us so proud this week. Whilst they didn't win the competition, they did win the REFSPECT award. Each school is allowed to vote for the school which they felt showed fair play, good sportsmanship and positive spectating. Holy Trinity received the most votes! Well done to the whole team for representing Holy Trinity so well.



## Food Hygiene Rating

Our kitchen team were visited by the Environmental Health Organisation this week, and we're delighted that they received a Food Hygiene Rating of 5 again. Well done to Abeena and her team.



## Share My Learning

Share My Learning sessions will be held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November (for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November (for Years 3/4/5/6) from 8.15-8.45am. Children will be able to take their parents/carers up to their classroom and share what they have been learning.

If you are arriving between 8.15am-8.30am, please enter via the main front door on Effra Road. After this time, enter via the Faraday Gate from the playground. When you have finished seeing your child's work, please send your child out to their line in the playground. We will ask parents to vacate the building at 8.45am so that we can start the school day promptly.

**We are trying to limit the number of adults in the building at any one time, so please only come on the set days.**

## School Closed on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November

As you are aware, the Government has allowed schools to choose a day to close this academic year in lieu of the extra Bank Holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 (which falls in the May half term).

We have chosen to close on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021**, but other schools may have chosen a different day.

I apologise for any inconvenience that this might cause.

## Flu Immunisation Catch Up Session (Reception to Year 6) – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November

The immunisation team will be returning to school on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November (exact timings TBC) to administer flu vaccines to those children whose families had given consent but were unable to have the vaccine on the Friday before half term.

There is an opportunity for new children to be added to the list so if you missed the sign-up deadline or if you have changed your mind and would now like your child to have the vaccine, please contact Samantha Joiner ([SBM@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk](mailto:SBM@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk)) by Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November to request a new consent form.

## Carol Services

Our KS2 children have started learning songs for the Carol Services at the end of term. This is just advanced notice that all KS2 children are expected to attend these services.

15 <sup>th</sup> December	6.30pm	Year 3/5 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church	All children in Year 3/5 to attend Parents/carers invited
16 <sup>th</sup> December	6.30pm	Year 4/6 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church	All children in Year 4/6 to attend Parents/carers invited

## COVID Update

If there is a positive COVID case in your child's class, I will send a Parentmail to the whole class to let them know. Due to changes in the self-isolation rules, only the child (or adult) who has tested positive would need to self-isolate for 10 days. Schools no longer have the responsibility of identifying close contacts as NHS Test and Trace fulfil this role. If your child is in the class of a positive case, even if you are not contacted by NHS Test and Trace, you are advised to get a PCR test for them as a precautionary measure. If you are getting a PCR test as a precautionary measure, the current guidance is that there is no need for your child to self-isolate until the results are in. If we have a positive COVID case in school, this is reported to the Merton Public Health Team.

If your child has any COVID symptoms, please keep them off school, and arrange for them to have a PCR test. Please keep school informed.

To keep us all safe, families are strongly advised to take regular Lateral Flow Tests to pick up any asymptomatic cases. For further information about COVID and testing click on the link <https://www.merton.gov.uk/coronavirus/test>

Further information for parents/carers can be found by following this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/step-4-update-what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges>

## Netflix Squid Game Concerns

We are still hearing children talking about Squid Game, which is highly inappropriate for primary-aged children. Please may I continue to urge you not to allow your children to watch/play Squid Game.

National Online Safety have issued the following information for parents/carers.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/wakeupwednesday/squid-game-trending-across-platforms-what-parents-need-to-know?fbclid=IwARlmut55wuXDoRE4ONy49FYeO5PDIUzDP3D4BIVb7OUjmgtpWHMU69VOoU>

## International coffee morning is back – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 9.00am in the Small Hall

The school would like to invite any parent or carer who speaks English as a second language to a coffee morning on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November. Please enter the Small Hall via the doors on Effra Road. The purpose is to meet other parents, make friends whilst enjoying some tea/coffee and some cake. We will have an EFL (English as a foreign language) teacher there, so if you are interested in improving your skill level there is help available too. Everyone is welcome!

## Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Odd Socks Day

Further information will be available next week, but children will be invited to come to school wearing odd socks on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November, to launch the start of our Anti-Bullying week.

## **HOTS NOTICES**

### **PRELOVED School Uniform**

#### **Donations**

Thank you so much to all parents who have kindly donated so far. Since HOTS launched the online uniform sales one year ago, we have generated over **£1,300** for the school!

As we have excess stock of white shirts and grey items, just before half term we were able to donate a significant amount of uniform to the **Volunteers Foundation**. They flew to the Kibera Slum in Nairobi, Kenya last week with suitcases of preloved uniforms. This is the biggest slum in Africa and one of the largest in the world. Here are some of the children wearing our donations - they were absolutely delighted and we are so happy to help support other children, not just those here at home.



#### **Volunteers**

If you are interested in helping, we are always looking for volunteers to help with sorting and quality control. Please contact Kirsty at HOTS [hotsemail@gmail.com](mailto:hotsemail@gmail.com).

#### **Sales**

All Preloved items are available to buy online via the HOTS PTA website <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hots/>. New stock is added weekly to our online shop including warm fleeces and nearly new sweatshirts.

#### **HOTS Quiz Night**

Don't forget to get your tickets for HOTS Quiz Night on Friday 11th November. Tickets are £20 per person for teams of 8-10. HOTS quiz night is not one to be missed! Enjoy food, drinks and test your knowledge against the HT parents' collective brainpower! (there's even a teacher's table joining us!) There are just a few tables remaining, Buy your tickets here <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hots>

#### **Christmas Cards**

A reminder that you have until this Friday the 5th to order your child's designs on a Christmas card! Please go to <https://www.apfsorders.co.uk> and place your order.

Please make sure you also RETURN your child's drawing to school no later than Friday 5th November, so it can be sent back to APFS and turned into your beautiful Christmas merchandise!

Your cards and any other items you order will be delivered to school before the end of November.

## **Holy Trinity Church Christmas Fair Saturday 4 December 11am-4pm**

Do make a note of the date and we hope to welcome many of you, having missed a year!

Two requests at this stage: first, would anyone be happy to display an estate agent's board advertising the Fair?

Second, is anyone interested in helping oversee and run one of our stalls?

For offers of help with either of these, please contact churchwarden Richard Blades:

[churchwardens@ht-sw.org.uk](mailto:churchwardens@ht-sw.org.uk)

## **A message from AFC Wimbledon**

Cherry Red Records Plough Lane has finally become the home for AFC Wimbledon Ladies, and we would love to get as many supporters as possible down for AFC Wimbledon Ladies game at Plough Lane.

AFC Wimbledon Ladies take on Chesham United in the FAWNPL Plate this Sunday 7th November, 2pm kick off. All tickets are free, please follow this link to sign up for your tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/afc-wimbledon-ladies-vs-chesham-united-tickets-200031287967>

## **Attached/Linked items:**

- Come sing and play @ Holy Trinity Church
- Merton parenting leaflet
- Rugby Club Flyer
- Supporting big emotions
- Anxiety parent workshop

## **Term dates 2021-2022**

### **Autumn Term 2021**

- First day: Wednesday 1 September 2021  
(INSETs Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> so children back Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Last day: Friday 17 December 2021
- Half term: Monday 25 October to Friday 29 October 2021

### **Spring Term 2022**

- First day: Tuesday 4 January 2022  
(INSET Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> so children back Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>)
- Last day: Friday 1 April 2022
- Half term: Monday 14 February to Friday 18 February 2022

### **Summer Term 2022**

- First day: Tuesday 19 April 2022
- Last day: Friday 22 July 2022
- Half term: Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June 2022  
(INSETs Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, so children end Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July)

## **Term Dates 2022-2023**

### **Autumn Term 2022**

- First day: Thursday 1 September 2022  
(INSETs Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> so children back Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September)
- Last day: Friday 16 December 2022
- Half term: Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October 2022

### **Spring Term 2023**

- First day: Tuesday 3 January 2023  
(INSET Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> so children back Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January)
- Last day: Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023
- Half term: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023

### **Summer Term 2023**

- First day: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023
- Last day: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023
- Half term: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023  
(INSETs Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July, so children end Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023)

As further dates are added, these will be highlighted. By next week we will be able to give you all of the dates for this term.

Date	Time	Event	Notes
10 <sup>th</sup> November	8.15-8.45am	EYFS/KS1 Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers	
11 <sup>th</sup> November	8.15-8.45am	KS2 Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers	
12 <sup>th</sup> November		World Kindness Day	
12 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00am	International Coffee Morning – Small Hall	
12 <sup>th</sup> November		HOTS Quiz Night	
15 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> November		Anti-bullying week including Odd Socks Day on 15 <sup>th</sup> November.	
17 <sup>th</sup> November	9.30-10.30	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2022	Talk in hall then tour
<b>26<sup>th</sup> November</b>		<b>Extra Bank Holiday – School closed</b>	<b>In lieu of Queen’s Jubilee Bank Holiday in May 2022</b>
29 <sup>th</sup> November – 3 <sup>rd</sup> December		Assessment week	
1 <sup>st</sup> December	2.00	Nursery Open Afternoon for entry in 2022	Informal talk in nursery and tour
7 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15	Reception Nativity	Robins’ parents/carers to watch
8 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15	Reception Nativity	Owls’ parents/carers to watch
9 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15	Year 2 Christmas show	Year 2 parents/carers invited
10 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30/2.30	Nursery Nativity	Nursery parents/carers invited
10 <sup>th</sup> December		Christmas Jumper Day – children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper to school and give a donation to Save the Children Fund	
11 <sup>th</sup> December	4.00-6.00pm	HOTS Carols by Candlelight	
14 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15	Year 1 Concert	Year 1 parents/carers invited
15 <sup>th</sup> December	6.30	Year 3/5 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church	All children in Year 3/5 to attend Parents/carers invited
16 <sup>th</sup> December	6.30	Year 4/6 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church	All children in Year 4/6 to attend Parents/carers invited
17 <sup>th</sup> December	2.00pm	Break up	
4 <sup>th</sup> January 2022		<b>INSET Day – School closed</b>	
5 <sup>th</sup> January 2022		Term begins for all children	
11 <sup>th</sup> February		Break up for half term	
21 <sup>st</sup> February		2 <sup>nd</sup> half of term begins	
1 <sup>st</sup> April	2.00pm	Break up for Easter holidays	
19 <sup>th</sup> April		Summer term begins	
9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> May		Year 6 SATS	
27 <sup>th</sup> May		Break up for half term	
6 <sup>th</sup> June		<b>INSET Day – School closed</b>	
7 <sup>th</sup> June		2 <sup>nd</sup> half of term begins	
6 <sup>th</sup> June -17 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Window Year 4 Timetables Check Window	
21 <sup>st</sup> July	9.15	Leaver’s Service @ Holy Trinity Church	
21 <sup>st</sup> July	2.00pm	Term ends	
22 <sup>nd</sup> July		<b>INSET Day – School closed</b>	

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Izzy Rickards