

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has probably been one of our busiest yet! The whole school participated in activities linked to our Book Week book of *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs*. Children have: performed poetry; written alternative versions of the traditional tale; created story maps and designed and built houses made from different materials. Thank you so much for your support of all of the events this week, and for the amazing book character costumes worn today. Thank you to Mrs Niemann and Miss Brennan for organising our Book Week.

On Wednesday morning we were delighted to welcome Mrs Wigley, from the Merton Music Foundation, to our Music Festival Finals. Mrs Wigley was so impressed with the standard of music produced by our children. Instruments played included drums, piano, guitar, cello, violin, flute, voice, and a trombone! Congratulations to all of the children who auditioned and who made it through to the finals. Thank you too to Mrs Quinn for organising the event.

Year 3 celebrated the end of their circus-themed topic with their very own circus performance. The children wowed the audience with their magic, hula-hooping, acrobatics, clowning, juggling, diablo-ing, stick throwing, rhythmic gymnastics and stilt walking. All of the acts were expertly announced by the ringmasters!

On Wednesday the children were thinking about what it would be like if they had to share a pencil for a day, rather than having one to themselves. Some classes read *The Pencil Parable* which focuses on the 5 qualities of a pencil:

- 1) You are capable of great things, but you must never forget that there is a hand guiding your steps. We call that hand God, and He always guides us according to His will.
- 2) Now and then, I have to stop writing and use a sharpener. That makes the pencil suffer a little, but afterwards, he's much sharper. So, you, too, must learn to bear certain pains and sorrows, because they will make you a better person.
- 3) Using a pencil always allows us the chance to use an eraser to rub out any mistakes. This means that correcting something we did is not necessarily a bad thing; it helps to keep us on the road to justice.
- 4) What really matters in a pencil is not its wooden exterior, but the graphite inside. So always pay attention to what is happening inside you
- 5) A pencil always leaves a mark. in just the same way, you should know that everything you do in life will leave a mark, so try to be conscious of that in your every action'

Book Week Competition Winners

In our Celebration Worship this morning the following Book Week Competition winners were announced:

Get Caught Reading

Reception- Aarav

Y1+2 - Isabel

Y3+4 -Victoria

Y5+6 - Daniel and Max

Mr Potatohead

Charlotte (Year 1)

Twist my Tale

Jessica (Year 5)

Congratulations to all of our winners, who each received a book as their prize.

Lent Appeal Total

It has taken us a long time to count all of the Lent Appeal money as there was so much of it! Thank you to the whole school community for raising a whopping £7447.62. A representative from The Royal Marsden will be coming in to school after half-term to collect the cheque.

More Sporting Success

Our Year 5/6 cricket team played against 12 other Merton schools this week. They finished 4th and will be one of the Merton schools going through to the Borough finals next month. Not only were they excellent at cricket, they were amazing ambassadors for our school. They were voted by the other schools at the event as REFspect winners. The staff member from Merton School Sport Partnership commented about how frequently he gives the REFspect award to Holy Trinity pupils. Huge congratulations to everyone who took part.

Parent Forum – Thursday 7th June 7-9pm

The Governors warmly invite you all to our Parent Forum on 7th June. At this Forum there will be an opportunity for parents to discuss in more detail some of the topics raised in the recent NFER Parent Survey. You should have received a letter via Parentmail this week giving further information. Chartwells (our school lunch suppliers) will be present at the beginning of the evening to answer any questions you have about the school lunches.

Polka Techtopia Festival

If you are looking for something fun to do during half term pop down to The Polka Theatre for their Techtopia Festival. Have a look at their website for further information. <https://polkatheatre.com/festival/techtopia/>

Term Dates 2018-2019

Mon 3rd September - Fri 19th October 2018 with Mon 3rd and Tues 4th Sept being an INSET day

Mon 29th October - Fri 21st December 2018

Mon 7th January - Fri 15th February 2019 with Mon 7th Jan being an INSET day

Mon 25th February - Fri 5th April 2019

Tues 23rd April - Fri 24th May 2019

Mon 3rd June - Tues 23rd July with Mon 3rd June and Tues 23rd July being INSET days

Dates for your diary

Date	Time	Event
4 th June		INSET day
5 th June		2 nd half of term begins
7 th June	7.00pm	Parent Forum
8 th June	9.00am	SEND Parent Group in Small Hall
11 th June	9.30am	Year 3 and 4 Sports Day @ Garfield Park
12 th June	9.30am	Year 5 and 6 Sports Day @ Garfield Park
13 th June	9.15am	Reception Sports Day @ School
14 th June	9.15am	Year 1 and 2 Sports Day @ South Park Gardens
15 th June	10.45am/2.30pm	Nursery Sports Day in the Nursery outside area
15 th June	9.00am	Parent Prayer Group
18 th June		Online Safety Week begins
19 th June	9.00am	School Eucharist @ School
23 rd June	12-4.00pm	Summer Fair
25 th – 29 th June		Year 6 School Journey to France
29 th June	AM	The NED Show visiting (N ever give up, E ncourage others, D o your best) More details to follow
5 th July	5.00-7.00pm	Open Evening
6 th July		Reception visit to Battersea Park
6 th July	9.00am	SEND Parent Group in Small Hall
11 th /12 th July	7.00pm	Year 6 Production
13 th July	9.00am	Parent Prayer Group
13 th July		International Day
20 th July	9.15am	Leaver's Service @ Holy Trinity Church
20 th July	2.00pm	School term ends
23 rd July		INSET day

I hope you all have a wonderful half term. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 5th June.

Izzy Rickards – Headteacher