

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year!

I hope you have all had a restful Christmas break and looking forward to an exciting Spring Term! We have immersed ourselves into our new topics already, including Year 1 beginning work for the Royal Mail as they follow the adventures of The Jolly Postman; Year 4 starting their journey to South Africa to discover what life is like there; and the power of the natural world is unfolding for Year 6 as they learn about the causes and effects of natural disasters.

New Staff

We are pleased to welcome three new members of staff to the Holy Trinity community this term. Miss Sonia Heale is the class teacher for Year 1 Foxes, Mrs Kelly Gorynski is taking over from Miss Newman in Year 3H as she prepares for maternity leave and Mrs Gilly Gordon will be teaching two days a week in Year 1 Moles. We know they will be fantastic additions to the teaching team.

Spring Term Activity Clubs

Our programme of Spring Term Activity Clubs (before school, lunchtime and after school) begins next week.

If your child is taking part in a club before school (Year 5-6 AFC Wimbledon or KS2 Fencing) please drop your child off at the school office and say goodbye there.

This term all clubs which take place after school will dismiss children from the Effra Road side of the building, so that we can keep the playground gates locked after school pick up time in order to keep our After School Club children safe and prevent unauthorised people from accessing the school. The children will come out of various different doors (e.g. the main school office doors and the doors to the school hall) and we will send information about exactly where to collect children early next week. Please note that the process is likely to be a little chaotic for the first few weeks as everyone settles into the new plan. Please make it easy for club leaders by waiting until they make eye contact with you before trying to collect your child.

Future Literary Stars

Congratulations to William Thomas who won first place and Ava West who won third place in a Christmas themed short story competition which was run by The Alexandra pub in Wimbledon. A fantastic achievement!

Sporting Behaviour

As we prepare for the forthcoming sporting events this Spring and Summer, we would like to remind both spectators and participants of the Merton Sports Partnership REFspect campaign and appropriate sporting behaviour at competitions. We wish to promote positive spectating, playing and coaching at all events and encourage both adults and children to be aware of the impact of their behaviour on others. We hope that the following suggestions will support this:

1. If you are a parent supporting your child, please let them have ownership of their play without instructing them too often as this can confuse them. We hope that children will enjoy their experiences of competing for the school, therefore, it is important to remember that coaching is when we can instruct and playing is when children need to make their own decisions. Please see the following link for an informative video relating to this:
<https://thecpsu.org.uk/resource-library/2013/my-magic-sports-kit/>
2. Encourage the resilience of players, not by blaming officials or others, but through helping them to find ways to focus on improving their own game – there will always be wrong decisions and some decisions will not be agreed with by all people.

3. Remember that many of the Umpires and Officials at Borough and Wimbledon Cluster events are often 14 year olds, who can be easily persuaded; it would be unfair to put them in an uncomfortable position by approaching them/questioning them. We wish to encourage and support their development.

4. Remember etiquette- it is important that we both win and lose gracefully and always shake hands at the end of a match.

For more information about the REFspect campaign, please visit: <http://www.mertonssp.org.uk/parents/ref-spect>

We are looking forward to sharing our sporting successes with you over the coming term.

Dates for your diary

Date	Time	Event
16 th January	3:30pm	Orchestra rehearsals recommence
19 th January	9.00am	Parent Prayer Group
25 th January	9.00am	1M Class Assembly (Moles)
27 th January		Mayor's Fundraising Concert (some members of Y5/6 Choir)
1 st February	9.00am	3T Class Assembly
8 th February	9.00am	2S Class Assembly (Squirrels)
9 th February		Break up for half term
19 th February		2 nd half of term begins
22 nd February	9.00am	4H Class Assembly *please note change of date
23 rd February	9.00am	Parent Prayer group
26 th February		Assessment week begins
1 st March	9.00am	1F Class Assembly (Foxes) *please note change of date
8 th March	9.00am	5T Class Assembly
15 th March	1.45-7.00pm	Parent/Teacher Meetings NB School ends at 1.30pm
16 th March	9.00am	Parent Prayer Group
22 nd March	9.00am	4T Class Assembly
29 th March	2.00pm	School term ends
16 th April		Summer Term starts
20 th April	9.00am	Parent Prayer Group
24 th – 27 th April		Year 4 PGL visit to Windmill Hill
May		Year 2 SATS
14 th May		Year 6 SATS week begins and Assessment week begins for other years
18 th May	9.00am	Parent Prayer Group
25 th May		Break up for half term
4 th June		INSET day
5 th June		2 nd half of term begins
15 th June	9.00am	Parent Prayer Group
13 th July	9.00am	Parent Prayer Group
20 th July	2.00pm	School term ends
23 rd July		INSET day

Thank you for your continued support. I hope you have a good weekend.

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