

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a great week focusing on the theme 'Choose Respect' during Anti-Bullying week. It was great to see everyone wearing their odd socks on Monday to celebrate our uniqueness. Thank you for your donations towards our Well-Being Library.

It has been a busy sporting week with children representing our school at Merton events in girls' football, hockey and 9 a-side football. Thank you to everyone who attended the inter-house trial events, and a huge thank you to Miss Banks for coordinating all of our sporting events.

Thank you for your patience whilst we have had our blue track installed. We have been able to purchase this as a result of a successful grant bid. Watch this space for more information about our track next week!

### **Inspiring Confidence in Every Individual – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November, 7.00pm**

We are delighted that we have been able to book an evening for parents/carers with James Shone, from the charity *I can & I am*. James Shone has a truly inspiring story and philosophy to help parents and carers understand how best to respond to serious setbacks, teenage anxiety and general lack of self-esteem. The heart of his work is to inspire confidence in every individual to enable them to know who they are and what they are able to do, rather than focusing on what they can't do. More information about James' story and charity can be found at [www.icanandiam.com](http://www.icanandiam.com). The event is free to attend but there will be a retiring collection towards the work of the charity.

### **Book Fair**

The Scholastic Book Fair will be visiting our school from 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018. There will be an opportunity to buy books before or after school each day. The more books that we sell the more books we can get for our library.

### **Messages from HOTS**

#### **Christmas Carols in South Park Gardens**

Our Christmas Carol event is coming up on Dec 8 from 4:30-6:00. We are looking for volunteers to set up/tidy up and serve mulled wine. If you can help please send an email to HOTS. [Hotsemail@gmail.com](mailto:Hotsemail@gmail.com)

#### **Happy School Bag collection – Thursday 6 December**

Are you having a clear out before Christmas? Once again you can recycle your good quality second-hand clothes, linen, soft toys and other items through Happy School Bag and help HOTS at the same time. Bags will be delivered to you via book bags in the next few days or you can use your own. **Please** bring your bags back to school **before 9am** on Thursday 6 December. **Please do not** deliver before that because there is no storage at school. Thank you.

**They accept** quality, dry and clean second-hand ladies, men's and children's clothing, paired shoes and trainers, handbags, belts, hats, console games, jewellery, toiletries as well as bed linen, towels and soft toys.

**They do not accept** bric-a-brac, single shoes, mats, carpets, pillows, blankets, curtains or dirty, damaged or wet clothing.

The more we collect, the more *Happy School Bag* gives us as a donation.

### **School Food Standards**

Did you know that our school lunch catering company has to adhere to a number of School Food Standards? These can be found by following this link <http://www.schoolfoodplan.com/actions/school-food-standards/>

Chloe, our cook, told me that the Fruity Apricot Bar, the dessert offered on Thursday, was packed full of apricots, apples and bananas!

## Car Parking

Please can I urge you to respect our neighbours and avoid parking over their drives, or parking in resident spaces which you are not eligible to park in. For the safety of all of our community do not park on the zig-zag lines on either Effra or Faraday Road. Even this week I had to ask a number of parents to move their cars.

## After School Club Ad Hoc Sessions

Just to remind you all, if we have temporary spaces in our After School Club, we sell Ad Hoc Full Sessions for £15.00 and Ad Hoc Short Sessions (which run from the end of the school day until 4.30pm) for £7.50. These can be booked and paid for via ParentMail, from 12noon on the Friday of the week before the Ad Hoc Session, right up until 3pm on the day of the session, so these can be a great option if you need emergency childcare after school.

Please note that there is no other way to book or pay for Ad Hoc Sessions so please do not telephone the office asking if we have spaces or try to pay the team by cash or cheque. If no Ad Hoc Sessions are visible in ParentMail then unfortunately none are available for the day in question.

For other After School Club queries, please contact Alex Walker ([afterschoolclub@holyltrinity.merton.sch.uk](mailto:afterschoolclub@holyltrinity.merton.sch.uk)). Alex works from Monday to Thursday.

## Playground Before and After School

Please remind your children that they should not be using the Trim Trail, playing football, or riding on bikes or scooters in the playground, either before or after school. We would like to keep our whole school community safe. Thank you.

## Key Dates for 2018-2019

Date	Time	Event
19-23 <sup>rd</sup> November		Assessment week
19 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00am	EAL Coffee Morning – Small Hall
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	9.00am	2B (Badgers) Class Assembly
23 <sup>rd</sup> November	9.00am	Parent Prayer Group – Club Room
26 <sup>th</sup> November	7.00pm	An evening with James Shone from the charity <i>I can &amp; I am</i>
5 <sup>th</sup> December	3.50-7.00pm	Parent/Teacher meetings
6 <sup>th</sup> December	3.50-6.00pm	Parent/Teacher meetings
7 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00am	SEND Parent Support group – Small Hall
8 <sup>th</sup> December	PM	Christmas Carols in South Park Gardens for Women in Need
10 <sup>th</sup> December	2.15pm	Reception Nativity
11 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am	Reception Nativity
12 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am	Year 2 Nativity
13 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am	Year 2 Nativity
14 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30am/2.30pm	Nursery Nativity
17 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00am	EAL Coffee Morning – Small Hall
18 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am	Year 1 Concert
19 <sup>th</sup> December	6.30pm	Year 3/5 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church
20 <sup>th</sup> December	6.30pm	Year 4/6 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church
21 <sup>st</sup> December	2.00pm	Break up
7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019		INSET Day
8 <sup>th</sup> January		Term begins for all children
14 <sup>th</sup> January	9.00am	EAL Coffee Morning – Small Hall
18 <sup>th</sup> January	9.00am	Parent Prayer Group – Club Room
24 <sup>th</sup> January	9.00am	5T Class Assembly
31 <sup>st</sup> January	9.00am	3T Class Assembly
7 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00am	1M (Moles) Class Assembly
11 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00am	EAL Coffee Morning – Small Hall
13 <sup>th</sup> February	8.15-8.45am	Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
15 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00am	Parent Prayer Group – Club Room
15 <sup>th</sup> February		Break up for half term
25 <sup>th</sup> February		2 <sup>nd</sup> half of term begins
28 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00am	2S (Squirrels) Class Assembly
7 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am	4H Class Assembly

11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> March		Science week
14 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am	1F (Foxes) Class Assembly
15 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am	Parent Prayer Group – Club Room
18 <sup>th</sup> March		Assessment week
18 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am	EAL Coffee Morning – Small Hall
20 <sup>th</sup> March	All day and evening	Year 5 at the Royal Albert Hall
28 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am	4T Class Assembly tbc
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	9.15am	Easter Service @ Holy Trinity Church
4 <sup>th</sup> April	1.50-7.10pm	Parent/Teacher meetings NB School closes at 1.30pm
5 <sup>th</sup> April		Easter Bonnet/Hat Parade
5 <sup>th</sup> April	2.00pm	Break up for Easter holidays
23 <sup>rd</sup> April		Summer term begins
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> April		Year 4 PGL Residential
26 <sup>th</sup> April	9.00am	Parent Prayer Group – Club Room
13 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> May		Year 6 SATS
20 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> May		Book Week
24 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00am	Parent Prayer Group – Club Room
24 <sup>th</sup> May		Break up for half term
3 <sup>rd</sup> June		INSET Day
4 <sup>th</sup> June		2 <sup>nd</sup> half of term begins
17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> June		Sports Days for all year groups TBC
21 <sup>st</sup> June	9.00am	Parent Prayer Group – Club Room
24 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 6 in France
11 <sup>th</sup> July	TBC	Open Afternoon/Evening
17 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup> July	7.00pm	Year 6 Production
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	2.00pm	Term ends
23 <sup>rd</sup> July		INSET Day

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

Izzy Rickards – Headteacher