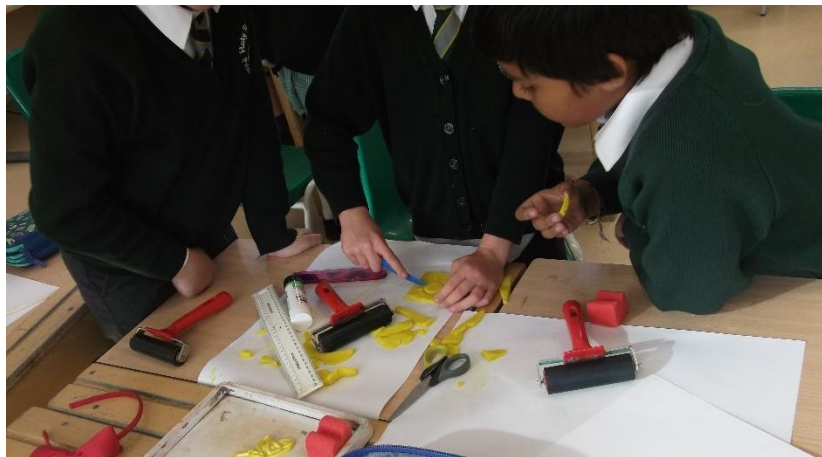


Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you so much for your support this half term. We are so proud of the way the children have settled back into school life after such a disrupted couple of years. I hope you all manage to have some rest and special family time over the half term break.

The children in KS2 have really enjoyed learning about Josephine Baker as part of our celebration of Black History Month. In November 2021, in recognition of her service to France, Josephine Baker will be inducted into The Pantheon in Paris. She will be the first black woman to be honoured in this way. She was born into poverty before becoming a dancer, a singer, the first female black movie star, a WW2 spy, a civil rights activist and the mother of 12 adopted children. We have all been inspired by her story!



Year 4 have been continuing with their printing in art this week.

Year 5/6 Girls' Football

Our Year 5/6 girls' football team proudly represented our school this week, at Merton Schools' Sports Partnership football event. They finished a really credible 5th out of 14 schools. Well done to you all.

Sibling Photographs

If your children had a sibling photograph taken this week, your child will be bringing the proof card home today. Please check bookbags!

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

Please may I urge you not to allow your children to watch/play Squid Game. Several times this week, children as young as Year 4, have been discussing what they have seen and have played.

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=IwARImut55wuXDoRE4ONy49FYeO5PDIUzDP3D4BIVb7OUjmgtpWHMU69VOoU>

HOTS NOTICES

Christmas cards

Today your child will bring home their beautiful original designs for our annual Christmas card scheme. If you like their drawing and would like to order Christmas cards (or mugs or wrapping paper and more!) with their design on, please go to <https://www.apfsorders.co.uk> and place your order no later than Friday 5th of November.

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.

Panettone

Midnight TONIGHT is your LAST CHANCE to order our delicious Panettone from luxury delicatessen Vallebona. The most delicious Christmas treat and a beautiful gift for your loved ones. Visit pta-events.co.uk/hots to place your order today, for delivery next month.

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. Your ticket price includes a drink on entry and a fish and chip dinner (or vegetarian alternative) Don't forget to select your meal at the same time as buying your tickets! We have sold half of our tables already, and it promises to be a fun-filled night! You can buy your tickets at pta-events.co.uk/hots

Thank you for all of your support and have a lovely half term! The HOTS committee x

Managing Children's Worries Workshop – 15th November (virtual)

We have received very positive feedback from those parents who attended the Supporting Big Emotions at Home and School: Emotion Regulation Parent session run this week.

Joshua Eldridge and his team are running another workshop on 15th November. Please see the attached flyer for further information.

Poppies and other items from the British Legion

We have received poppies and other items to purchase in aid of the British Legion. Children are invited to bring money in to give to this fantastic cause. The items will be kept at the office, but we will also take them around the classes for children to purchase.

Naming Clothes

Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly named (please don't just use initials). Special labels are not necessary – a Sharpie pen is perfect!

We already have a number of unnamed jumpers and PE sweatshirts/tracksuit tops in the lost property. We have a good system of returning named items!

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

Adult English Lessons

Might you be interested in learning English with others? One of our parents is leading the following sessions at AFC Wimbledon.

Wednesday only

Start date: 10/11/2021-08/12/2021

Time: 9.30-12.00

Address:

Plough Lane

SW17 0NR

Please register your interest on this website below in red

<https://www.wandsworthlifelonglearning.org.uk/guide/esol/>

Attached/Linked items:

- HOTS Christmas events
- SEND Update
- Merton Events – especially linked to Black History Month
- Wimbledon Foodbank Christmas Cinema

Term dates 2021-2022

Autumn Term 2021

- First day: Wednesday 1 September 2021
(INSETs Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd so children back Friday 3rd)
- 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 4th so children back Wednesday 5th)
- 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 6th June and Friday 22nd July, so children end Thursday 21st July)

Term Dates 2022-2023

Autumn Term 2022

- First day: Thursday 1 September 2022
(INSETs Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd so children back Monday 5th 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 3rd so children back Wednesday 4th January)
- Last day: Friday 31st March 2023
- Half term: Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February 2023

Summer Term 2023

- First day: Monday 17th April 2023
- Last day: Friday 21st July 2023
- Half term: Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2023
(INSETs Monday 5th June and Friday 21st July, so children end Thursday 20th 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
1 st November		2 nd half of term starts	
2 nd November		School Eucharist @ school Father Mark will lead our School Eucharist. Any child who usually receives communion will be invited to partake in one kind only (bread only).	
5 th November	9.30	Nursery Open Morning for entry in 2022	Talk in Small Hall then visit nursery
10 th 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 th November	8.15-8.45am	KS2 Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers	
12 th November		World Kindness Day	
12 th November		HOTS Quiz Night	
15 th - 19 th November		Anti-bullying week	
17 th November	9.30-10.30	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2022	Talk in hall then tour
26th November		Extra Bank Holiday – School closed	In lieu of Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday in May 2022
29 th November – 3 rd December		Assessment week	
1 st December	2.00	Nursery Open Afternoon for entry in 2022	Informal talk in nursery and tour
7 th December	9.15	Reception Nativity	Robins' parents/carers to watch
8 th December	9.15	Reception Nativity	Owls' parents/carers to watch
9 th December	9.15	Year 2 Christmas show	Year 2 parents/carers invited
10 th December	10.30/2.30	Nursery Nativity	Nursery parents/carers invited
10 th December		Christmas Jumper Day – children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper to school and give a donation to Save the Children Fund	
11 th December	4.00-6.00pm	HOTS Carols by Candlelight	
14 th December	9.15	Year 1 Concert	Year 1 parents/carers invited
15 th December	6.30	Year 3/5 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church	All children in Year 3/5 to attend Parents/carers invited

16 th December	6.30	Year 4/6 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church	All children in Year 4/6 to attend Parents/carers invited
17 th December	2.00pm	Break up	
4 th January 2022		INSET Day – School closed	
5 th January 2022		Term begins for all children	
11 th February		Break up for half term	
21 st February		2 nd half of term begins	
1 st April	2.00pm	Break up for Easter holidays	
19 th April		Summer term begins	
9 th – 12 th May		Year 6 SATS	
27 th May		Break up for half term	
6 th June		INSET Day – School closed	
7 th June		2 nd half of term begins	
6 th June -17 th June		Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Window Year 4 Timetables Check Window	
21 st July	9.15	Leaver's Service @ Holy Trinity Church	
21 st July	2.00pm	Term ends	
22 nd July		INSET Day – School closed	

I hope you have a wonderful half term.

Izzy Rickards