

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I write this the school is buzzing! Reception are at their Fairy Tale Ball and are having fun learning how to dance. The sound coming from the Year 5 Jazz Workshop is amazing, with so many children participating in making music. This morning Year 4 took part in an African Drumming workshop.

Both of the music workshops have been funded by HOTS. Your contributions make such a difference to the children, and enable us to provide rich experiences for our pupils – thank you.

This morning we welcomed the Professional Ambassador for Shark Guardian who told the whole school about sharks and marine conservation. My thanks go to Miss Quinn for organising this.

Parent Workshop focusing on worry and anxiety in children – Thursday 30th January, 9.00-10.30am

As part of our involvement in the Merton Mental Health Trailblazer Project we have been offered the opportunity for parents to attend a workshop focusing on worry and anxiety in children. This will be led by trained professionals. I realise that the timing might not suit everyone, but this is the only time that was available to us (feel free to join the workshop after the class assembly if this affects you). In order to gauge interest, I will send out a Parentmail form early next week.

Relationships and Sex Education Information Evening – Thursday 30th January, 6.30-7.30pm

We will be holding an information evening about our Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) curriculum for parents/carers on Thursday 30th January. There will be an opportunity for us to discuss the draft RSE Policy (attached to this Bulletin), and to discuss the curriculum in more detail. The materials we use will be on display for you to look at. In advance of the meeting we would appreciate any comments or questions you might have. We would be grateful if you could complete this short questionnaire with your comments and/or questions.

<https://forms.gle/ZpSiaANNMKTCRZGG9>

Chartwells' Chinese New Year Themed Lunch – Thursday 23rd January

On Thursday 23rd January we will be celebrating Chinese New Year with a themed lunch. The menu is attached, and children will choose their lunch as usual in the morning. Children with special diets will obviously be catered for too.

Healthy Packed Lunches

If you are stuck for ideas on what to include in a healthy packed lunch have a look at these links.

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collection/lunchbox>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z4fmd6f>

https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/collections/vegan_lunchbox

Lice

Please remember to check your child's hair regularly for lice. We have had a few reported cases. If you need support on how to treat lice, please contact the school office and we will happily help you. If you have persistent problems with lice, I would be very happy to contact our School Nurse.

Are you an electrician?

We have bought a new electric oven for our new cookery club to use and we need someone to help us wire it in. If you are a qualified electrician and might have time to volunteer to help us we'd love to hear from you! Please email headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk if you might be able to help us.

Messages from Mrs Quinn

Wimbledon Theatre Trip - 'Twisted'

On 3rd and 4th February all the Key Stage 2 classes will be going to Wimbledon Theatre to see a performance of 'Twisted' - a new 'twist' on the Oliver Twist story organised by Merton Music Foundation. The children will all be

taking part with singing the songs as part of the audience and we are learning the songs in school. The link is on the MMF site if your child would like to sing the songs at home.

<https://mmf.org.uk/merton-schools-songpack-19-20/>

Orchestra

Orchestra rehearsals will start on Tuesday 21st January

Choir

We are excited to be taking part in SingFest again this year at St Mark's Church, Wimbledon on 3rd March so we will be learning songs to perform there.

Parish Pantomime

MP3 Players are raising money for Wimbledon Foodbank in Merton as they present their 8th pantomime – PUSS IN BOOTS.

There will be four performances on Friday 24 January 7pm, Saturday 25 January 2pm & 7pm and Sunday 26 January 2pm. All taking place at St John the Divine on High Path.

All tickets cost £5 and on sale at www.tinyurl.com/mp3panto.

Attached Items:

- Merton Music Foundation's Big Night Out Fundraiser
- Draft Relationships and Sex Education Policy
- Chinese New Year Themed Lunch

2020-2021 Term Dates

Autumn Term 2020

Thursday 3rd September - Fri 18th December 2020

*NB Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September INSET days so **children start on Monday 7th September***

Half term Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October 2020

Spring Term 2021

Monday 4th January – Thursday 1st April 2021

*NB Monday 4th January 2021 INSET day so **children start on Tuesday 5th January 2021***

Half term Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2021

Summer Term 2021

Monday 19th April – Friday 23rd July 2021

NB Monday 7th June and Friday 23rd July INSET days

Term ends for children on 22nd July 2021

Half term Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June 2021

Key Dates for 2019-2020

Any new dates are highlighted

Date	Time	Event
20 th January		Year 5 to the Science Museum
23 rd January	9.00am	5T Class Worship
24 th January		Drama workshops
30 th January	9.00am	2S Class Worship NB Date change
30 th January	9-10.30am	Parent/Carer Workshop run by Sara Rosenthal as part of the Mental Health Trailblazer Project The focus will be on worry and anxiety in children and how parents/carers can support them
30 th January	6.30-7.30	Relationships and Sex Education Information evening for parents/carers More information available next week
3 rd – 7 th February		Mental Health Awareness Week
3 rd February		Year 3 to Twisted performance @ Wimbledon Theatre
4 th February		Year 4/5/6 to Twisted performance @ Wimbledon Theatre
6 th February	9.00am	5H Class Worship
12 th February	8.15-8.45am	Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
13 th February	9.00am	6T Class Worship
14 th February		Kindness Day

14 th February		Break up for half term
24 th February		2 nd half of term begins
28 th February		Parents' Prayer Meeting
3 rd March		Singfest – choir taking part @ St Mark's Church
5 th March	9.00am	3H Class Worship NB Date change
6 th March	9.00am	PGL Meeting for Year 4 parents/carers
10 th March	Evening Time TBC	Maths Information Session for Parents/Carers – Reasoning in the Curriculum
12 th March	9.00am	1F Class Worship
16 th – 20 th March		Assessment week
19 th March	9.00am	1M Class Worship
26 th March	9.00am	4T Class Worship
27 th March		Parents' Prayer Meeting
31 st March TBC	9.15am	Easter Service @ Holy Trinity Church
2 nd April	1.50-7.10pm	Parent/Teacher meetings NB School closes at 1.30pm NB There will be no After School Club on this day
3 rd April		Easter Bonnet/Hat Parade
3 rd April	2.00pm	Break up for Easter holidays
20 th April		Summer term begins
22 nd – 24 th April		Year 4 PGL Residential
24 th April		Parents' Prayer Meeting
28 th April		Class Photographs
8 th May		VE Day Bank Holiday – School closed
11 th – 14 th May		Year 6 SATS
22 nd May	9.00am	France Trip meeting for Year 6 parents
20 th – 24 th May		Book Week
22 nd May		Break up for half term
1 st June		INSET Day – School closed
2 nd June		2 nd half of term begins and Assessment week
8 th – 12 th June		Year 1 Phonics Screening Check/Year 4 Timetables Check
15 th – 19 th June		Healthy School Week/Sports Days for all year groups
16 th June	AM	KS2 Sports Day @ Garfield Park
17 th June	AM	Reception Sports Day @ school
18 th June	AM	KSI Sports Day @ school
19 th June	AM/PM	Nursery Sports Day @ school
22 nd – 26 th June		Year 6 in France
26 th June	9.00am	Parents' Prayer Meeting
9 th July	TBC	Open Afternoon/Evening
TBC	7.00pm	Year 6 Production
17 th July	9.15am	Leaver's Service @ Holy Trinity Church
17 th July	2.00pm	Term ends
20 th July		INSET Day – School closed

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Izzy Rickards
Headteacher



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