

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Year 6 children are delighted that their SATS tests are done! We are so proud of them all. They are looking forward to their celebratory trip to Chessington on Monday. Next week Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will take part in a drama workshop and Year 3 are looking forward to their visit to the National Gallery.

School Closure for Elections – Thursday 23rd May 2019

Please remember that the school is closed on Thursday.

Parent Governor Nominations

The term of office for two of our parent governors has come to an end. Both parents are very happy to stand again, but we would welcome nominations from other parents. If more than two parents are nominated, we will hold an election. If you would like to be nominated please email headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk for a nomination form, which will need to be returned by midday on Friday 24th May 2019. If you would like to find out more about the role of a governor please email our Chair of Governors, Kirsty Warwick, at kirsty.warwick.governor@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk

Sports Update

Thank you to those who attended our Sport Forum last term. At the Forum you gave us a number of helpful suggestions. We thought it would be good to update you on the future plans.

You said...	We will...
The school needs to establish a longer list of parent helpers who are DBS checked, and who would be committed to helping to support the school with sporting events	We will send out information asking parents to commit to a certain number of events, together with information about obtaining a DBS check
The school needed to give notice of the dates for all of the external sporting events well in advance	We will set the dates for the year and communicate them in September
We need to establish consistent principles upon which to select teams	We will field 2 teams (when allowed by the Merton School Sports Partnership) to most external events, and certainly the most competitive ones. One team will be made up of those who are most skilled at the sport, as long as they display good sportsmanship. The other team will be more inclusive.
The school needed to establish a budget for a dedicated a sports coach/lead	We are currently pursuing options to facilitate this
We must ensure teams have a chance to train together before events	We are looking into a 6 week training session (possibly before school) prior to each event
We should talk to external providers about what they can offer	We are currently in discussion with a number of different companies about what they can offer
Don't be afraid of asking us for money	We will certainly consider this!

Parent Forum – Thursday 13th June 7.00-9.00pm

Our next opportunity for you to discuss aspects of our school will be at the **Parent Forum** (run by the governors) on Thursday 13th June 2019, from 7.00-9.00pm. The Parent Forum will follow-up on feedback received in the recent parent survey. Please look out for further details which will be sent via Parentmail.

No Nuts

Please may I remind you that we are a nut-free school. No food containing nuts should be brought into the school. This includes no Nutella, pesto (made from nuts) or nuts in cereal bars. Please take extra care as we have a number of children who are extremely allergic to nuts.

Lost Property

Now that the weather is getting warmer, we are finding more and more unidentified sweatshirts, jumpers and cardigans around the school. Please ensure that all school uniform is clearly labelled with your child's first name and surname so that we can return lost items quickly.

Due the sheer volume of lost property in the school office we have reintroduced the large blue lost property box which may be found outside the back door into the building. Please note that this is for un-named items only. If staff or children find named lost property this should be taken to the school office so that the team can reunite items with their owners.

We will continue to keep a box of small or valuable items of lost property in the school office. Please take a look at the photo below in case any of these belong to you or your child!

Book day costume workshop

One of our parents has kindly offered to run the following workshop:

Ever wanted to make something for a school dress up day but don't know where to start? On the **20th June (after school)** we will be running a session for parents/carers to learn basic sewing and dress up making skills to help them create outfits for Book Week dress up on the 12th July. There are 10 places available for the session. If you are interested in this, please email headteacher@holyltrinity.merton.sch.uk by the 12th June to book your place.

Music Festival Finals

The finals of the Music Festival are on Wednesday 22nd May from 9.00-11.30 in the Main Hall. Over the past 2 weeks Mrs Quinn has enjoyed listening to over 160 performances from children in Years 2-6, and children have enjoyed listening to their classmates perform. 30 performances have been chosen for the final. Letters have gone out yesterday, or will be going out today, to children chosen for the finals.

Holy Trinity School Summer Fair – Saturday 22 June 2019 12-4.00pm

Volunteers Needed: Preparations for the Summer Fair are in full swing and we need your help to make the fair a success. We are looking for some volunteers for the Fair set up and bar – please contact hotsemail@gmail.com if you can help. Don't forget to also sign up for your class stall. Your reps will be in touch if they haven't already.

In addition, we really need lots of donations for the class stalls. We will begin our donation collections after half term. When possible please contact the class rep to arrange the most convenient option. Most reps are responsible for collecting the donations from the school and you could save them a trip.

Books, DVDs and CDS: Are you having a clear out of books and CDs? Bring them to school and help **4H** with their stall at the summer fair. They are also looking for fruit and veg crates to store and move them in.

Cake Sale: **Badgers** will be running the cake stall this year so would welcome your home-baked cakes to sell. They are also running a Family Bake Off competition- look out for further details in the school Bulletin.

Wine: **Squirrels** are looking for full and empty screw top bottles of wine as donations for the water to wine stall.

Sweets and Party Bag fillers: **Foxes'** tombola stall needs sweets, and small party bag fillers that would fit in a jam jar (e.g. erasers, bouncy balls etc) fabric donations (off cuts that are large enough to cover jam jars) and jam jars.

Teddy Bear and Soft Toy Adoption: **5T** is looking for good quality soft toys.

Quality Second Hand Costume shop: **6H** is looking for second hand costumes.

Raffle - We are still looking for more prizes to add to our raffle. If you know of a company who could donate one, please contact HOTS

Matched Funding – please ask your employer if they do match funding.

Thank you all. It's more vital than ever that our fair is a huge success. It's our biggest fundraiser of the year and the money is desperately needed to support our children and continue to support the school's work.

Lisa MacLean

HOTS chair

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Term Dates 2019-2020

Autumn Term 2019

- First day: Monday 2 September 2019 (**NB INSET DAYS 2nd/3rd September 2019 children begin 4th September**)
- Last day: Friday 20 December 2019
- Half term: Monday 21 October to Friday 25 October 2019

Spring Term 2020

- First day: Monday 6 January 2020 (**NB INSET DAY 6th January 2020 children begin 7th January**)
- Last day: Friday 3 April 2020
- Half term: Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February 2020

Summer Term 2020

- First day: Monday 20 April 2020
- Last day: Monday 20 July 2020 (**NB INSET DAY 20th JULY 2020 children finish 17th July**)
- Half term: Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May 2020 (**NB INSET DAY 1st JUNE 2020 children return 2nd June**)

Key Dates for 2018-2019

Dates highlighted in yellow are new or have been amended

Date	Time	Event
21 st May		Year 3 visit to the National Gallery
22 nd May	AM	Music Festival Finals
23 rd May		Elections – School will be closed all day as we are used as a Polling Station
24 th May	8.50am	Year 6 French Trip Parent meeting
24 th May	9.00am	Parent Prayer Group – Club Room
24 th May		Break up for half term
3 rd June		INSET Day
4 th June		2 nd half of term begins and assessment week
5 th June		Year 2 visit to The Transport Museum
10-14th June		Art/DT and Humanities Week
13 th June	7.00-9.00pm	Parent Forum
14 th June	9.00am	Coffee morning for parents with English as an additional language – Small Hall (enter via Effra Road)
17 th – 21 st June	10.45/2.45 9.15am 9.15am 9.15am	Sports Days for all year groups Nursery – 18 th June AM Nursery – 10.45am/PM Nursery – 2.45pm both in the Nursery outside area Reception - 19 th June @ school KS1 – 20 th June @ school KS2 – 21 st June @ Garfield Park
21 st June	9.00am	Parent Prayer Group – Club Room
22 nd June		Summer Fair @ school
27 th June		Nursery visit to farm
24 th – 28 th June		Year 6 in France
1 st July		Year 2 Transition Workshop
4 th July		Reception visit to Battersea Park Zoo
8 th July		Reports out
9 th July		Year 6 visit to Southwark Cathedral
8 th – 12 th July		Book Week Dress Up day Friday 12 th July – children are invited to come to school dressed as a character from a book they have read
11 th July	3.30-5.00pm	Open Afternoon
15 th July	9.00am	Coffee morning for parents with English as an additional language – Small Hall (enter via Effra Road)
17 th /18 th July	7.00pm	Year 6 Production
22 nd July	9.15am 2.00pm	Leaver's Service @ Holy Trinity Church Term ends
23 rd July		INSET Day

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Izzy Rickards – Headteacher