

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much to you all for your help with the HOTS disco, accompanying children on trips, and for taking down our old PE shed!

This morning in Worship we held a short time of remembrance, whilst Year 5 visited Southwark Cathedral for a special remembrance event. They were all given a white feather as a symbol of peace.

We are looking forward to our Anti-Bullying week when the children will take part in special workshops focusing on the theme 'Choose Respect'.

### **Odd Socks Monday - 12<sup>th</sup> November**

To launch our 'Choose Respect' Anti-bullying week, children can come to school on Monday wearing 'odd socks' to celebrate their uniqueness and differences. A voluntary donation of £1 will go towards our new Children's Well-being Corner in the school library.

### **How and when to contact school staff**

Please find attached the handout which is intended to help parents and carers to know how best to contact school staff. Our teachers are finding that they are receiving a large number of unnecessary emails, including many which should really have been sent only to the office. This creates unnecessary work for staff and mean that messages take longer to reach the correct person. Thank you for your support.

### **School Photograph Orders**

If you would like to order school photographs, please remember to return all orders to the office by Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you.

### **Messages from HOTS**

HOTS would like to thank parents, carers and children for their fantastic support at the pumpkin disco last Friday. We are delighted to announce profits of £2,217. A special thank you to volunteers who helped set up, run stalls and clear up - we could not run these events without your help!

HOTS would also like to remind parents that our AGM will be taking place at 9am next Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November in the small hall - all are welcome. A key number in our accounts this year is our donations to school of £24,616 (see pdf with breakdown attached).

HOTS and the Governors would like to say a huge thank you to parents who have recently made significant one-off donations through their employers' matched funding schemes, and to those who have set up regular giving. We are so grateful to you and to parents who continue to arrange matching of funds raised at HOTS events.

### **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.

## 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.

## 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@holymtrinity.merton.sch.uk](mailto:afterschoolclub@holymtrinity.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.

## Fruit and Flapjack

Did you know that the children now get the choice of all of these wonderful varieties of fruit every day at lunchtime? Also, the flapjack today was made using banana and apricot, with no added sugar.



## Key Dates for 2018-2019

Date	Time	Event
12-16 <sup>th</sup> November		Anti-bullying week
15 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00am	3H Class Assembly
16 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00am	HOTS AGM
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