

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another packed week here at Holy Trinity Primary School. In our worship we have been learning about God's Amazing Agents and the missions that God has given to them – this week we found out about Daniel and his friends Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.

Year 6 enjoyed learning more about the Tudors, including dressing up in the clothes of the era, and experiencing a Tudor banquet! Year 2 visited the Beefeaters and the Crown Jewels at The Tower of London this week, whilst Year 4 took advantage of Wimbledon Library's BookFest storytelling events. Year 5 heard author Katherine Rundell, winner of the Costa Children's Book Award 2017, talk about her book *The Explorer*, which was inspired by her own expedition to the Amazon. Year 1 have had fun 'Going Wild' during their Wild day today! Our Year 3/4 football team had a fantastic time representing our school at a local football tournament.

A message from Mrs Quinn - Merton Singfest

On Tuesday 16th October, both school choirs will be singing at Merton Singfest at St Mark's Church, Wimbledon. The choirs will be leaving school at 1pm and will return by the end of the day. I appreciate the fact that so many parents have volunteered to walk down with us. I will email parents who I would like to chaperone specific groups of children but of course any parent who wants to walk with us is more than welcome - please meet us at the school gates at 1pm. Please encourage your child to practise the lyrics of the songs over the weekend (particularly 'Can't stop the feeling' and 'Feel the light'). Unfortunately, there are a small number of children who have not managed to attend enough rehearsals to perform with the choir this time - I have spoken to them - of course I will be delighted to see them after half term when we will begin rehearsing for the Carol Services!

Individual School Photographs – Thursday 18th October 2018

On 18th October the school photographer will be coming in to take individual photographs of all of the children. Please ensure the children are in smart uniform for their photograph!

Secondary School Applications

Just a reminder to all Year 6 parents that the closing date for secondary school applications is 31st October 2018. If you would like any help with the process please email me (headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk)

Forthcoming events for parents/carers:

Share My Learning – Wednesday 17th October 8.15-8.45am

At the Parent Forum last term parents were keen for the school to explore further ways to enable them to see what the children are learning in class. As a result of this we are introducing 'Share My Learning' sessions. Children will be able to take their parents/carers up to their classroom and share what they have been learning. The first session is on Wednesday 17th October, from 8.15-8.45am.

If you arrive at school between 8.15-8.30am please enter via the school office (Effra Road). If you arrive and the school gates are open, please enter school via the back door, outside the Year 1 block, not via the school hall.

Maths Workshop for Parents/Carers – Thursday 18th October, 6.30pm

The Maths curriculum in primary schools has changed greatly over the last few years and there is an increased focus on fluency and reasoning. As a school we have adopted a new scheme this year to support the teaching and learning of maths and we have fully embedded the teaching of whole class maths. Our evening information session will give parents the opportunity to learn more about how fluency and reasoning are taught, explore some of the resources used and of course learn about the infamous Bar Model method! Please reply to the Parentmail sent out today so we can ensure we cater for all attending.

Inspiring Confidence in Every Individual – Monday 26th 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 The event is free to attend but there will be a retiring collection towards the work of the charity.

Gardening Club

We are very keen to run a lunchtime Gardening Club. If you are a budding gardener and can spare an hour a week please email me.

Key Dates for 2018-2019

Date	Time	Event
17 th October	8.15-8.45am	Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
18 th October	6.30pm	Maths Workshop for parents/carers
19 th October	9.00am	Parent Prayer Group – Club Room
19 th October		Break up for half term
29 th October		2 nd half of term starts
29 th October	9.00am	Coffee morning for parents/carers for whom English isn't their first language (EAL) – Small Hall
1 st November	9.00am	6H Class Assembly
2 nd November	9.00am	SEND Parent Support group – Small Hall
2 nd November	PM	HOTS Disco
8 th November	9.00am	5H Class Assembly
12-16 th November		Anti-bullying week
15 th November	9.00am	3H Class Assembly
16 th November	9.00am	HOTS AGM
19-23 rd November		Assessment week
19 th November	9.00am	EAL Coffee Morning – Small Hall
22 nd November	9.00am	2B (Badgers) Class Assembly
23 rd November	9.00am	Parent Prayer Group – Club Room
26 th November	7.00pm	An evening with James Shone from the charity <i>I can & I am</i>
5 th December	3.50-7.00pm	Parent/Teacher meetings
6 th December	3.50-6.00pm	Parent/Teacher meetings
7 th December	9.00am	SEND Parent Support group – Small Hall
8 th December	PM	Christmas Carols in South Park Gardens for Women in Need
10 th December	2.15pm	Reception Nativity
11 th December	9.30am	Reception Nativity
12 th December	9.15am	Year 2 Nativity
13 th December	9.15am	Year 2 Nativity
14 th December	10.30am/2.30pm	Nursery Nativity
17 th December	9.00am	EAL Coffee Morning – Small Hall
18 th December	9.15am	Year 1 Concert
19 th December	6.30pm	Year 3/5 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church
20 th December	6.30pm	Year 4/6 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church
21 st December	2.00pm	Break up
7 th January 2019		INSET Day
8 th January		Term begins for all children
14 th January	9.00am	EAL Coffee Morning – Small Hall
18 th January	9.00am	Parent Prayer Group – Club Room
24 th January	9.00am	5T Class Assembly
31 st January	9.00am	3T Class Assembly
7 th February	9.00am	1M (Moles) Class Assembly
11 th February	9.00am	EAL Coffee Morning – Small Hall
13 th February	8.15-8.45am	Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
15 th February	9.00am	Parent Prayer Group – Club Room
15 th February		Break up for half term
25 th February		2 nd half of term begins
28 th February	9.00am	2S (Squirrels) Class Assembly
7 th March	9.00am	4H Class Assembly
11 th – 15 th March		Science week
14 th March	9.00am	1F (Foxes) Class Assembly
15 th March	9.00am	Parent Prayer Group – Club Room
18 th March		Assessment week
18 th March	9.00am	EAL Coffee Morning – Small Hall

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

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Izzy Rickards – Headteacher