

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted that Year 4 have had such a fantastic time at PGL. They have scaled Jacob's ladder, rivalled Tarzan on the Giant Swing and crawled their way through the challenge course, to name but a few of their activities. I am sure they will all (children and adults) sleep well this weekend. My thanks to the staff for giving the children such a great time.

Whilst Year 4 have been away the rest of the school have been busy. Year 6 enjoyed visiting The Imperial War Museum on Wednesday. Today the whole school has participated in the 52 Lives Kindness Project. The children learnt about a boy called TJ, and then spent time in mixed age groups making things to give to TJ to brighten up his day. It was so lovely to see our pupils working together for the good of someone else.

Congratulations to Emily, Emilie and Emma!

Emily, from 4T, and Emilie from 5T both entered the BBC's 500 word short-story writing competition. Out of 130,000 entries, they are through to the next round. Well done Emily and Emilie!

Emma, from 5H, has successfully completed her performance with the London Children's Ballet in *The Canterville Ghost* at the Peacock Theatre. She received the *Best Performance – Special Mention Award* for such a strong contribution. What a great achievement Emma!

Music Festival – Wednesday 23rd May

This term sees the return of our Music Festival for Year 2 - Year 6. This is an opportunity for children to prepare a performance and sing to the class, or, if they learn an instrument, to play to the class. The heats will take place in music lessons in the weeks beginning 7th and 14th May, with some children being selected to perform in the Finals – on the morning of Wednesday 23rd May. Liz Wigley from the Merton Music Foundation will be joining us for the finals, and of course parents are welcome to join us too.

Children in Year 2 and Year 3 may choose to sing one of the songs that they have been learning in class this term or their own choice of song. Children in Year 4- Year 6 are free to choose their own song. Own choice songs MUST be age appropriate (i.e. no inappropriate lyrics or content). They may sing on their own or with a friend, but it is up to them to sort out who to sing with, and to make time to rehearse together.

It is a great opportunity for those that learn an instrument to have the chance to perform to their friends. A good standard of performance is expected.

Children do not have to sing or play - it is just as important to have a good audience for those that do perform. Any queries - please see Mrs Quinn (who is in school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays) or email her at hilary.quinn@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk

Class Photographs – Tuesday 1st May

A reminder that class photographs will be taken this Tuesday. Please ensure that your child is wearing correct uniform.

Polling Day – Thursday 3rd May

A reminder that school is closed this Thursday for the local elections.

Phonics Workshop – Thursday 10th May, 6pm

Claire Dorey, our Phonics Leader, will be running a Phonics Workshop at 6pm on Thursday 10th May. This workshop will be most suited to parents of children in Nursery, Reception or Year 1, but all are invited.

Book Week Dressing Up Day – Friday 25th May

We will be holding our annual Book Week from 21st-25th May 2018. Children are invited to come to school dressed as a character from a book on Friday 25th May. We are keen to support a national literacy charity which provides disadvantaged children with the literacy skills needed to succeed in life so we are asking for children to bring in £1 on the day for this charity.

After School Club Ad Hoc Places

In accordance with our new ASC policy, any free spaces in After School Club (e.g. because children who attend on a regular basis will not be attending on a specific day) will now be offered for sale as Ad Hoc Sessions on ParentMail. We hope that this will open up After School Club to a wider number of families and be a fair and transparent way for parents to book in sessions on a one-off basis.

There are two types of Ad Hoc Session:

- Ad Hoc Full Session – end of school to 5:45pm - £15
- Ad Hoc Short Session – end of school to 4:30pm - £7.50

Ad Hoc Sessions, when available, must be booked and paid for via ParentMail (they cannot be booked or paid for in any other way). They will be available from 12noon on the Friday of the week before the Ad Hoc Session, so sessions for next week (w/c 23rd April) are available now. To book a session, please log into ParentMail and visit 'Payments' and then 'Shop' and then 'Clubs'.

If no sessions are visible then no spaces are available. If ParentMail lets you book and pay for a session then your session is considered 'confirmed' and you will not receive any other confirmation.

Gardening Club – any spare seeds?

We have a group of very keen Year 5 pupils who would like to help transform our school garden. If you have any spare seeds that you no longer need our budding gardeners would love to have them. Please drop them into the school office. Thank you.

A message from HOTS about Happy School Bags

Are you having a clear out this weekend? Once again you can recycle your good quality second-hand clothes, linen, soft toys and other items through Happy School Bag and help HOTS at the same time. Bags have been delivered to you via book bags or you can use your own. We appreciate that many of you may also have been donating to other causes but we hope there's still enough to go round to help everyone – every little helps – even if you can only spare small donations.

Please bring your bags back to school BEFORE 9am on Tuesday May 1st.

Parish Administrator Vacancy

Merton Priory Team Ministry is seeking a Parish Administrator, to be based in the parish office at Holy Trinity Church, South Wimbledon.

30 hours per week, including weekday mornings. £19,300 per year.

Full details are available at <http://www.ht-sw.org.uk/administrator.htm>

Closing date is Monday 14th May, 12 noon.

Merton Heritage Discovery Day

If you are interested in exploring Merton's fascinating history a Heritage Discovery Day is being held at Morden Library on Saturday 12th May from 12.30-4.00pm. Admission is free.

Term Dates 2018-2019

Mon 3rd September - Fri 19th October 2018 with Mon 3rd and Tues 4th Sept being an INSET day

Mon 29th October - Fri 21st December 2018

Mon 7th January - Fri 15th February 2019 with Mon 7th Jan being an INSET day

Mon 25th February - Fri 5th April 2019

Tues 23rd April - Fri 24th May 2019

Mon 3rd June - Tues 23rd July with Mon 3rd June and Tues 23rd July being INSET days

Dates for your diary

Date	Time	Event
May		Year 2 SATS
1 st May		Class Photographs
3 rd May		School Closed for Local Election
4 th May	9.00am	SEND Parent Group in Small Hall
10 th May	9.00am	5H Class Assembly
10 th May	6.00pm	Phonics Workshop (all invited but specifically for parents of children in Nursery, reception and Year 1)
14 th May		Year 6 SATS week begins and Assessment week begins for other years
18 th May	9.00am	Parent Prayer Group
21 st May		Book Week begins(Dress up day is on 25th May)
21 st May		Year 6 to Chessington
24 th May	9.00am	Owls Class Assembly
24 th May	7.00 – 9.00pm	Secondary School Information Evening
25 th May		Book Week Dressing up day Break up for half term
4 th June		INSET day
5 th June		2 nd half of term begins
7 th June	7.00pm	Parent Forum
8 th June	9.00am	SEND Parent Group in Small Hall
11 th June		Year 3 and 4 Sports Day
12 th June		Year 5 and 6 Sports Day
13 th June		Reception Sports Day
14 th June		Year 1 and 2 Sports Day
15 th June		Nursery Sports Day
15 th June	9.00am	Parent Prayer Group
23 rd June	12-4.00pm	Summer Fair
25 th – 29 th June		Year 6 School Journey to France
2 nd – 6 th July		Geography Week
5 th July	Time tbc	Open Evening
6 th July		Reception visit to Battersea Park
6 th July	9.00am	SEND Parent Group in Small Hall
11 th /12 th July	Time tbc	Year 6 Production
13 th July	9.00am	Parent Prayer Group
20 th July	9.15am	Leaver's Service @ Holy Trinity Church
20 th July	2.00pm	School term ends
23 rd July		INSET day

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Izzy Rickards – Headteacher