

Dear Parents and Carers,

Key Stage 2 had a fantastic time at Merton Music Foundation's String Fever Concert on Monday – they were wowed by this amazing string quartet. The children came back buzzing with excitement and hopefully musicians of the future have been inspired! Year 1 have had a very constructive day building castles as part of their design technology topic and I have been very impressed with their designs and building skills – definitely a few potential architects in the classes!

Athletics Congratulations

Huge congratulations to all the children who took part in the Athletics tournament last week. They all tried extremely hard in their own events and also showed support to their friends - a real team effort! We received lots of 1st, 2nd and 3rd places and overall came 4th out of 12 schools. Thank you to Mrs Brown and the parents who helped.

Road Safety Questionnaire

Please consider completing this road safety questionnaire. I have already completed it on behalf of the school, sharing many concerns, but if you could complete it too I would be very grateful.

Councillors on Merton Council's Scrutiny Commission would like to hear your views on road safety around schools and how it might be improved through this questionnaire <http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/3ECUV/>

Pollution and Parking

To reduce the amount of pollution in the local area please turn off your car engines when you are parked outside the school. I have had a number of local residents contact me concerned about our parents leaving their cars running for so long at drop off and pick up times.

We continue to have problems with parents who stop in the middle of the road to drop off children or collect children, and others who are still parking over driveways. Please consider your actions, some are unsafe, and others inconsiderate.

The Big Battery Hunt

Our Eco-warriors have been very active! On Monday we will be launching *The Big Battery Hunt*. Please look out for boxes in book bags next week in which you can place your used batteries so that they can be disposed of appropriately. For more information follow this link <https://nationalschoolpartnership.com/initiatives/bigbatteryhunt/>

Children's Mental Health Week

At Holy Trinity we endeavour to promote positive mental health across the school. We would like to continue to build our Children's Well-being Library Corner and HOTS have kindly set up a page <http://www.pta-events.co.uk/hots> for parents and carers who wish to contribute towards this initiative. The list of books can be found attached. Thank you for your ongoing support to help us to help your children.

HOTS Quiz Night – 8th February 2019

Doors open at 7.30, for 8.00pm start; ends at 11.00pm sharp

HOTS are pleased to announce that tickets for their super-popular annual quiz will go on sale on the morning of Monday 14th January. Tickets are £15 each and include a fish and chip supper (or veggie alternative), nibbles, and a glass of cava or soft drink on entry. There will also be a cash bar selling drinks and snacks.

Apply with a ready-made team of 8-10, or we will match you up with some other lovely people from school. A great ice-breaker! If you have a team already, you must purchase all your tickets together to ensure you secure a table together. Please also select the appropriate number of meal tickets for all your party.

Please note that, as we are expecting the event to be oversubscribed, tickets are only available to HT families in the first instance.

HOTS Seek Your Thoughts

It has been four years since the last HOTS funding survey. Since then HOTS has donated over £72,000 to the school. The survey output has proved invaluable in guiding our discussions and funding decisions. As we have funded most of the priority items that you chose from the last survey, we are now seeking your input to our funding decisions for the years ahead. To help guide you here is a reminder of HOTS' charitable 'Objectives'...

"To advance the education of pupils in the school in particular by:

- *Developing effective relationships between the staff and others associated with the school*
- *Engaging in activities or providing facilities or equipment which support the school and advance the education of the pupils "*

It would be useful to chat to your children before completing the survey as we ask for their input and ideas in our final question. You can find the survey online at... <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LRFDL72>

Guide Dog Concert

Please see the attached flyer with details of a concert in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Key Dates for 2018-2019

Date	Time	Event
31 st January	9.00am	3T Class Assembly
31 st January		Year 6 to The Natural History Museum
5 th February		Year 2 to Kew Gardens
4 th February	6.30-8.30pm	Parent Workshop – Mental Health with Dick Moore
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
14 th February		Kindness Day – Spread a little love
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
22 nd March	9.00am	SEND Parent Group – Small Hall (enter via Effra Road)
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
3 rd May	9.00am	SEND Parent Group – Small Hall (enter via Effra Road)
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

Have a good weekend.

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