

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer. It is so lovely having the children back at school, eager to catch up with old friends, and make new friends. Welcome back to you all, and welcome to our new families who have joined our school community. We look forward to our Reception children starting next week.

Thank you so much to those of you who donated your old school shoes at the end of last term. We were overwhelmed with the response. The shoes are now being worn by children in Zambia!



Our Growing Together Rules

We have revised our Growing Together rules and have shared these with the children this week.

Growing Together Rules

Treat others as you want them to treat you
Matthew 7:12



Be respectful

Be kind

Be safe

Be ready

Meet the Teacher Sessions

There will be an opportunity for you to find out about your child's new year group and meet your child's new class teacher on the following dates:

Date	Time	Session
9 th September	9.00-9.30am	Year 1 Meet the teacher session
10 th September	9.00-9.30am	Year 2 Meet the teacher session
11 th September	9.00-9.30am	Year 3 Meet the teacher session
12 th September	9.00-9.30am	Year 4 Meet the teacher session
13 th September	9.00-9.30am	Year 5 Meet the teacher session
16 th September	9.00-9.30am	Year 6 Meet the teacher session

On this occasion, please enter school from the playground, and leave via the front office. The meetings will take place in one of the year group classrooms and will end promptly at 9.30am to enable lessons to start on time.

Medication

If your child has an inhaler, epipen or any other regular medication please don't forget to visit the office to drop the medication off.

How to communicate with the school

Please find attached a summary of the best ways to communicate with the school.

School Meals Price Increase

The price of the school meals has gone up to £2.12 per meal for children in years 3-6. There is no charge for meals for children in Reception, Year 1 and 2.

Car Parking

I have already received an email from one of our neighbours informing me that a parent has parked across his drive, preventing him from getting to an important meeting. Please be considerate of our neighbours and do not park across their drives.

KS2 Pencil Cases

As you may be aware, we ask that all Key Stage 2 children bring in their own pencil cases for use in class. Please see below a list of items that are required:

- Simple pencil case (please do not send expensive pencil cases or those with 'gadgets' as these can be a distraction in the classroom)
- 2 x black handwriting pens (e.g. Berol Handwriter or Frixion 0.7mm Rollerball NOT a biro)
- Simple HB pencil
- Fluorescent highlighter pen
- 15cm Ruler
- Eraser
- Pencil sharpener
- Glue stick (not coloured)
- Colouring pencils (not smelly or glitter pencils)

Optional Stationery Items

- Felt tip pens (named if practically possible)

Please ensure that the pencil case is named and, if possible, all of the equipment. Please check and re-stock the pencil case during the holidays or as often as needed.

We do have a small supply of stationery in each classroom so if you are unable to provide these things from home please let the class teacher know in September.

Mobile Phones in School

In keeping with a number of local secondary schools we have decided that from September onwards, **smart phones should not be brought into school by children under any circumstances**. If children need mobile phones to contact their parents when walking to and from school, we suggest that you purchase a simple pay-as-you-go 'brick' phone (ideally with no camera) for this purpose.

On arrival at school, phones should be handed in to the class teacher and they will be returned at the end of the school day. Mobile phones may not be used by children anywhere on the school premises, therefore they may not be used in the school playground, in Breakfast Club, in After School Club or in one of the Activity Clubs which are organised through the school.

If your child needs to contact you, or you need to contact your child, at any time when they are in the school building, the office staff will be happy to help.

Attendance

We shall be monitoring the attendance of our pupils very closely. Please remember that holidays/time off should not be booked during term time. Any absence will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances.

Trim Trail

For safety reasons all children (pupils and their younger siblings) should not use the trim trail before or after school.

Scooters and Bikes

As soon as children reach the school gate they should push their bike or scooter to the bike/scooter park, to ensure that the playground is a safe place for everyone.

Snacks

The Government provides a piece of fruit or vegetable for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Children in Years 3 – 6 are welcome (and encouraged) to bring either a piece of fruit or vegetable in to eat at break time. No other snacks should be brought to school.

Allergies

We have an increasing number of children with severe nut allergies. Please ensure that your child doesn't bring any nuts into school in any form. This includes Nutella, peanut butter and cereal bars.

Please also remind your child that they should not share any of their lunch with anyone else, as we have children with other severe allergies.

Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge ends this Saturday 7th September. Don't forget to visit one of the Merton libraries to collect your rewards.

English as an Additional Language Coffee Morning – Monday 16th September @ 9.00am

If English is not your first language you are warmly invited to a coffee morning in the Small Hall on Monday 16th September straight after drop off. Please enter via Effra Road.

Notices from Mrs Quinn

Does your child want to learn a musical instrument?

If your child is keen to learn a musical instrument but can't decide which one, sign them up for Merton Music Foundation's 'Hands On Workshop' on Saturday 14th September 10 am-12 pm. They will take part in fun activities and get to try woodwind, brass, percussion and string instruments to see which one is right for them. More details and how to sign up at mmf.org.uk

Is your child already learning an instrument?

Merton Music Foundation are having Big Blast Sessions on Saturday 21st and Saturday 28th September. Brass, woodwind, string and guitar players welcome. More details and how to sign up at www.mmf.org.uk

Parents/Carers - Do you enjoy singing?

As some of you may know, the adult choir we have at school (Trinity Singers) has been successfully up and running for the past five years. We sing a wide variety of fantastic songs for fun and at various events (Carol Service/Summer Fair) and we've even been lucky enough to sing at the Royal Albert Hall twice!

We meet every other Thursday in the school hall from 8-9 pm and with a new school year upon us, we would like to open up the choir to any interested new members.

We are holding an Open Rehearsal on the 19th September from 8-9 pm which will give you a chance to see the choir for yourselves, join in....and hopefully sign up! You may have a lot of experience of singing in a choir or none - all are welcome. You don't need to be able to read music and you certainly won't be asked to sing on your own! If you enjoy singing - come along and join us on the 19th! You don't have to be a parent to join the choir – friends, other family members, child-minders are very welcome. The more the merrier!

Dates for this term are: 19th September, 3rd, 17th, 31st October, 7th, 21st November, 5th, 12th December.

Attached Notices

Please find attached notices regarding:

- How to communicate with the school
- Self-Care Calendar
- Kid's First Events – events for parents of children with SEND
- King's Rugby Club
- STEM Job advertisement

Key Dates for 2019-2020

Any new dates will be highlighted in subsequent Bulletins

Date	Time	Event
9 th September		Reception children start
9 th September	9.00-9.30am	Year 1 Meet the teacher session
10 th September	9.00-9.30am	Year 2 Meet the teacher session
11 th September	9.00-9.30am	Year 3 Meet the teacher session
12 th September	9.00-9.30am	Year 4 Meet the teacher session
13 th September	9.00-9.30am	Year 5 Meet the teacher session
16 th September	9.00-9.30am	Year 6 Meet the teacher session
16 th September		Nursery children staggered start
16 th September	9.00am	Coffee Morning for families for whom English isn't their first language
16 th September	PM	Year 4 Theatre Workshop
20 th September	9.00am	Parents' Prayer Meeting
25 th September		Year 6 visit to Hampton Court
26 th September	10.00am	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2020
26 th September	6.30-7.30pm	Information Evening for Reception Parents
27 th September	9.00am	Macmillan Coffee Morning
29 th September	10.00am	School Sunday @ Holy Trinity Church
7 th October	7.00-8.00pm	James Shone – <i>Keeping our eyes on the right ball</i> – Talk for parents/carers
11 th October	10.00am	Nursery Open Morning for entry in 2020
14 th –18 th October		Maths Week
16 th October	8.15-8.45am	Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
17 th October		School photographs
18 th October	9.00am	Parents' Prayer Meeting
18 th October		Break up for half term
28 th October		2 nd half of term starts
28 th October		KS2 First Aid Workshop
30 th October	3.50-7.00pm	Reception Parent/Teacher Meetings
31 st October	3.50-6.10pm	Reception Parent/Teacher Meetings
1 st November		KS2 - First Aid Workshop
7 th November	9.00am	6H Class Worship
11-15 th November		Anti-bullying week
11 th November	9.00am	Coffee Morning for families for whom English isn't their first language
14 th November	9.00am	3T Class Worship
15 th November	10.00am	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2020
18-22 nd November		Assessment week
21 st November	9.00am	2B Class Worship
22 nd November		Nursery Open Morning for entry in 2020
28 th November	9.00am	4H Class Worship
28 th November		Nasal Flu Vaccinations
4 th December	3.50-7.00pm	Years 1-6 Parent/Teacher meetings
5 th December	3.50-6.00pm	Years 1-6 Parent/Teacher meetings
9 th December	2.15pm	Reception Nativity
10 th December	9.30am	Reception Nativity
11 th December	9.15am	Year 2 Christmas show
12 th December	9.15am	Year 2 Christmas show
13 th December	10.30am/2.30pm	Nursery Nativity
13 th December		Christmas Jumper Day – children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper to school
18 th December	9.15am	Year 1 Concert
18 th December	6.30pm	Year 3/5 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church
19 th December	6.30pm	Year 4/6 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church
20 th December	2.00pm	Break up
6 th January 2020		INSET Day – School closed
7 th January		Term begins for all children
17 th January	9.00am	Parents' Prayer Meeting
23 rd January	9.00am	5T Class Worship
30 th January	9.00am	5H Class Worship
3 rd – 7 th February		Mental Health Awareness Week
6 th February	9.00am	3H Class Worship
12 th February	8.15-8.45am	Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
13 th February	9.00am	6T Class Worship
14 th February		Kindness Day
14 th February		Break up for half term
24 th February		2 nd half of term begins
28 th February		Parents' Prayer Meeting
5 th March	9.00am	2S Class Worship
6 th March	9.00am	PGL Meeting for Year 4 parents/carers
12 th March	9.00am	1F Class Worship

16 th – 20 th March		Assessment week
19 th March	9.00am	1M Class Worship
26 th March	9.00am	4T Class Worship
27 th March		Parents' Prayer Meeting
31 st March TBC	9.15am	Easter Service @ Holy Trinity Church
2 nd April	1.50-7.10pm	Parent/Teacher meetings NB School closes at 1.30pm
3 rd April		Easter Bonnet/Hat Parade
3 rd April	2.00pm	Break up for Easter holidays
20 th April		Summer term begins
22 nd – 24 th April		Year 4 PGL Residential
24 th April		Parents' Prayer Meeting
28 th April		Class Photographs
7 th May		Polling Day – School closed
8 th May		VE Day Bank Holiday – School closed
11 th – 14 th May		Year 6 SATS
22 nd May	9.00am	France Trip meeting for Year 6 parents
20 th – 24 th May		Book Week
22 nd May		Break up for half term
1 st June		INSET Day – School closed
2 nd June		2 nd half of term begins and Assessment week
8 th – 12 th June		Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Year 4 Timetables Check
15 th – 19 th June		Healthy School Week Sports Days for all year groups
16 th June	AM	KS2 Sports Day @ Garfield Park
17 th June	AM	Reception Sports Day @ school
18 th June	AM	KSI Sports Day @ school
19 th June	AM/PM	Nursery Sports Day @ school
22 nd – 26 th June		Year 6 in France
26 th June	9.00am	Parents' Prayer Meeting
9 th July	TBC	Open Afternoon/Evening
TBC	7.00pm	Year 6 Production
17 th July	9.15am	Leaver's Service @ Holy Trinity Church
17 th July	2.00pm	Term ends
20 th July		INSET Day – School closed

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Izzy Rickards
Headteacher