

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have been busy immersing themselves in their learning this week. The Senior Leadership Team looked at the KS2 books on Tuesday and were impressed by the quality of their work, and the beautiful presentation.

As I write, Year 3 are enjoying learning more about the Stone Age with the help of a visiting theatre company, and Year 5 are having a great time at the first of their jazz workshops run by King's College School.

As you know, at Holy Trinity, we are not only concerned with how children do academically, but also how their character develops. As a result, we will shortly be launching our *Growing in Awesomeness* scheme. Do read on to find out more.

Growing in Awesomeness

At Holy Trinity, we are committed to promoting character development and so we are proud to introduce our new programme **Growing in Awesomeness**. This will be launched next week with the children.

Each term, children will be given the opportunity to record one challenge in their special booklet for every character value. The children will need to accomplish their challenge at some point in the term. Being an active member of the scouts, for example, will warrant achievement of the Participation Step or setting a personal target such as walking the dog or achieving a particular distance in a sporting activity will warrant achievement of the Healthy Habits Step. Once a challenge has been completed, children will need to have their steps signed off by either Mrs Rickards, Miss Hann or Mrs Witting and an achievement sticker will be awarded. The children will also have the opportunity to celebrate their achievements during our Celebration Assemblies.

Our programme inspires children to become active citizens of both their school and wider community and therefore outside achievements are fully recognised. Through this approach, children are able to acknowledge and value wider progress beyond that of academic achievement and understand that character traits are transferable, lifelong skills.

Growing in Awesomeness is an on-going, life journey - one that involves and celebrates personal challenge, character development, growth and achievement. It is our aspiration that our children will feel inspired to live out our character building steps so that they may continue to shine and share, both now and as adults.

The 7 character values, together with some suggested examples, are:

Character Value	Suggested examples of challenges
Appreciation	Write/make a thank you card to someone telling them why you appreciate them Take photographs or create a piece of art to show your appreciation of creation
Participation	Actively participate in a club, team, band or group
Kindness	Bake a cake for someone who needs cheering up Show kindness in the home by doing things without being asked Work towards adding a kindness heart to our kindness tree in school Share games with others you might not normally play with, or invite them to your house for a play date
Resilience	Keep on going with a task you find difficult e.g. learning to ride your bike, swimming, juggling, knitting etc.
Healthy Habits	Choose fruit instead of pudding Complete the Healthy Habits chart at school Walk/scoot or ride to school instead of driving Reduce your use of digital devices, especially at night time, so that you get the recommended amount of sleep
Service	Contribute to a charity or cause Help out at a fundraising event Do something in the local community
Goal	Set yourself a personal goal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read an extra book • Learn a new skill e.g. baking • Beat your personal best in a sport • Work towards your next swimming badge or music grade

Share my Learning – Wednesday 16th October, 8.15-8.45am

A *Share My Learning* session will be held on Wednesday 16th October from 8.15-8.45am. Children will be able to take their parents/carers up to their classroom and share what they have been learning.

If you are arriving between 8.15am-8.30am then please enter via the main front door on Effra Road. After this time, enter via the back doors from the playground. Please remember that you are responsible for your children until the bell goes at 8.45am. We will ask parents to vacate the building at 8.45am so that we can start the school day promptly.

Reception parents/carers – feel free to come and see the classrooms, but workbooks will not be on display as the teachers are keen to show you these themselves at the forthcoming Reception Parent/Teacher meetings.

Individual School Photographs – 17th October 2019

On 17th 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!

Merton Sumdog Success

Congratulations to 6H who came first in Merton's Sumdog Competition, and to 6T who came third! Four of the top ten classes were from Holy Trinity. Also, in the individual competition, nine out of the top ten pupils were from our school. Huge congratulations to Leonardo, Letizia and Abigail, who were 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively. Keep up the amazing maths!

Pokemon Cards

Please note that from Monday 14th October Pokemon cards should not be brought into school. Thank you.

30 Hour Nursery Places

From September 2020 we are trialling offering 30-hour nursery places. Further information can be found on our website.

TAMHS Worker

We are delighted to welcome James Dawson, who is our new TAMHS (Targeted Mental Health in Schools) worker. He will be in school every Thursday. Once he is fully up and running you will be able to book appointments via the school office, but in the meantime please email headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk or sarah.duke@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk if you would like to book an appointment, or know more about the service.

Outdoor Paint

We are very keen to paint the planters in our playground with brightly coloured paint suitable for use outside. If you have any suitable half-used tins of paint that we could use, we would be very grateful. Thank you.

Key Dates for 2019-2020

Any new dates are highlighted

Date	Time	Event
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

12 th November	Evening Time TBC	Maths Information Session for Parents/Carers – Fluency in the Curriculum
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	3H Class Worship NB Date change
3 rd – 7 th February		Mental Health Awareness Week
6 th February	9.00am	5H Class Worship NB Date change
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
10 th March	Evening Time TBC	Maths Information Session for Parents/Carers – Reasoning in the Curriculum
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	KS1 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.

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Headteacher

