

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have been amazing this week! I have given out so many Headteacher stickers and gold stars for a number of different reasons – kindness, resilience and excellent effort. Year 2 have taken the SATS tests in their stride – we are very proud of all of them.

Year 5 are looking forward to their special Buzz Day with the Big Foot Theatre Company next Thursday, with a particular focus on friendship and teamwork.

Year 6 SATS

Our Year 6 children take their end of primary school tests next week. Please join me in praying for them to feel proud of their achievements.

Year 6 French Trip Parent Meeting – Friday 18th May @ 9.00am

Just a reminder that there will be a meeting for Year 6 parents about the French trip on Friday 18th May, 9.00am in the Small Hall.

Secondary School Information evening – Thursday 24th May, 7.00pm

Do join us for our Secondary School Information Evening on Thursday 24th May at 7.00pm. The evening will be particularly suitable for parents of children in Year 4 and 5, but all are welcome. During the evening you will find out about the application process, important dates, and hear about some of the local secondary schools.

Parent Forum – Thursday 7th June 7-9pm

The Governors warmly invite you all to our Parent Forum on 7th June. At this Forum there will be an opportunity for parents to discuss in more detail some of the topics raised in the recent NFER Parent Survey. Look out for the forthcoming Parentmail letter which will give further information about the evening. Please put the date in your diary.

Book Week

We will be holding our annual Book Week from 21st-25th May 2018. This year, our Book Week is themed around the book 'The True Story of the Three Little Pigs' as told to Jon Scieszka. As part of the week, we will be running several competitions in order to excite and renew the children's love of reading.

Get Caught Reading (whole school competition)

Can you think of a new and unusual place to read your book? Up a tree? In the pool? The great outdoors? Well if you can, this one's for you! All you need to do is ask a parent/carer to snap a photograph of you in your chosen location, print it off and deliver it to your class teacher/Mrs Niemann.

Mr Potatohead (Key Stage 1)

Who's your favourite character from a book? Can you design and create an outfit for them and turn a potato into a lookalike? Remember: If you want to carve into the potato, ask an adult for help.

Twist My Tale (Key Stage 2)

Could you turn a classic fairy tale on its head and write it from the villain's point of view?

Deadline for all competitions is Thursday, 24th May 2018.

The scholastic book fair will be here before and after school for the week commencing the 21st 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.

Lanyards

If you happen to have any red or yellow visitor lanyards at home that you may have taken home accidentally after a visit to the school, could you return them to the school office ASAP? Our stocks are running low and the lanyards are expensive to replace. Thank you.

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.

Netball LondonLive 2018

Once you've been to the School Fair on Saturday 23rd June 2018 why not head down to the Copper Box Arena to see some of the world's best netball players. Tickets are on sale at www.netballlondonlive.com

Literature Festival message from a Holy Trinity parent

Viveka (Holy Trinity parent) writes: Some of you know already that James and I run a children's book prize in memory of our late son Oscar. He died in 2012 when he was three and a half years old.

Oscar's Book Prize is an annual award for the best under-fives book of the year that celebrates a child's love for magical stories and highlight the importance of reading with children. The prize is now in its fifth year and supported by Amazon, the Evening Standard and the National Literacy Trust.

The winner of the 2018 prize will be presented during an awards ceremony in London next Monday. The finalists this year are:

- Lucie Goose by Danny Baker and Pippa Curnick
- There's A Pig Up My Nose by John Dougherty and Laura Hughes
- The Secret of Black Rock by Joe Todd Stanton
- Sunk! by Rob Biddulph
- That Bear Can't Babysit by Ruth Quayle and Alison Friend

They are all great, fun books to read and have read out loud to you and we can thoroughly recommend them to your children and especially younger siblings.

On Saturday 12 May we will be at the Barnes Children's Literature Festival. We would like to invite you to the Oscar's Book Prize session where authors and illustrators of two of the shortlisted books (There's a Pig Up My Nose and That Bear Can't Babysit) will be doing live illustrations and other fun crafty stuff for young (and older) readers. Tickets are £5 and can be obtained via the link below.

<http://www.barneskidslitfest.org/events/celebrating-oscars-book-prize/>

If you would like to find out more about the prize you can do so at www.oscarsbookprize.com. We are also on Twitter and Instagram as @oscarsbookprize. We must stress that we make absolutely no money from the Barnes event – the ticket price goes to the organisers of the festival.

We think it will be a great storytelling session and would love to see you there!

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
14 th May		Year 6 SATS week begins and Assessment week begins for other years
14 th -18 th May		Balance Bike Training for Reception
15 th May	3.30pm	Year 5/6 Boys inter-house cricket
17 th May		Year 5 working with the Big Foot Theatre Company on friendships and teamwork
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
29 th June	AM	The NED Show visiting (N ever give up, E ncourage others, D o your best) More details to follow
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