

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am very proud of the children! A number of teachers from other Merton schools came to observe our Primary Expert Teacher (Miss Dorey) teaching this week and were so impressed by how our children were challenged, the high quality of the work they produced, and their exemplary behaviour!

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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
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 Bank Holiday weekend.

Izzy Rickards – Headteacher