

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Year 5/6 Athletics team have just returned from a competition all wearing silver medals! We are all so proud of them – well done!

This week Year 5 visited the Science Museum, Year 6 went to the Natural History Museum and Reception, Year 1 & 2 enjoyed a fun drama workshop.



The Wild and Quiet Garden Makeover

I am so grateful to HOTS for their vision to give our Wild and Quiet Garden a makeover, to ensure they are safe and exciting places for our children to play. They have been fortunate to work with Jennifer Mitchel on the eco designs. This is a long term project which will take some time to complete, and is not intended to be finished in a year.

Please do take a look at the exciting plans attached to this Bulletin.

Parent Workshop focusing on worry and anxiety in children – Thursday 30th January, 9.00-10.30am

As part of our involvement in the Merton Mental Health Trailblazer Project we have been offered the opportunity for parents to attend a workshop focusing on worry and anxiety in children. This will be led by trained professionals. I realise that the timing might not suit everyone, but this is the only time that was available to us (feel free to join the workshop after the class assembly if this affects you). In order to gauge interest, I will send out a Parentmail form early next week.

Relationships and Sex Education Information Evening – Thursday 30th January, 6.30-7.30pm

We will be holding an information evening about our Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) curriculum for parents/carers on Thursday 30th January. There will be an opportunity for us to discuss the draft RSE Policy (attached to this Bulletin), and to discuss the curriculum in more detail. The materials we use will be on display for you to look at. In advance of the meeting we would appreciate any comments or questions you might have. We would be grateful if you could complete this short questionnaire with your comments and/or questions.

<https://forms.gle/ZpSiaANNMKTCRZGG9>

Night Shelter – a message from Maggie Thomson

Thank you so much for the very generous donation towards the Night Shelter – we are so grateful.

The Night Shelter runs at Holy Trinity Church every Thursday evening to Friday morning until the 7th March. We are still looking for volunteers to cover the night shift (10.00 pm to 6.00 am) on the 20/21 and 27/28 February and the breakfast shift on the 6 March (6.00 to 9.00 am). We also need help to transport the guests' luggage to Oasis Church near Collier's Wood on the 21 February. Also any offers to cook a veggie dish or dessert for the evening meal would be appreciated. If you can help with any of these please do email Maggie Thomson on mm_thomson@hotmail.com. Thank you.

Parent Helpers on School Visits

Thank you so much to our many parents/carers who offer to help on school visits. Due to stricter rules on safeguarding we have to now prioritise those parent helpers who have an up-to-date DBS check with the school. Thank you for your understanding and support with this.

Chickenpox

We have confirmed cases of chickenpox in school. Please remember that children with chickenpox may not return to school until 5 days after the spots first appeared and until all lesions have crusted over. For more information please see <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/rashes-in-children/> which includes useful photographs of various rashes.

Are you an electrician?

We have bought a new electric oven for our new cookery club to use and we need someone to help us wire it in. If you are a qualified electrician and might have time to volunteer to help us we'd love to hear from you! Please email headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk if you might be able to help us.

Wimbledon Theatre Trip - 'Twisted'

All the Key Stage 2 classes have been working hard at learning the 4 songs that they will be singing as part of the audience at the performance of 'Twisted' at Wimbledon Theatre on 3rd and 4th February. It would be great if the children could sing the songs (and maybe read some of the script) at home. The link is on the MMF website <https://mmf.org.uk/merton-schools-songpack-19-20/>

Come and celebrate Candlemas @ Holy Trinity Church

On Sunday 2 February at 10am, Holy Trinity Church is having a Christingle as part of the Feast of The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas). All are welcome to round off the celebration of the Christmas and Epiphany season.

Attached Items:

- Kid's First Events
- Local Services for Children with SEND

2020-2021 Term Dates

Autumn Term 2020

Thursday 3rd September - Fri 18th December 2020

*NB Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September INSET days so **children start on Monday 7th September***

Half term Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October 2020

Spring Term 2021

Monday 4th January – Thursday 1st April 2021

*NB Monday 4th January 2021 INSET day so **children start on Tuesday 5th January 2021***

Half term Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2021

Summer Term 2021

Monday 19th April – Friday 23rd July 2021

NB Monday 7th June and Friday 23rd July INSET days

Term ends for children on 22nd July 2021

Half term Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June 2021

Key Dates for 2019-2020

Any new dates are highlighted

Date	Time	Event
30 th January	9.00am	2S Class Worship NB Date change
30 th January	9-10.30am	Parent/Carer Workshop run by Sara Rosenthal as part of the Mental Health Trailblazer Project The focus will be on worry and anxiety in children and how parents/carers can support them
30 th January	6.30-7.30	Relationships and Sex Education Information evening for parents/carers More information available next week
3 rd – 7 th February		Mental Health Awareness Week
3 rd February		Year 3 to Twisted performance @ Wimbledon Theatre
4 th February		Year 4/5/6 to Twisted performance @ Wimbledon Theatre
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
3 rd March		Singfest – choir taking part @ St Mark's Church
5 th March	9.00am	3H Class Worship NB Date change
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
20 th March	PM	Disco organised by HOTS
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 NB There will be no After School Club on this day
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
1 st May	PM	HOTS' Quiz Night
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
27 th June		Summer Fair
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 all have a wonderful weekend.

Izzy Rickards

Headteacher