

Dear Parents and Carers,

You can tell it is the beginning of term – two Bulletins in one week! It has been wonderful to talk to the children about their summer holidays, and to see them settling back into school.

Kindness Tree

During assembly Mrs Witting told the children about our new kindness initiative and were very excited to actively participate. We now have our very own Kindness Tree which is situated opposite Mrs Rickards office. Any act of kindness witnessed by an adult will earn the children the opportunity to receive a heart from Mrs Rickards to place onto our Kindness Tree. At the end of each term we will count the amount of hearts and publish the grand total on the school website to celebrate. Our aim is the scatter as many seeds of kindness across the whole school, which in turn will extend to the wider community.

Meet the Teacher Sessions

There will be an opportunity for you to meet your child's new class teacher on the following dates:

Date	Time	Session
10 th September	8.45 – 9.20am	Year 1 Meet the teacher session
11 th September	8.45 – 9.20am	Year 2 Meet the teacher session
12 th September	8.45 – 9.20am	Year 3 Meet the teacher session
13 th September	8.45 – 9.20am	Year 4 Meet the teacher session
14 th September	8.45 – 9.20am	Year 5 Meet the teacher session
19 th September	8.45 – 9.20am	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.

Nursery Open Morning

There will be an opportunity for the new nursery children (and their parent/carer) to come and visit nursery on Friday 14th September. If your child has a morning place, please come from 9-10am. If your child has an afternoon place, please come from 10.30-11.30. Miss Smythe and Mrs Meta are looking forward to seeing 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.

Notices from Mrs Quinn

Choir and Orchestra Rehearsals

Choir rehearsals will begin next week - choir for Years 5 and 6 on Wednesday 12th at 1pm, and Choir for Years 3 and 4 on Thursday 13th at 1pm. Orchestra rehearsals will begin the following Tuesday (18th) after school until 4.30pm.

Trinity Singers

Parents, carers, friends - do you enjoy singing? At Holy Trinity we have an adult choir that meets every 2 weeks during term time on a Thursday in the Main Hall from 8pm-9pm. We sing a wide variety of songs - you may have heard us sing at the school Carol Services or at the Summer Fair. We are having an Open Rehearsal next Thursday 13th September for anyone to come along and sing with us. You don't need to be able to read music and you won't be made to sing on your own! We are an informal choir and a very friendly welcoming bunch of people. Our next BIG performance will be at the Royal Albert Hall next March along with our Year 5s - do you fancy joining us for

that? Do come along and have a sing with us. Entrance to school via the door in the car park at the side of the school. Current members - I look forward to seeing you all on Thursday. Mrs Quinn

Merton Music Foundation are having a 'Hands on session' for children to try out different instruments on Saturday 15th September - for more details, follow the link <https://mmf.org.uk/hands-on-session-sat-15-sept/>

Job Vacancy

We are currently advertising for a part-time Learning Support Assistant. Details of the post are on our website https://www.holytrinity.merton.sch.uk/web/job_vacancies/307910

Medication

If your child has an inhaler, epipen or any other regular medication it is essential that we have this in school – please bring the medication to the office on Monday morning.

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 – no other items are required:

- **One 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)
- Simple HB pencil
- Fluorescent highlighter pen
- Ruler
- Eraser
- Pencil sharpener
- Glue stick
- Colouring pencils (not smelly or glitter pencils)

Attendance and Illness

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.

If your child has sickness and/or diarrhoea, they must be off school for 48 hours following the last episode – we are keen to avoid the spread of illnesses.

Trim Trail

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

English as an Additional Language Coffee Morning – Monday 17th September @ 9.00am

If English is not your first language you are warmly invited to a coffee morning in the Small Hall on Monday 17th September straight after drop off. Please enter via Effra Road.

Welcome from the Faith Team Coffee Morning – Friday 21st September @ 9.00am

If you are a Reception parent/carer or are new to the Holy Trinity community then the Faith Team would love to invite you to a Coffee Morning on Friday 21st September, from 9.00am, in the Small Hall. Please enter via Effra Road.

Key Dates for 2018-2019

Date	Time	Event
10 th September		Reception children start
10 th September	8.45 – 9.20am	Year 1 Meet the teacher session
11 th September	8.45 – 9.20am	Year 2 Meet the teacher session
12 th September	8.45 – 9.20am	Year 3 Meet the teacher session
13 th September	8.45 – 9.20am	Year 4 Meet the teacher session
13 th September		Year 6 visit to Hampton Court
14 th September	8.45 – 9.20am	Year 5 Meet the teacher session
14 th September	9.00/10.30am	Nursery Open Morning for children starting September 2018

17 th September		Nursery children staggered start
17 th September	9.00am	Coffee Morning for families for whom English isn't their first language
19 th September	8.45 – 9.20am	Year 6 Meet the teacher session
27 th September	6.30pm	Reception Meet the teacher session and information evening
30 th September	Time tbc	School Sunday @ Holy Trinity Church
17 th October	8.15-8.45am	Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
18 th October	6.30pm	Maths Workshop for parents/carers
19 th October		Break up for half term
29 th October		2 nd half of term starts
12-16 th November		Anti-bullying week
19-23 rd November		Assessment week
5 th December	3.50-7.00pm	Parent/Teacher meetings
6 th December	3.50-6.00pm	Parent/Teacher meetings
10 th December	2.15pm	Reception Nativity
11 th December	9.30am	Reception Nativity
12 th December	9.15am	Year 2 Nativity
13 th December	9.15am	Year 2 Nativity
14 th December	10.30am/2.30pm	Nursery Nativity
18 th December	9.15am	Year 1 Concert
19 th December	6.30pm	Year 3/5 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church
20 th December	6.30pm	Year 4/6 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church
21 st December	2.00pm	Break up
7 th January 2019		INSET Day
8 th January		Term begins for all children
13 th February	8.15-8.45am	Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
15 th February		Break up for half term
25 th February		2 nd half of term begins
11 th – 15 th March		Science week
18 th March		Assessment week
20 th March	All day and evening	Year 5 at the Royal Albert Hall
2 nd April	9.15am	Easter Service @ Holy Trinity Church
4 th April	1.50-7.10pm	Parent/Teacher meetings NB School closes at 1.30pm
5 th April		Easter Bonnet/Hat Parade
5 th April	2.00pm	Break up for Easter holidays
23 rd April		Summer term begins
23 rd – 26 th April		Year 4 PGL Residential
13 th – 16 th May		Year 6 SATS
20 th – 24 th May		Book Week
24 th May		Break up for half term
3 rd June		INSET Day
4 th June		2 nd half of term begins
17 th – 21 st June		Sports Days for all year groups TBC
24 th – 28 th June		Year 6 in France
11 th July	TBC	Open Afternoon/Evening
17 th /18 th July	7.00pm	Year 6 Production
22 nd July	2.00pm	Term ends
23 rd July		INSET Day

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Izzy Rickards – Headteacher