

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you so much to those of you who have already completed our survey. Please can I encourage you all to complete it. The feedback we receive (both positive or negative) is really important to us.

### Parent/Carer Survey

Every year the Governors and School Leadership Team like to gather feedback from parents/carers about different aspects of school. We would be so grateful if you could take the time to complete this survey, as it gives us valuable information which we use to make improvements. Once we have the results from the survey, the Governors will organise a Parent/Carer Forum, to discuss the findings of the survey, and consider actions as a result of the feedback. The closing date for the survey is 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020. Please click on this link to complete the survey <https://forms.gle/xqjnlFXzQ6TvF3779>

Year 5 created their own Acts of Kindness Advent Calendar.





During wet play this week Year 6 children had a chance to use the new games bought by your generous donations – thank you so much.

Next week is our Computer Science Education week – we are looking forward to joining with schools around the world for an 'Hour of Code'.

### **Parent Governor Election – Voting Closes 12noon Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

Two candidates have been nominated for the Parent Governor vacancy: Shipra Gupta and Lilla Lovrencsics. To find out more about them, please see the ParentMail email entitled 'Parent Governor Election Autumn 2020'.

Each parent/ carer has one vote, regardless of how many children they have in the school. To vote, please log into ParentMail using the App or a web browser and locate the form entitled 'Parent Governor Ballot Form – Autumn 2020'.

Voting will close at 12 noon on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December and the winning candidate will be announced by the end of Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Poppy Appeal**

Thank you so much for your generosity with the Poppy Appeal this year. We raised a massive £336.95.

### **Carols by Trinity Singers**

Trinity Singers will be Carol Singing and bringing some COVID safe Christmas joy to the streets around school on Thursday December 10<sup>th</sup> from 6pm - 7pm. Our planned route will be from the school entrance in Faraday Road, along Evelyn Road, through Ashley Road to Florence Road, up to Trinity Road, down Clarence Road, back up Ashley Road and finish at the school entrance in Effra Road.

Our carol list is 'Away in a manger', 'Good King Wenceslas', 'O little town of Bethlehem', 'Once in Royal David's City', 'We 3 Kings', 'O come all ye faithful' and 'Silent Night'.

It would be great to see you, please do join in song with us from your doorsteps (or safely distanced if we don't pass your house) and let's bring some Christmas spirit to our neighbourhood at the end of a very long year.

### **Christmas Cards**

If your child would like to send Christmas cards to their friends we have worked out a COVID-friendly way of doing this! The post box will be in the school welcome area next week, from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

Children can post their cards in the box – please can they ensure that the child's first and last name, and class are clearly marked on the envelope. We will then leave the cards in quarantine and will distribute them during the final week.

### **Christmas Lunches**

Chartwells, our catering company, will be cooking a delicious Christmas lunch on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December** for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December** for children in Years 3, 4, 5, 6. Children are very welcome to bring a Christmas hat to wear whilst they eat their Christmas lunch.

Please note that on 15<sup>th</sup> December all children in KS2 will need to bring in a packed lunch, and children in Reception and KS1 will need a packed lunch on 17<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Christmas performances**

The children are all busy rehearsing for their Christmas performances. Sadly, this year we will not be able to invite you in to watch the performances, we will, however, be recording all of them. Information about how you can obtain the recording will be sent in due course.

### **Christmas Jumper day – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

Once again we will be taking part in Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Children may come to school wearing a Christmas jumper with their usual school uniform bottom half! For the privilege of wearing a Christmas jumper children are invited to donate to Save the Children Fund. Donations to Save the Children Fund can be made by following this link <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cjd200003184>

### **Covid Christmas Carols!**

HOTS are excited to announce 'Covid Christmas Carols!' **Join the whole school on Zoom on Thursday 17th December at 6pm as we sing out the school term in style!** This event is free but [you must register here on the HOTS website if you wish to attend](#). All those who register by Monday 14th will receive a **family Christmas party bag**. Please see more details on the flyer attached.

### **Christmas Gift Drive**

Can you donate to our Christmas Gift Drive? Led by pupils of the school, we are asking for donations of new toys up to £10 per item. **These will be given to children at home and in local hospitals who would not otherwise be receiving Christmas presents.** Gifts can be dropped off with Mrs Rickards at the Faraday Road gate. Please do not wrap them. **The deadline is Monday morning.**

**We appreciate there are a lot of requests to give at this time of year. Please only give if you feel you comfortably can do so. Thank you in advance for your support.**

### **Christmas chat and coffee**

Sunday will mark the start of Advent. This year the parent prayer group wanted to do something a bit different, so we are planning a series of 4 coffee mornings over the period of Advent to look at and talk about 4 key themes of Advent: Peace, Hope, Joy and Love. If you are interested we will be meeting each Friday morning at 9.15 - 10.15am over Zoom with a cup of coffee (and if you've got one, a mince pie), for some reflections and discussion. Whether you would consider yourself a believer or not, you are really welcome to share in some seasonal joy and tradition with us at this time of year

Meeting ID: 899 8542 2522

Passcode: 618287

### **#LetTheBellsRingOut - a musical Advent calendar from Merton Music Foundation, featuring Trinity Singers**

On the 1st December, Merton Music Foundation launched #LetTheBellsRingOut, an inspiring musical Advent calendar which promises to lift your spirits in the run-up to a rather different Christmas.

Every day up until Christmas Eve, a link on the MMF website will open a virtual door to reveal a video from Merton's wider musical community. This smorgasbord of 24 performances, mostly filmed during the pandemic, features professional bands and choirs as well as youth, school and community groups, including Trinity Singers.

Visit [www.mmf.org.uk/advent](http://www.mmf.org.uk/advent) each day to open the musical doors.

### **Families in need**

As a school community, we would like to support any families for whom Christmas will be difficult this year. If you need financial support, or you know a family in need, please email me confidentially on [headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk)

## **Might you be eligible for Free School Meals and extra funding for school?**

To make the application process easier school can now check eligibility on your behalf. All you need to do is email your name and National Insurance number to [sbm@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk](mailto:sbm@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk) giving your consent, and we can check your eligibility and let you know.

## **School Streets**

This is just to remind you that the School Streets Scheme is in operation on Effra and Faraday Road at morning drop off and afternoon pick up times. Please do not drive down either of these roads (unless you have an exemption permit), as you may receive a penalty notice.

## **Responsible Parking**

Sadly, one of our neighbours in Dudley Road, was unable to go to an important hospital appointment, as one of our parents had parked across his drive, and refused to move his car. Please show respect to our neighbours, and only park in designated parking bays.

## **Coats**

Please ensure your child brings a named coat to school.

## **Lockdown Lego Competition**

Thank you so much for all of your entries for the Lockdown Lego competition. The winner this week is Cleta from Year 6.



Next week's theme is 'Lego House' - [tickets can be purchased here](#), please email your entry to [hotsemail@gmail.com](mailto:hotsemail@gmail.com) by midnight on Wednesday

## **Holy Trinity Church Scavenger Hunt**

Holy Trinity Church are organising a Christmas Scavenger Hunt to take place between the 4th and 14th December. Follow the clues to find the answers and crack the code to enter into the prize draws. More information on the attached flyer or at <http://bit.ly/ht-hunt>

## **Attached items/links**

- Holy Trinity Church Scavenger Hunt
- Wilton Tennis Christmas Camp
- COVID Carols
- SENExtra Newsletter click [here](#) to view the Newsletter

## The Governors agreed the following Term Dates for 2021-2022

### Autumn Term 2021

- First day: Wednesday 1 September 2021  
(INSETs Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> so children back Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Last day: Friday 17 December 2021
- Half term: Monday 25 October to Friday 29 October 2021

### Spring Term 2022

- First day: Tuesday 4 January 2022  
(INSET Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> so children back Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>)
- Last day: Friday 1 April 2022
- Half term: Monday 14 February to Friday 18 February 2022

### Summer Term 2022

- First day: Tuesday 19 April 2022
- Last day: Friday 22 July 2022
- Half term: Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June 2022  
(INSETs Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, so children end Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July)

## Key Dates for 2020-2021

### Autumn Term 2020

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September - Fri 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

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

**Half term** Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020

### Spring Term 2021

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

*NB Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 INSET day so **children start on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021***

**Half term** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021

### Summer Term 2021

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021

*NB Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July INSET days*

**Term ends for children on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021**

**Half term** Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021

As further dates are added, these will be highlighted.

Date	Time	Event
11 <sup>th</sup> December		Christmas Jumper Day – children can come to school wearing a Christmas jumper, with their school uniform on the bottom half! We will work out a COVID-friendly way to collect £1 in aid of Save the Children Fund.
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Lunchtime	Christmas lunch for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 (packed lunch for Years 3-6)
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Lunchtime	Christmas lunch for Years 3-6 (packed lunch for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Staggered ends TBC	Break up
4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021		INSET Day
5 <sup>th</sup> January		Children start back

I hope you all manage to have a good weekend.

Izzy Rickards