

Dear Parents and Carers

I have been sent this wonderful poem, written by Jo, one of our parents – thank you Jo.

Dinner Time

Potatoes boil, fishcakes cook
Thinking about life...
It's been a very strange year
With sadness, pain and strife.

We've all tried our best to cope
Through weeks of ups and downs.
Essential, Key or Stay at home
It's been difficult all round!

Frontline, backline, last in line
We've tried to do our part.
This dinner message comes
With a very grateful heart.

Thank you if you worked long days
Long nights or in a shift.
Thank you if you helped a friend
Or neighbour with a lift.

Thank you if you listened
Showed someone sad you cared.
Thank you if you reassured
A crying child being scared.

Thank you if you sent a card,
Phoned or baked a cake
Thank you if you didn't scold
Your child for each mistake.

Thank you for caring lots
Being someone who was fun.
Who helped, healed, taught or shared a joke
When life really wasn't fun.

God created us unique
Same, but different - it's true.
To connect is being human
Makes us stronger, better too.

Whatever the future brings
Whether wrong, right or bright.
God can keep us going,
Help us love and shine his light.



Year 6 have been sketching self-portraits in Art this week – next week they are going to re-create them in the style of Andy Warhol!



Year 3 had great fun creating these pneumatic toys in design and Technology this week.

We are delighted that we have been awarded the Gold All Together award for the 3rd year running. Many thanks to Mrs Witting, and all of the staff and children for their efforts with this. Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors will be continuing to implement the All-Together strategies in the school.



Easter Egg Donations

As a school we are developing a link with the amazing local DONS charity. We have had a call from them to ask if we would consider donating Easter eggs to give to local children and families who may not receive one. If you would like to donate an Easter egg, there will be a table outside Reception's (Owls and Robins) play area on Monday morning only. Thank you so much.

Easter Bonnet/Hat Parade

On Thursday 1st April (last day of term), children are invited to come to school wearing an Easter Bonnet or Hat that they have made, if they would like to. Prizes will be awarded for creativity and ingenuity!

End of Term Arrangements – Thursday 1st April

To maintain the staggered pick up, each year group will finish an hour earlier than usual next Thursday 1st April. Children will be dismissed from their usual dismissal points.

School Photographs – Friday 7th May

Just to let you know that the photographer will be coming in on Friday 7th May to take class photographs. Please ensure that your child/children dress smartly, in full school uniform on that day.

Parent Forum – Tuesday 11th May, 7.00pm

The Governors will be holding their annual Parent Forum (via Zoom) on Tuesday 11th May 2021. This will be an opportunity for parents to discuss a number of different aspects of school life. Further details will be given after Easter, but please do put the date in your diary.

School Streets

The ANPR cameras have now been installed at the ends of Effra and Faraday Roads. They will be operational from Monday 29th March.

The Big Pedal

After Easter, Holy Trinity is participating in The Big Pedal, the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. Now in its 11th year, Sustrans Big Pedal has inspired hundreds of thousands of pupils, staff and parents to take active journeys to school.

There are many benefits to active travel, especially during a pandemic. Active travel is great for your physical health and mental wellbeing, helps to reduce congestion outside the school gate and contributes to cleaner air in the local area, making it great for the environment too!

The Big Pedal runs between 19th- 23rd April 2021 and we will be logging the active journeys to school of children, parents/carers and all school staff every day. Our most active day will be entered into a competition with prizes up for grabs for the most active school.

In addition, **on Friday 23rd April**, we would like the children to **'bling' their bike, scooter or wheelchair**. The theme will be **Nature**, to promote our eco-friendly values as a school and community. The best-dressed bike, scooter or wheelchair from KS1 and KS2, **as judged by our fabulous Junior Travel Ambassadors**, will win a prize so please encourage the children to get creative!



Unnamed Lost Property Photo Gallery

This is a photo of all of the unnamed lost property we currently have in school. If you see anything you recognise please telephone or email the team in the school office (020 8542 1591 or info@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk) before midday on Thursday 1st April. All unclaimed items will be recycled during the Easter holidays.



Online Safety

We hope to arrange a parent information session regarding online safety next term, but in the meantime I'm attaching the Online Safety Newsletter again, which has some useful information about parental controls.

Trinity Singers latest video!

<https://youtu.be/pmMMYjifjxw>

Trinity Singers (parents/carers/ friends of current and former pupils of Holy Trinity School) have been rehearsing over Zoom for the past year and have made this lovely video of a song we have been learning this term called 'As Long As I Have Music'. Follow the link to watch and listen to the song and if it inspires you to join (or re-join) a choir we would love to have you! We will rehearse for the first half of next term via Zoom but hope to go back to rehearsing in person at school after half term. Rehearsals are every 2 weeks during term times from 8-9pm on a Thursday evening.

Please email me (hilary.quinn@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk) if you would like to join us for rehearsals next term -you don't need to be able to read music, you don't have to audition and you definitely won't be asked to sing on your own! If you enjoy singing, then this is for you - we are a very friendly choir and would love you to come and enjoy singing with us.

'IN COMMON' Celebrating Wimbledon and Mitcham Common

Wimbledon Common will be 150 years old in 2021 and Mitcham Common will have its 130th birthday. In celebration, WCTT Young Actors Company are inviting young people of all ages to get involved and create poems, stories, drawings and paintings inspired by these two much-loved local spaces. A selection of the most original entries will be professionally framed and exhibited at [Canon's House](#) as part of its re-opening in July following a £4.4million restoration project. All entrants will be invited to attend a special Gala Event at Canon's House on Saturday 17th July. Please see the attached flyer for full details and an address to send your artworks. Closing date for applications is 30th May 2021. WCTT are also producing three Lesson Plans for Year 5 and 6 pupils about the two commons. They will be available to download from the WCTT website www.wctt.org.uk.

Friends of South Park Gardens Easter Art Extravaganza

Create an Easter-themed artwork for display and earn yourself a chocolate treat. It can be a painting, sculpture or any other type of artwork but do make it imaginative and colourful. These will be displayed in the Garden Pavilion from Sunday 28 March to Saturday 10 April.

Please hand your artwork in at the kiosk and leave your name and address and telephone number so we can get in touch with you. There will be an Easter chocolate bag for all entrants.

There is no fee for entering, but if you wish to make a donation, [here's the link](#).

Attached/Linked items

- Online Safety Newsletter
- Young Writers' Competition – children have been told about this in school, but you can find out more information on the attached flyer.
- Merton Libraries' Easter Events
- Families South West Magazine link <http://bit.ly/FSWMar21DigitalSS>
- Raring 2 go Spring Magazine <https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/kingstonandmerton/spring/>

Term dates for 2021-2022

Autumn Term 2021

- First day: Wednesday 1 September 2021
(INSETs Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd so children back Friday 3rd)
- 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 4th so children back Wednesday 5th)
- 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 6th June and Friday 22nd July, so children end Thursday 21st July)

As further dates are added, these will be highlighted.

Date	Time	Event
22 nd – 31 st March	PM	Parent/Teacher meetings will be held over a 2-week period for different year groups. These will all be held virtually. Further information has been sent via Parentmail
1 st April		Easter Bonnet/Hat Parade – children are invited to make their own hats or bonnets for our Easter Bonnet parade if they would like to
1 st April	Staggered times – one hour earlier	Break up for Easter holidays School will finish one hour earlier for each year group
19 th April		Summer Term starts
19 th – 23 rd April		The Big Pedal – please try to walk, scoot or cycle to school this week. 23 rd April – Bling your Bike, Scooter or Wheelchair – see the information above for more details.
11 th May	7pm	Parent Forum via Zoom – further details to follow
28 th May		Break up for half term – usual times
7 th June		INSET day
8 th June		2 nd half summer term starts
22 nd July		Term ends
23 rd July		INSET day

Have a lovely weekend and don't forget to put your clocks forward on Sunday.

Izzy Rickards