

### Growing together as children of God



At Holy Trinity C of E Primary School:

- ✓ we want our pupils to **grow** in confidence, independence, resilience and knowledge, so that all achieve their full potential and develop a life-long love of learning and of the world around us.
- ✓ we work **together** with families, community and church to model positive relationships, supporting each other and acknowledging that we are stronger when we work together.
- ✓ we are growing together as **children of God**, strengthening our faith, secure in the knowledge we are unique, loved and cherished.

Dear Parents and Carers

I am so grateful for your support this term. I'm so sorry that you couldn't be present at the KS2 Carol Services, but a recording will be sent to you, so that you can see how wonderful your children were. My thanks go to Mrs Quinn, and the KS2 team, for all of their hard work in preparing for the carol services.

As you will know, we have had an increase in COVID cases over the last 2 weeks. Please send me an email ([headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk)) during the holiday, if any children test positive for COVID. At the moment, we have not received any guidance regarding changes to the start of term in January. If I receive anything during the holiday, I will, of course, let you know.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy, safe and peaceful Christmas.





Many of our classes have been donating food for the Wimbledon Foodbank as part of our Reverse Advent Calendar project. Thank you to all of you for your donations.



A selection of the wonderfully festive Christmas jumpers from last week.





Year 4 made book covers, whilst investigating fastenings, in their Design and Technology Project.

### Messages from HOTS

**A HUGE thank you** from the HOTS committee to everyone who has taken part in our fundraising efforts this term. Across our Summer fundraiser, in-person events and initiatives such as Christmas tree sales, plus the inventive and generous donations of several classes and families, we have raised a massive (drumroll please...) **£8000** this term!!!!

**This money will make a HUGE difference to your school.** Here are just some of the ways your money will help:

- New reading **books** for the library and all year groups
- New **sports** and **playground** equipment
- **Mental Health** workshops for all children
- New **instruments** for music including a new **piano** for the school hall
- New **technology** equipment for ICT

...and a lot more which you will hear about in the New Year.

Thank you again to everyone,

*The HOTS Committee*

### Pre-loved Uniform

Pre-loved uniform is available to buy from through HOTS. Do follow the link to their online shop.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hots/index.cfm?event=shop#.YbUGjdDPIPY>

### Holy Trinity Church Scavenger Hunt

Holy Trinity Church has organised two Scavenger Hunts (a long one and a short one) that can be completed up until Friday 24th December. More information can be found on the Holy Trinity website (<http://bit.ly/ht-hunt>) where you can also sign up to take part. Each trail costs £10.

### Online Safety

Here is a link with some activities from Google 'Be Internet Legends Parent Zone' for helping keeping children safe online.

<https://www.parents.parentzone.org.uk/legendaryparent>

### Free English-Speaking Lessons

We will be holding a conversation class mainly aimed at learners who would attend an ESOL (**English for Speakers of Other Languages**) class.

**Start date 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

**When:** Fridays at Holy Trinity Primary School

**Time:** 8:45-11 o'clock



It is for anyone who would like to practice their English and it will be a 4-week course.

The aim of this class is for you to be able to:

- Introduce yourself in English with the correct word order
- Hold a simple conversation
- Practice handwriting
- Practice telling the time
- Speak about your country of origin and your likes and dislikes
- Speak about your hobby
- Practice speaking about symptoms (for example telling the GP that you have fever or feeling unwell)

This class will be led by Ifrah Sheikh who is a qualified ESOL Teacher (ESOL Tutor) and Sarah Williams who will be a teaching assistant.

No need to book, just come along.

### **Merton School Consultations**

Merton are proposing changes to a number of schools in the Borough – including reducing the Pupil Admission Number in some schools. For further information please follow this link [School admissions arrangements and supplementary forms : 2023/24 | Merton Council](#)

### **Attached/Linked items:**

- Touch Typing Christmas Course
- Mental Health Support during the Christmas holidays

### **Term dates 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)

### **Term Dates 2022-2023**

#### **Autumn Term 2022**

- First day: Thursday 1 September 2022  
(INSETs Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> so children back Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September)
- Last day: Friday 16 December 2022
- Half term: Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October 2022

#### **Spring Term 2023**

- First day: Tuesday 3 January 2023  
(INSET Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> so children back Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January)
- Last day: Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023
- Half term: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023

#### **Summer Term 2023**

- First day: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023
- Last day: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023
- Half term: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023  
(INSETs Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July, so children end Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023)

As further dates are added, these will be highlighted. By next week we will be able to give you all of the dates for this term.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Notes</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> January 2022		<b>INSET Day – School closed</b>	
5 <sup>th</sup> January 2022		Term begins for all children	
11 <sup>th</sup> February		Break up for half term	
21 <sup>st</sup> February		2 <sup>nd</sup> half of term begins	
1 <sup>st</sup> April	2.00pm	Break up for Easter holidays	
19 <sup>th</sup> April		Summer term begins	
9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> May		Year 6 SATS	
27 <sup>th</sup> May		Break up for half term	
6 <sup>th</sup> June		<b>INSET Day – School closed</b>	
7 <sup>th</sup> June		2 <sup>nd</sup> half of term begins	
6 <sup>th</sup> June -17 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Window Year 4 Timetables Check Window	
21 <sup>st</sup> July	9.15	Leaver's Service @ Holy Trinity Church	
21 <sup>st</sup> July	2.00pm	Term ends	
22 <sup>nd</sup> July		<b>INSET Day – School closed</b>	

I hope you have a lovely holiday.

Izzy Rickards