

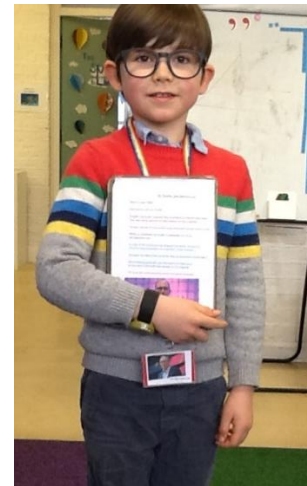
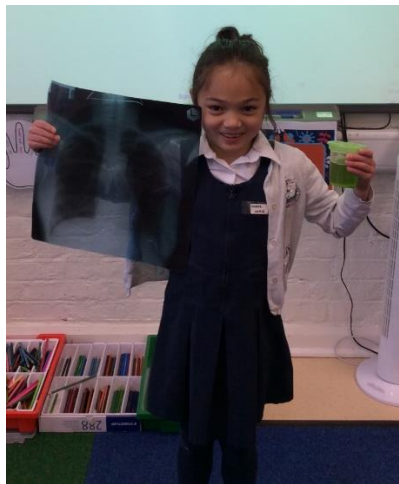
Dear Parents and Carers

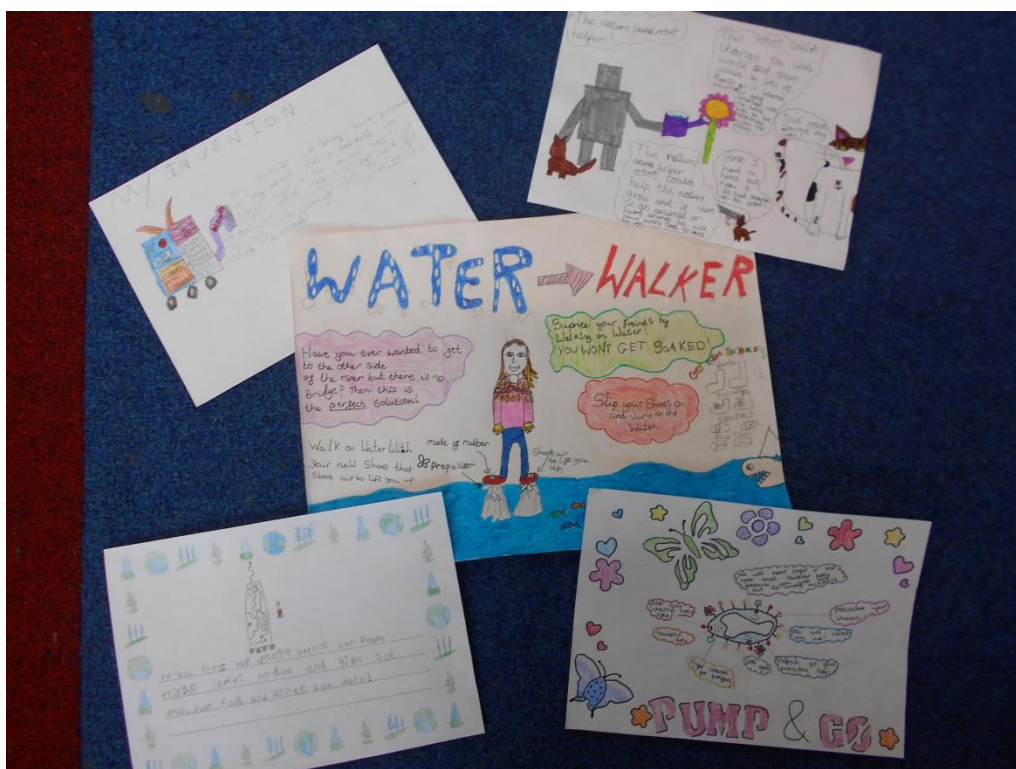
It continues to be wonderful to have the children back in school!

We were delighted to welcome Councillor Sally Kenny, the Mayor of Merton, to school this week. She is visiting Merton schools to present certificates to recognise the efforts of the whole school community during the pandemic. Thank you for the part that you have all played in this.



We had so many wonderful photographs from our Science Week last week, that we had to share more with you!





These posters will be entered into the British Science Association's poster competition.



Year 6 pupils proving to us that you can read anywhere!

Next week we will be marking the Church of England's day of reflection in our worship. Do take a look at the attached flyer for more information.

### **Easter Bonnet/Hat Parade**

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> 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!

### **Parent Forum – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 7.00pm**

The Governors will be holding their annual Parent Forum (via Zoom) on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 Drop off and Pick Up**

Just a reminder to keep your younger children with you whilst you wait for the classroom door to open or whilst you wait to collect older children. No-one should be playing on the trim trail, or in the wild or quiet gardens, or scooting/riding around the playground. Thank you so much for your support with this, as we try to avoid bubbles mixing, and keep everyone as safe as possible.

### **Messages from HOTS**

#### **Pre-loved Uniform**

Trousers a little bit little? Shorts a bit too short? You can buy **great quality, preloved uniform from the HOTS website** including grey trousers and shorts (which we know are hard to come by at the moment!) Just visit the HOTS website here to browse and buy: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hots/>

#### **Masks**

Some of our wonderful HT parents have been busy making beautiful fabric face masks once again. With a big selection of fabrics and patterns to choose from, purchase yours from the HOTS website here - <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hots/>

### **Rapid lateral flow testing for households and bubbles of school pupils and staff**

We have received further guidance from our local Public Health team. Members of households, childcare or support bubbles of school staff and pupils, will be able to access twice weekly lateral flow COVID testing for the adults. **This is entirely optional.** These can be accessed using one of the following methods:

- Booking a lateral flow device tests in Merton [Book a rapid test for coronavirus \(lateral flow test\) \(merton.gov.uk\)](https://www.merton.gov.uk)
- Collecting a home test kit (contains 14 tests). Click to find your nearest collection site [COVID Test Finder \(test-and-trace.nhs.uk\)](https://test-and-trace.nhs.uk) More local sites are being added
- Order a home test kit online (if you are unable to get to a test site or collect a test kit) [Schools testing: Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow home test kits - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

This is a national programme. Further information as it is released and look to increase the number of collection sites locally. For more information: [Rapid lateral flow testing for households and bubbles of school pupils and staff - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff)

### Attached/Linked items

- After School Club Policy 2021
- Church of England's Day of Reflection
- Clarks Shoe Shop – flyer about booking a slot to have your child's feet measured
- Arty Party are unable to start running their clubs live during the summer term but they are offering virtual classes. Parents will be able to book for a summer term (probably shorter than a full term) via this link: [www.artyparty.co.uk/afterschoolclubs/zoom](http://www.artyparty.co.uk/afterschoolclubs/zoom) and can enquire for more information via: [jo@artyparty.co.uk](mailto:jo@artyparty.co.uk)
- Families South West's March Edition <http://bit.ly/FSWMar21DigitalSS>

### 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)

As further dates are added, these will be highlighted.

Date	Time	Event
22 <sup>nd</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> April	Staggered times – one hour earlier	Break up for Easter holidays School will finish one hour earlier for each year group
19 <sup>th</sup> April		Summer Term starts
11 <sup>th</sup> May	7pm	Parent Forum via Zoom – further details to follow
28 <sup>th</sup> May		Break up for half term – usual times
7 <sup>th</sup> June		INSET day
8 <sup>th</sup> June		2 <sup>nd</sup> half summer term starts
22 <sup>nd</sup> July		Term ends
23 <sup>rd</sup> July		INSET day

### A prayer from the Church of England's Day of Reflection

God of love,

As we think about all that has changed this year, help us to trust that you are always with us.

As we remember those who have died, help us to trust they are at peace with you.

As we reach out to others with kindness and care, may hope shine out in every heart and home.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Have a lovely weekend.

Izzy Rickards