

Dear Parents and Carers

We were delighted to welcome the youngest members of our school this week. The Nursery and Reception children have, so far, settled in amazingly well.

In Worship we have started a series on Mark's Gospel, and this week have looked at the healing of the paralysed man, and the ten lepers. Through these stories we have learnt about the importance of good friends, and remembering to say thank you. We have reminded the children again about our Growing Together Rules.



Holy Trinity
C of E Primary School

Treat others as you want them to treat you

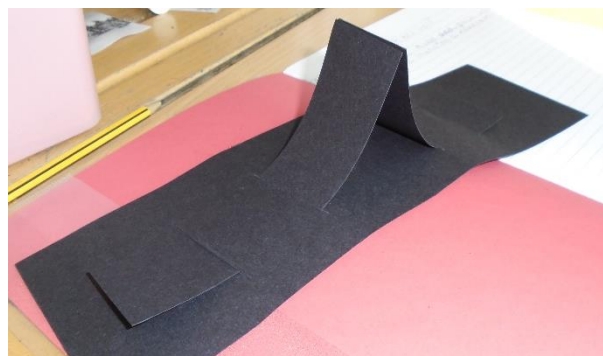
Matthew 7:12

Be respectful

Be kind

Be safe

Be ready



Year 3 have had a busy week finding out about The Stone Age, and discovering how mountains are formed.

Open Door Policy

I wanted to remind all families, that I operate an Open-Door Policy. If you would like to contact me do email me at headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk

Celebration Worship

Every Friday the whole school joins together for Celebration Worship. We love to celebrate all that the children have been doing at this time. If your child has something to share from outside of school (e.g. music certificate, Beavers badge, dance exam, sport achievements etc.) please encourage them to bring their items in any Friday and either put them in my office, or place them on the Worship table in the hall on a Friday morning.

COVID Update

If there is a positive COVID case in your child's class, I will send a Parentmail to the whole class to let them know. Due to changes in the self-isolation rules, only the child (or adult) who has tested positive would need to self-isolate for 10 days. Schools no longer have the responsibility of identifying close contacts as NHS Track and Trace fulfil this role.

If your child has any COVID symptoms, please keep them off school, and arrange for them to have a PCR test. Please keep school informed.

Breakfast Club

The Breakfast Club team have asked me to remind you to drop your child at Breakfast Club between 7.45 and 8.00. Any child arriving after this time will not be admitted, and will need to be supervised until 8.30 when the school gates open. Thank you so much.

Residential Visits

We are holding bookings for both our Year 4 PGL Residential and our Year 6 France Residential, and we very much hope that both of these will be able to go ahead this year. Further information will be sent to Year 4 and 6 parents/carers in due course.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

These will be held virtually this half term (see the dates list). We know that parents/carers will be keen to see their child's books, so we have also included a 'Share My Learning' session just after half term to enable you to come in and visit your child's classroom and see their books.

School Streets

Just a reminder that we are part of the School Street Initiative. Parents/carers are not permitted to drive down Effra or Faraday Roads at the beginning or end of the day (please refer to the signs on the road for further information about timings). If you do, you are likely to receive a Penalty Charge Notice. If you, or your child, has a blue badge, we are able to apply for an exemption permit for you. Please contact the school office if this applies to you.

Music at Holy Trinity – A message from Mrs Quinn

I am delighted that choir and orchestra will finally be able to resume this term!

Year 3 and Year 4 choir will be on a Thursday lunchtime.

Year 5 and Year 6 choir will be on a Wednesday lunchtime.

Both choirs will start in the week commencing 13th September. There are no auditions for the choir – all children are welcome to join, but are expected to show commitment to rehearsals for at least a half term session after the first 'try out' rehearsal.

Orchestra will be an afterschool club on a Tuesday and will start on 5th October. If you child has instrumental lessons and would be interested (mainly for Years 4,5 and 6) please let me know as this club is by invitation only.

Instrumental lessons. If you are interested in instrumental lessons for your child, we offer many choices of instruments, mainly through Merton Music Foundation who send tutors into school. Please contact them for details or speak to me.

Website: <https://mmf.org.uk/lessons/>

Admin Office: 020 8640 5446

Parents and Carers – do you enjoy singing songs from the musicals? I am really excited that Trinity Singers (our adult choir for parents and friends of Holy Trinity School) is finally able to rehearse again together indoors after so long! We would love to welcome new members. You don't need to be able to read music and you won't be asked to sing a solo! We are a very friendly choir so if you enjoy singing, then this is for you. This term I have decided that we will have 'Musicals' as our theme and will be singing songs from 'Les Mis', 'Joseph and his Amazing Technicoloured Dreamcoat', 'Hamilton' and 'The Greatest Showman'. I will also be doing some of the same songs with the school choirs, so if your child joins their year group choir you will be able to practise together at home! Our first Open Rehearsal is on Thursday 16th September from 8pm to 9pm in the school hall (entrance through car park). Please come and give us a try – I look forward to seeing you all.

Any queries about any of the above, please feel free to come and speak to me (I am in school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays) or email me (hilary.quinn@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk)

Secondary School Applications

Please see attached a presentation from Merton with useful information for Year 6 parents, about the secondary school application process. Do contact headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk if you need support with this process.

Summer Reading Challenge Finishes 11 September

You have until this Saturday the 11 September to complete the Summer Reading Challenge. Children completing the challenge will get a medal and certificate and will be entered into our prize draw, where one lucky child will win an iPad.

For more information visit www.merton.gov.uk/libraries

Black History Month – Saturday 30th October 2021 10.30-5.30pm Wimbledon Library

Theme: 'Reading/writing as a vehicle for Healing and Wellbeing'

This year we will be focussing on the benefits of books and reading, promoting the work of previously unknown black writers and artists and their contribution to the written world.

There will be additional items: story-telling, music/dancing by international artists and Black, Asian, Western art & craft displays, with stalls offering health, wellbeing and other information.

Entry will be FREE with Ethnic foods and drinks available at reasonable cost.

Further information from: BAME VOICE 0208 648 5405; email: info@bamevoice.org



We need families like YOU!

Trends UK, the makers of the Science Mad! collection, is looking for up to 5 families to join its Science Mad! Squad of testers. So, if your kids love science, register your interest in joining the Science Mad! Squad today and your family could be selected to test out and review some of the incredible kits and real pieces of science equipment from the Science Mad! collection.

If this sounds like something you'd like to get involved with, email Georgie@evolution-pr.co.uk for more information.

All that we'll need at this stage is:

The name of your child/children

The age(s) of your child/children

Your name

And, in your child's/children's words, the reason(s) why they LOVE science

You have until 17th September 2021 at 11:59pm to email Georgie to register your interest.

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Attached/Linked items:

- Secondary School Information for Year 6 parents
- SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability) activities in Merton
- Kings' Rugby

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. By next week we will be able to give you all of the dates for this term.

Date	Time	Event	Notes
13 th September		Reception in full time	
21 st September			
22 nd September	9.30-10.30	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2022	Talk in hall then tour
28 th September	6.00-7.00pm	Information Evening for Reception Parents	6.00-6.30 Tour 6.30-7.00 Talk
30 th September	9.00	Harvest Service @ Church for KS2 only	
8 th October	9.30-10.30	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2022	Talk in hall then tour
14 th October		School photographs	
15 th October	9.30	Nursery Open Morning for entry in 2022	Talk in Small Hall then visit nursery
18-22 nd October		Parent/Teacher Meetings this week	These will take place virtually this term and information about booking will follow
19 th October	9.30-10.30	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2022	Talk in hall then tour
22 nd October		Break up for half term	
1 st November		2 nd half of term starts	
2 nd November		School Eucharist @ school	Further information to follow
5 th November	9.30	Nursery Open Morning for entry in 2022	Talk in Small Hall then visit nursery
8 th – 12 th November		Anti-bullying week	
10 th November	8.15-8.45am	EYFS/KS1 Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers	
11 th November	8.15-8.45am	KS2 Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers	
12 th November		World Kindness Day	
17 th November	9.30-10.30	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2022	Talk in hall then tour
26th November		Extra Bank Holiday – School closed	*In lieu of Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday in May 2022
29 th November – 3 rd December		Assessment week	
1 st December	2.00	Nursery Open Afternoon for entry in 2022	Informal talk in nursery and tour
7 th December	9.15	Reception Nativity	Robins' parents/carers to watch
8 th December	9.15	Reception Nativity	Owls' parents/carers to watch
9 th December	9.15	Year 2 Christmas show	Year 2 parents/carers invited
10 th December	10.30/2.30	Nursery Nativity	Nursery parents/carers invited
10 th December		Christmas Jumper Day – children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper to school and give a donation to Save the Children Fund	
14 th December	9.15	Year 1 Concert	Year 1 parents/carers invited
15 th December	6.30	Year 3/5 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church	All children in Year 3/5 to attend Parents/carers invited
16 th December	6.30	Year 4/6 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church	All children in Year 4/6 to attend Parents/carers invited
17 th December	2.00pm	Break up	

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

***NB The Government has asked schools to select one extra day of holiday during the 2021-2022 academic year, in lieu of the extra Bank Holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, which falls within the May half term. This extra date has been confirmed as Friday 26th November 2021**

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Izzy Rickards