

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been so wonderful to see the school full of children (and staff) again! I am so impressed by how well everyone has settled back into school, with enthusiasm and positivity. There is a real buzz around the place again! Year 6 created these emojis to represent how they felt about coming back to school!



We've had a great Science Week, with children taking part in so many different practical investigations. I have been so impressed by the costumes today too! My thanks go to Miss Poverello and Miss Brown for organising the week. We will publish more photographs next week!



We've also focused on International Women's day, learning about the amazing endeavours of Mae Jemison, the first African-American woman to travel to space. Her story really inspired us all.



World Book Day 2021 Competition

Thank you for all the wonderful entries to our World Book Day Competition. We were blown away by your creativity and your fantastic potato and egg book characters! Congratulations to the following winners – Sam (Nursery), Emily (Reception Owls), Emmeline (Year 1 Moles), Orla (Year 2 Badgers), Darcy (Year 3T), Megan (Year 4T), Emma (Year 5H) and Amelie (Year 6H) – WELL DONE! We hope you enjoy your book prizes!

Merton's Sumdog Contest

The Merton Sumdog contest has finished – thank you to everyone who took part. We are delighted that 2S won the whole competition – many congratulations to you all.

School Pick Up

Just a reminder to keep your younger children with you whilst you wait to collect older children. No-one should be playing on the trim tail, 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.

Graphic Designer

If you are a graphic designer, or know of a graphic designer, please do email headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk – thank you.

Father Mark's Worship

Father Mark's worship this week is about Science Week.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ScryoemrxQvMzWnF0h5IXf_PpM4f_ydM/view?usp=drivesdk

Smartphones

This is just a reminder that the only children who should be bringing phones into school are those in Year 5 and 6 who walk to and from school unaccompanied. These phones should not be smartphones, but rather pay-as-you-go 'brick' phones.

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. 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://www.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)

AFC Wimbledon Courses

Saturday Morning Player Development Centre (Football for All)

Our Saturday Morning is a fun and friendly football environment for boys and girls aged 4-15 years.

As well as developing skills with our FA and UEFA qualified coaches, participants also get the opportunity to meet AFC Wimbledon Players and attend home games!

The hour-long sessions are split into fun focused warmups, skills/drills and 30 minutes of competitive small sided matches in appropriate age groups.

How to find us;

Wimbledon Park, please enter via Wimbledon Park Car Park Entrance.

Revelstoke Road, Wimbledon, SW18 5NN

<https://afcwfoundationpay.square.site/product/afcwf-schools-offer/17> - This link will provide any of your pupils the offer of £30 for all Saturday Morning sessions from Saturday 3rd April to Saturday 29th May.

Easter Holiday Course

Our holiday courses create a fun and friendly environment for boys and girls aged between 4-15 years looking to develop their football skills.

Sessions focus on developing core sporting skills and providing opportunities to implement them in match play. Activities include;

- Skills and drills
- Medals and prizes
- Fun games
- Matches
- Player visits
- Mascot visits
- Tournaments
- Competitions
- Player of the Day/Week

Mini Kickers 4-7 years ONLY (Mixed) 10am – 12.30pm £50

Junior Players 8-15 years ONLY (Mixed) 10am – 3pm £70

Session Times

10am-12.30pm **4 – 7 YEAR OLDS**

10am – 3.00pm **8 – 15 YEAR OLDS**

9.45 – 10am **REGISTRATION FOR ALL AGES**

Early drop off 9am **ADVANCED BOOKING NEEDED**

How to find us;

For FREE parking: Please note you will have to walk round the outside to access the football pitch at the below address.

Aspire@Southfields

Merton Road

London

SW18 5JU

Registration/Drop-off and Collection:

Aspire@Southfields

Burr Road

London

SW18 4SS

PLEASE BOOK VIA THIS LINK <https://afcwimbledonfoundation.com/holiday-courses>

Attached items

- Summer football club sessions

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. If COVID restrictions are eased after 21st June, we hope to be able to plan end of year events!

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
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.

Izzy Rickards