

Dear Parents and Carers

Our Worship themes this week have focused on Harvest and Prayer. Sadly, we haven't been able to have our usual Harvest Service at the church, or collect our usual harvest goods to share with others. If you would like to make a harvest contribution, do take a look at these two websites and consider supporting one of them.

<https://sendacow.org/>

<https://wimbledon.foodbank.org.uk/>



One of our pupils took this photograph of a rainbow over the school to remind us all of God's promises to us and his faithfulness to us.

As part of their History topic, Year 3H got their hands dirty today whilst creating their very own mini Stonehenge.



A message from the governors

Welcome to 2020/21. Last night the school governors held their first meeting of the school year. They remain virtual for the time being. It was great to hear how the staff, pupils and families are settling into the new normal and to look at our plans for the curriculum, recovery, financial stability and wellbeing, underpinned by our Christian ethos. It's been an encouraging start to the new school year.

Parents have generously donated to the classroom and to our governors' fund so thank you - we really appreciate it, especially as we know it's not been an easy time for some of you.

Last night we said goodbye to two governors - Beckie Mills and Caroline Hopper - and welcomed new Foundation governors, Clare Judd and Gemma Anderson, alongside our new LA governor, Camilla Wheeler-Bennett. A huge

thank you to all the governors for volunteering their time and expertise and particularly to Beckie and Caroline for their hard work, expertise and friendship over the past four and six years.

If you are interested in becoming a governor or want to get in touch, our email is governors@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk

School Photographs

Just a reminder that individual school photographs will be taken on Thursday 15th October throughout the day. Please ensure your child comes to school dressed smartly in their full uniform. Anyone with PE on that day should wear their school uniform, together with trainers.

We are aware that there are some secondary school tests on the same day. We will endeavour to organise the schedule to enable children sitting the tests to still have their photograph taken.

Miss Banks' Marathon Challenge

Miss Banks wants to say a huge Well Done to all of those children who completed her 26 challenge. Despite the weather, lots of you managed to stay active for 26 minutes. She is really proud of you all. She received several photos this week which have been displayed on the PE board in the Welcome Area. These children have all been awarded with a special Holy Trinity Marathon Certificate! Well done to you all!



For the next 2 weeks all children in Year 2-6, who have their lesson with NEAT, will be taking part in internal PE competitions. There will be some different prizes to be won too. Coach Ben and Coach Stan are looking forward to seeing the skills and teamwork you have built this half term!

School Streets Scheme – Important Update

As you will have seen, the School Streets Scheme signs are up, and are operational. Please ensure that you do not drive down Effra or Faraday Roads during the restricted times. Thank you.

Residents will also be exempt and should receive notification of this from Merton council. Please see <https://www.merton.gov.uk/streets-parking-transport/traffic-management/school-streets-programme> for further information.

Spinners and Cards

As of Monday 12th October, children are not allowed to bring Spinners or Trading Cards of any type (e.g. Sainsbury's Lego cards) into school or After School Club. We are trying to limit the number of items coming into school from home. Thank you for your co-operation.

No Nuts

Please remember that we are a 'No Nuts' school, due to several of our children having severe allergies. Please ensure that packed lunches do not contain any nuts, peanut butter or cereal bars containing nuts. Thank you.

Parent Prayer meeting

We had a lovely time at our first zoom prayer meeting last week and the next parent prayer meeting will be on 16th October 9-9.45am on zoom. Anyone is welcome to join in. We will have a short time to chat before spending some time in prayer for our school and the families connected with it.

If you'd like to join us the zoom log in is 675 540 5982 password zvDZ80. If you would like to get in touch beforehand please contact Sarah Williams on timso.williams@gmail.com

Might you be eligible for Free School Meals and extra funding for school?

To make the application process easier school can now check eligibility on your behalf. All you need to do is email your name and National Insurance number to sbm@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk giving your consent, and we can check your eligibility and let you know.

PRE-LOVED School Uniform

We are delighted that HOTS have now taken over management of our preloved uniform. **All items are now available to buy online via the HOTS PTA website** <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hots/>. All purchased items will be sent home in your child's school bag.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to email HOTS hotsemail@gmail.com

Donations - thank you so much to all parents who have kindly donated so far.

If you have good quality, clean uniform to donate, please ensure that you remove all labels (or scrub out any visible names if written in pen) then drop it off at the HOTS PRELOVED Uniform Collection Point at the Faraday Gate at school drop off time in the mornings. Please do not hand it in to the office.

HOT SHOTS

HOTS are excited to announce HOT SHOTS - a weekly 5-a-side football game for parents and carers. It is our hope that this will be a great way to involve dads in the work of HOTS, but of course everyone is welcome and we hope we can get a good mix of parents from every year group involved. Please find more information on the attached flyer and register your interest by emailing hotsemail@gmail.com

Do you want to be a rugby coach?

One of our lovely parents runs Wimbledon Park rugby club <https://www.trytimekidsrugby.com/> - a fantastic brand!

He is looking for young and enthusiastic coaches to help out on a Saturday morning (£12/hr - £20/hr). It's 2.5 - 3 hours each Saturday morning. They follow school term times, with a break at half term.

If you can think of any friends/ family, youths or colleagues in your network who might be interested in checking it out please contact Rob. His email is rdouglas201281@hotmail.com.

Attached Items/Links

- Free School Meals poster – have a look to see if you might be eligible for Free School Meals.
- A wonderful virtual library with lots of books to celebrate our differences and uniqueness – <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Gd491q0V09he3i76YAqtt2viM0TMobWr/view>
- Useful information for parents/carers about drugs <http://www.talktofrank.com>

Key Dates for 2020-2021

Autumn Term 2020

Thursday 3rd September - Fri 18th December 2020

NB Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September INSET days so **children start on Monday 7th September**

Half term Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October 2020

Spring Term 2021

Monday 4th January – Thursday 1st April 2021

NB Monday 4th January 2021 INSET day so **children start on Tuesday 5th January 2021**

Half term Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2021

Summer Term 2021

Monday 19th April – Friday 23rd July 2021

NB Monday 7th June and Friday 23rd July INSET days

Term ends for children on 22nd July 2021

Half term Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June 2021

As further dates are added, these will be highlighted.

Date	Time	Event
12-16 th October and 19 th – 23 rd October	Afternoon/ evening	Parent/Teacher meetings will be held over a 2-week period for different year groups.
15 th October	All day	Individual School Photographs
21 st October	AM	Flu Immunisations (only for those for whom we have consent for)
23 rd October		Break up for half term
16 – 20 th November		Anti-bullying week
11 th December		Christmas Jumper Day – children can come to school wearing a Christmas jumper, with their school uniform on the bottom half! We will work out a COVID-friendly way to collect £1 in aid of Save the Children Fund.
18 th December	Staggered ends TBC	Break up
4 th January 2021		INSET Day
5 th January		Children start back

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Izzy Rickards