

Dear Parents and Carers

In Worship this week we have been celebrating the rich diversity we have in our school community, acknowledging that we are all special, unique and loved. We combined this theme with an early celebration of Trinity Sunday. We were delighted that Father Mark brought in this wonderful icon, commissioned by the Bishop of Southwark, to reflect the ethnic diversity of our Diocese.



**‘Southwark Trinity- After Rublev’**  
**Artist: Meg Wroe**

The Bishop of Southwark, the Rt Revd. Christopher Chessun, together with the Diocesan Department of Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation (JPIC) commissioned an icon in 2018 reflecting the ethnic diversity of the Diocese. The icon was to be similar in style to the ‘Trinity – After Rublev’ Icon painted for St. Luke’s, Holloway, by the artist Meg Wroe.

The idea for a Diocesan Icon reflecting ethnic diversity came about after the Diocese held a Black History Month thanksgiving event in 2017, which focused on ‘Art, Culture & Representation’ in liturgy and church life, and the scarcity of artwork representing Black, Asian and Ethnic Minority (BAME) people in liturgy, religious iconography and worship materials. Meg Wroe’s St Luke’s icon was displayed at the event and appreciated by all who viewed it.

The Southwark Icon depicts three people to signify the history, story and legacy of BAME involvement and engagement in the life and ministry of the Diocese, and also mark the celebration of the 70th anniversary of the arrival of MV Windrush and the inception of the NHS in 2018. BAME contributions to the country at large due their presence and their involvement in the NHS are a significant part of our national story in recent decades.

The History of the Windrush is represented by Mr Bertram Dixon who came to the UK as part of the Windrush generation. The story of BAME people in the UK is represented by Shirley Coker who worked as an NHS nurse for many years. The Legacy of BAME people in the UK is represented by Oluyinka Ladipo a young adult living in the Diocese of Southwark. There is in the icon an image of a church and a boat to symbolise the journeys and travels of all Christians, right from the initial call to the disciples.

The Icon was unveiled and blessed at the Diocese of Southwark’s 2018 Black History Month Thanksgiving service on the 6th October 2018 at Southwark Cathedral, by Bishop Karowei Dorgu, Bishop of Woolwich. The Cathedral then displayed the icon for the duration of Black History Month and it is now available to be used in parishes throughout the Diocese, the purpose for which it was commissioned.

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Tilly, Le Reece and Felicity’s designs will be representing our school in the Walk to School badge competition.



Year 3 had fun making shadow puppets as part of their Art and DT curriculum.



Reception (and a few Year 6 helpers) went on a Mini-beast hunt today in South Park Gardens. They had a great time, and told that they had seen millions of mini-beasts!

### **INSET Day – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

Just a reminder that we have an INSET day on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June, so children are expected back to school on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Mobile Phones**

May I remind you that children should not be bringing smartphones into school. Only children who walk to and from school on their own may bring a phone in, and this should be a basic model. We have heard of recent reports of children (not from our school yet) having their smartphones stolen as they have used them on their way to school, or on their way home. Basic phones are far less attractive to muggers. Argos have basic pay as you go phones to buy from £2.50!

**From 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021 (after half term), any smartphones seen in school will be handed to Mrs Rickards. Parents/carers will be contacted to come and collect the phone from school. This policy is very similar to many of the local secondary schools.**

### **COVID during half term**

If any of your children develop COVID symptoms during half term, please arrange for them to have a COVID (PCR) test. I would be grateful if you could email me to let me know if your child tests positive. Thank you.

### **Leaving Holy Trinity?**

We don't like saying goodbye to valued members of our school community, but we know that sometimes families move away for a number of different reasons. So that we can try and fill any spaces in the school, please do let us know, if you haven't done so already, if you are leaving Holy Trinity this academic year (other than Year 6 children). We are now required by Merton to inform them of the new address and school of any children leaving us.

### **Spaces in the school**

We love our school to be as full as possible! If you know of any families moving into the area, please do let them know that we may well have a few spaces in the school. We are always happy to give tours of the school or speak to prospective parents.

### **Special Uniform Offer**

We are selling our school green fleece, together with a school woolly hat, for just £10. Do order via Parentmail if you would like to take advantage of this special offer.

### **Plastic Bottle Tops**

We are going to be entering an art competition after half term. We will be creating a sculpture or mural of a creature affected by plastic waste. For our creation, we will require lots of clean plastic bottle tops. We would be grateful if you could collect these at home (any colour), and send them in to school. Thank you.

### **NEAT Half Term Camp**

There are still some places on NEAT's half term camp next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. See the attached flyer for more information.

### **St Cecilia's Secondary School Open Events**

Saint Cecilia's Secondary School are holding open events on the following days for prospective pupils:

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 9 am - 12 pm

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September 6.30 – 8.30 pm

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October 9 am – 12 pm

### **Worry Ninja Workshop for parents/carers of Year 6 children**

Year 6 pupils over this Summer Term have been or will be taking part in a series of three 'Becoming a Worry Ninja' workshops ran by the NHS in schools Early Intervention Scheme. The topics include ideas from Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) for helping understand and manage worries, with exams, assessments and with upcoming transitions to secondary school.

Date: Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> of June from 7.00pm – 8.00pm online

This workshop is your opportunity to hear about the workshops, go through some of the content, and learn strategies for understanding and supporting your child's anxiety and worries with the run up to secondary school.

To sign up to this free 1 hour workshop being run over half term, use the following link (your child can join too if they like): [https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/worry-ninja-parent-workshop-merton-sutton-tickets-154844091847?keep\\_tld=1](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/worry-ninja-parent-workshop-merton-sutton-tickets-154844091847?keep_tld=1)

### **Free Speech and Drama Trial Session**

The Ellendel school of Speech and Drama are starting lessons in Wimbledon in the summer term. The use fun, engaging activities to build public speaking and presentation skills and promote self confidence in children of all ages. If you would be interested in a free trial session, they will be held at school after half term.

Please can you email your details to Laura at [info@ellendel.co.uk](mailto:info@ellendel.co.uk) to let her know if you are interested in joining for a free session so she can plan accordingly and send you details

### **EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS)**

The Home Office is asking schools to circulate these links and remind families, young people and staff that they may be eligible to apply to the Settlement Scheme if they are an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen. Applications can be made online at [www.gov.uk/eusettlementscheme](http://www.gov.uk/eusettlementscheme) with a deadline of 30<sup>th</sup> June. Eligible parents need to apply to the scheme themselves and check if they need to do so on behalf of their children. Eligible children need an application in their own right and no child is covered by a parent's application to the scheme. There's [more information on this](#)

[here on GOV.UK](#). Further information is provided in this [leaflet](#) and [FAQs](#). Organisations providing additional guidance is available [here](#) and other resources are available [here](#).

**Attached/Linked items:**

- NEAT's Half Term Camp
- Wilton Tennis Summer Camp

**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
7 <sup>th</sup> June		INSET day – school closed
8 <sup>th</sup> June		2 <sup>nd</sup> half summer term starts
14 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> June		Sports Week
28 <sup>th</sup> June – 2 <sup>nd</sup> July		Special London Maths Week – more details to follow
9 <sup>th</sup> July		End of Year Reports issued
12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> July		Art Week – more details to follow
14 <sup>th</sup> /15 <sup>th</sup> July	Evening	Year 6 Production
19 <sup>th</sup> July		Transition afternoon – children will meet their next class teacher
22 <sup>nd</sup> July		Leaver's Service and Term ends
23 <sup>rd</sup> July		INSET day

NB We are waiting for the Government's announcement from 21<sup>st</sup> June and updated guidance for schools, before making a decision about our Open Afternoon/Evening and other summer term events.

I hope you have a great half term.

Izzy Rickards