

Dear Parents and Carers

We are excited to be part of a number of different projects this year which will form part of our School Improvement Plan. These projects include:

- Attachment and Developmental Trauma Programme – a 2-year programme run by the Educational Psychology Service, the Virtual School and Merton Virtual Behaviour Service.
- Mastering Number and Mastery Sustaining programme – run by the London South West Maths Hub
- The Black Curriculum – a programme to explore diversity within our curriculum and schemes of work run by Merton's ATTAIN board and *The Black Curriculum*
- Race, Identity and School Leadership – a year-long programme run by Integrity Coaching, looking at race and pedagogy, socialisation and anti-racism
- Nuffield Early Language Intervention – looking at early language within our early years
- Mental Health Trailblazer – this will be our 3rd year working with a group of Merton schools, promoting positive mental health and well-being

Look out for updates about these projects throughout the year.



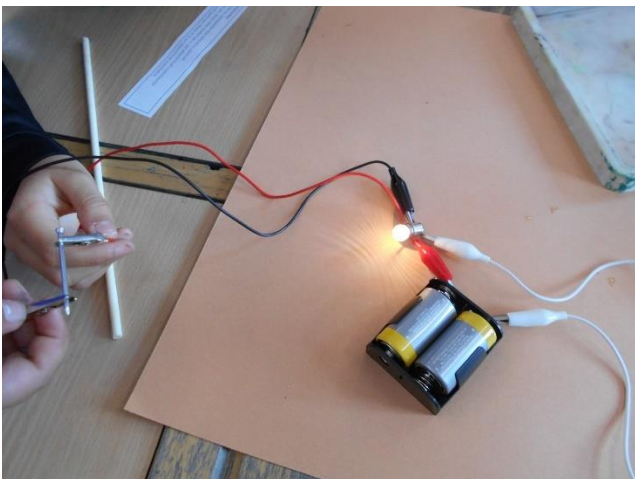
Year 6 have been monitoring the growth of mould on a dry piece of bread, a wet piece of bread and a wet piece of bread with sugar. They have loved checking the results each morning.



In DT, Year 6 worked in groups to design prototype hats to fit a theme. The 'models' then carried out a catwalk.



Year 3 designed prehistoric animals using shapes, charcoal and chalk during their art lesson.



Year 5 tested the different properties of wood, iron and jelly in science this week.

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 Test and Trace fulfil this role. If your child is in the class of a positive case, even if you are not contacted by NHS Test and Trace, you are advised to get a PCR test for them as a precautionary measure. If you are getting a PCR test as a precautionary measure, the current guidance is that there is no need for your child to self-isolate until the results are in.

If we have a positive COVID case in school, this is reported to the Merton Public Health Team.

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.

To keep us all safe, families are strongly advised to take regular Lateral Flow Tests to pick up any asymptomatic cases. For further information about COVID and testing click on the link

<https://www.merton.gov.uk/coronavirus/test>

Reception Parent/Carer Information Evening – Tuesday 28th September 2021

The Reception team are holding an information evening on Tuesday 28th September. The evening will start at 6.00pm with an optional tour of the school, followed by a short talk at 6.30pm, giving further information about Reception, the Early Years' curriculum and how you can support your child. The evening will end at 7.00pm.

Job Vacancies at Holy Trinity

We have the following vacancies at Holy Trinity:

- Learning Support Assistant
- Casual Lunchtime and After School Club Team members

All of the information can be found on our website https://www.holytrinity.merton.sch.uk/web/job_vacancies/307910

Governor Committee Clerk

Are you looking for an opportunity to hone your skills, be part of a team, and work amongst an enthusiastic group of governors to serve the school community? We are looking for a clerk to minute our governor committee meetings. If you might be interested in serving in this way please email headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk for more information. Thank you.

Foundation Governors

We will shortly be looking for Foundation Governors to serve on our Governing Body. If you attend Holy Trinity Church, Christ Church (Colliers Wood) or St John the Divine (Merton) and would be keen to find out more about what being a Foundation Governor involves, please email headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk in the first instance. Foundation governors do not need to be parents, so if you know of someone else who might be interested, please do let them know.

Naming Clothes

Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly named (please don't just use initials). Special labels are not necessary – a Sharpie pen is perfect!

We already have a number of unnamed jumpers and PE sweatshirts/tracksuit tops in the lost property. We have a good system of returning named items!

Snacks

This is just a reminder that KS2 children are able to bring a snack in to eat at playtime – these snacks must only be fruit or vegetables. Children in the Early Years and KS1 are provided with a piece of fruit or vegetable through the Government scheme.

Harvest

We will be taking our KS2 (Years 3-6) children to Holy Trinity Church on Thursday 30th September for our Harvest Service. If the KS2 children would like to contribute items to Christian Care Merton, they should bring them in to school on Thursday 30th September. They will then take them down to church with them. Please do not bring items at any other time. Thank you so much.

Do take a look at Christian Care's website for information about what to donate.

<https://christiancaremerton.org.uk/lists.html>

The younger children will have their own Harvest service during the week at school.

the school office if this applies to you.

Emotion Regulation Training for Parents/Carers - Tuesday 12th October – 7.30pm

'Merton Mental Health Support Team would like to invite you to a free evening webinar on Emotion Regulation. Creating common approaches for supporting your children's ability to regulate emotions at home and at school. These key skills are important for development and future outcomes.

To sign up and reserve your place, please follow this Eventbrite

link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/merton-mhst-the-primary-years-supporting-big-emotions-at-home-and-school-tickets-175277609047>

The Primary Years is a time of rapid development and huge change; it is also a time where emotions can be expressed and experiences in many different ways.

This free session for parents of primary school children in Merton schools looks at Emotion Regulation skills and strategies. These key skills involve being able to identify how we are feeling, understand why we are feeling a certain way, and find ways to bring us back to a place where we feel more in control. Emotion Regulation is a core skill that helps us with our relationships; ability to concentrate; and self-esteem. The session aims to discuss: -What is Emotion Regulation and why is it important -Present a way of talking about emotion regulation for home and school (the zones of regulation -Discuss how parents can help support Emotion Regulation skills? -Introduce an Emotion Regulation Toolbox -Discuss Frequently Asked Questions and Next Steps (Resources and Ideas)

This Webinar is delivered for free to parents of pupils at select Merton Schools where Merton Mental Health Support Team delivers 1-1 Early Help and Preventative Wellbeing Support for Anxiety and Common Tricky Child Behaviours. Presenter - Dr Joshua Eldridge (Clinical Psychologist/Service Lead). Contact InfoMertonWP@swlstg.nhs.uk for more information or any questions

Music at Holy Trinity – A message from Mrs Quinn

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.

Wimbledon College Virtual Open Evening

Virtual Open Evening on Thursday, 30 September 2021 and open mornings.

Parents will need to register for the virtual event and book the open mornings via our website.

<https://www.wimbledoncollege.org.uk/virtualopenevening>

Attached/Linked items:

- SEND Events @ Merton Libraries
- American Day Menu for Thursday 7th October – this is instead of the usual menu on this day
- Movie-Making Half Term Camp

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
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	

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

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