

Dear Parents and Carers

The children all looked very smart today for their class photographs, which were taken outside. The photographer commented about how he loves coming to Holy Trinity as all of the children (and adults) are so polite and friendly. We are very proud of the children.

There has been great excitement this week with the arrival of three fox cubs into our garden! The children have named them Freddie, Felix and Freda!



Parent Forum – Tuesday 11th May, 7.00pm

The Governors will be holding their annual Parent Forum (via Zoom) on Tuesday 11th May 2021. This will be an opportunity for parents to discuss a number of different aspects of school life. A Parentmail has been sent with further details – do please sign up, if you haven't done so already.

Uniform Check

Over the next couple of weeks, I will be completing a check of uniform, including PE kit. Please ensure that your children wear the correct uniform/PE kit, including appropriate school shoes on the days that they do not have PE. We have had an increasing number of children wearing trainers every day. Thank you.

Music Festival

This term sees the return of our Music Festival for Year 2 - Year 6. This is an opportunity for children to prepare a performance and sing to the class, or, if they learn an instrument, to play to the class. The heats will take place in music lessons in the weeks beginning 17th and 24th May, with some children being selected to perform in the Finals, which I hope to arrange for some time in June.

Children in Year 2 and Year 3 may choose to sing one of the songs that we have been learning in class this term or their own choice of song. Children in Year 4- Year 6 are free to choose their own song. Own choice songs MUST be age appropriate (i.e. no inappropriate lyrics or content). They may sing on their own or with a friend, but it is up to them to sort out who to sing with and to rehearse together.

It is a great opportunity for those that learn an instrument to have the chance to perform to their friends. A good standard of performance is expected.

Children do not have to sing or play - it is just as important to have a good audience for those that do perform. Any queries - please see Mrs Quinn (who is in school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays) or email (hilary.quinn@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk)

Head Lice

Sadly, head lice are doing the rounds again, especially in Year 6. Please take time this weekend to check your child's hair, and treat if necessary. If you need any support with this, please let us know.

Paper Towels

We are so grateful for your generosity in so many ways. If you could supply any more paper towels, that would be fantastic – thank you.

Sleep Support

Our KS2 pupils recently completed a wellbeing questionnaire, and one of the key findings from this was that many of our children are struggling to sleep. If this applies to your child, you may find one of the following webinars/videos useful.

Webinars for parents – 4 part workshop for improving your child's sleep available on our YouTube channel here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrRkV84lb8Jr69Z7ZhjSjCg/videos>

For children struggling with sleep and nightmares there is also a lovely book that some parents may wish to purchase, information available here: <https://blackwells.co.uk/bookshop/product/Neon-the-Ninja-Activity-Book-for-Children-Who-Struggle-With-Sleep-and-Nightmares-by-Karen-Treisman-author/9781785925504>

Online Safety

Please follow the link below if you would like to participate in the Google Family Legends Adventure. It consists of three short 'episodes', each episode containing a video clip and family activity to download and complete. The episodes cover three topics: This Could be a Scam, Beware of what you Share and Hack me if you Can.

This is most beneficial if you engage with the episodes alongside your child, or even do it as a whole family! The episodes can be completed one after another, or you can stagger them for maximum benefit.

Enjoy!

https://beinternetlegends.withgoogle.com/en_uk/parents/adventure?utm_campaign=November%202020%20Launch&utm_medium=website&utm_source=Parent%20Zone

Messages from HOTS

Pre-loved School Uniform

HOTS are encouraging parents to re-love preloved! Are you in need of girls' summer dresses, boys grey shorts or polo shirts? We have them all at great prices, and proceeds all go to support the school.

New stock is updated weekly, to view items available for sale, please go to <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hots/>.

Donations

Thank you so much to all parents who have kindly donated so far. If you have good quality, clean uniform to donate, we are very grateful to receive these.

Uniform donations should be dropped off with Mrs Rickards at Faraday Road gate at school drop off time in the mornings.



Let's make
Merton more
bee-friendly!

LET'S TURN OUR STREETS GREEN!

From Mitcham to Morden to Merton Park,
let's make our streets green

We want to help residents plant up their streets with bee-friendly flowers and shrubs: in front gardens, under street trees, in window boxes, hanging baskets and on top of bike/bin sheds.

Greener streets help reduce urban flooding, keep us cool in hot months, filter pollution, benefits wildlife and improves our wellbeing.

Everyone welcome -- no gardening experience or knowledge required.

To take part, find out if your street is registered via the web site and get in touch with your street coordinator (and get planting!). If it hasn't, register your street at the link below to become a street coordinator-- get a few neighbours to join in too.

We can provide some plants and compost to make the scheme accessible to all, but you are encouraged to provide your own.

Small prizes to be won in a number of creative categories.

COMMUNITY PLANTING DAYS:

15th May 19th June 17th July

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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Attached items:

- Merton Library Events
- French Club

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.

Date	Time	Event
11 th May	7pm	Parent Forum via Zoom – further details to follow
17 th – 21 st May		Assessment Week
28 th May		Break up for half term – usual finish times
7 th June		INSET day – school closed
8 th June		2 nd half summer term starts
14 th – 18 th June		Sports Week
9 th July		End of Year Reports issued
14 th /15 th July	Evening	Year 6 Production
19 th July		Transition afternoon – children will meet their next class teacher
22 nd July		Leaver's Service and Term ends
23 rd July		INSET day

NB We are waiting for the Government's announcement from 21st 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 wonderful weekend.

Izzy Rickards