

Dear Parents and Carers

We were thrilled to be visited by the Mayor of Merton, Michael Brunt, and his lovely mother, Mrs Brunt, this week. What was even more special was that the Mayor shared with the children about his time as a pupil at Holy Trinity in 1960 – he even brought his cap to show the children!



The Mayor with some of our longest-serving staff members!



We are so proud of these Year 4 children who spent their spare time picking up litter in South Park Gardens.



In Art, Year 4 imprinted texture and pattern into a piece of playdough using a selection of clay tools and everyday objects, then created prints from their blocks by applying ink to the surface and placing a piece of paper on top.



We will be taking part in a friendly TTRS competition involving schools from England from **Monday 8th November to Thursday 11th November**. Your child can head to play.ttrockstars.com to take part.

Lost Property Photo Gallery

The items in the photo below (including six new PE tracksuit tops!) all have no names on, or names that are written in pen and are no longer legible. If you recognise anything please encourage your child to visit the box early next week, or contact the team in the school office (info@holylrinity.merton.sch.uk or 020 8542 1591) by 9am on Friday 15th October. Everything that is left at half term will be recycled or passed to HOTS for re-sale.



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>

Further information for parents/carers can be found by following this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/step-4-update-what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges>

Video Parent Teacher Consultations: Monday 18th to Friday 22nd October

Don't forget your meeting next week – you should all have received your GoogleMeet code. If you have any problems please contact the school office.

These meetings are an opportunity for teachers to discuss with you how your child/children have settled in to the start of this academic year. Assessment data will not be available at this meeting, but will be sent home at the end of the term.

Message from HOTS

HOTS are excited to announce the return of the super-popular parents QUIZ NIGHT!

Tickets are £20 each and include a fish and chip supper (or vegetarian alternative), nibbles, and a glass of cava or soft drink on entry.

There will also be a cash bar selling drinks and snacks on the night.

Please apply with a ready-made team of 8-10 people and purchase all of your tickets at once to ensure you are on one table together. Please also select the appropriate number of fish / veggie meal tickets for all of your party at once.

We appreciate that in the past couple of years it has been difficult to meet new parents face to face and form the connections we would usually make at parties and socials. We therefore encourage you to dive onto your class WhatsApp chat or grab some parents at the school gates and see who is keen to team up! Quiz night is a great ice breaker!

[You can buy your ticket here on the HOTS PTA website.](#)

Managing Children's Worries Workshop – 15th November (virtual)

We have received very positive feedback from those parents who attended the Supporting Big Emotions at Home and School: Emotion Regulation Parent session run this week.

Joshua Eldridge and his team are running another workshop on 15th November. Please see the attached flyer for further information.

Poppies and other items from the British Legion

We have received poppies and other items to purchase in aid of the British Legion. Children are invited to bring money in to give to this fantastic cause. The items will be kept at the office, but we will also take them around the classes for children to purchase.

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!

Pokemon Cards

From Monday 18th October, Pokemon cards should not be brought into school. Any that are seen in school will be taken by the teacher, and returned to a parent/carer at the end of the week.

Holy Trinity Church Christmas Fair Saturday 4 December 11am-4pm

Do make a note of the date and we hope to welcome many of you, having missed a year!

Two requests at this stage: first, would anyone be happy to display an estate agent's board advertising the Fair? Second, is anyone interested in helping oversee and run one of our stalls?

For offers of help with either of these, please contact churchwarden Richard Blades:

churchwardens@ht-sw.org.uk

Netflix Squid Game Concerns

Concerns have been raised about Netflix's Squid Game. Please read the following article for more information.

<https://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/squid-game-netflix-schools-children-b1935326.html>

Attached/Linked items:

- HOTS' Christmas Activities
- Gingerbread House Workshop

Term dates 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)

Term Dates 2022-2023

Autumn Term 2022

- First day: Thursday 1 September 2022
(INSETs Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd so children back Monday 5th September)
- Last day: Friday 16 December 2022
- Half term: Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October 2022

Spring Term 2023

- First day: Tuesday 3 January 2023
(INSET Tuesday 3rd so children back Wednesday 4th January)
- Last day: Friday 31st March 2023
- Half term: Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February 2023

Summer Term 2023

- First day: Monday 17th April 2023
- Last day: Friday 21st July 2023
- Half term: Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2023
(INSETs Monday 5th June and Friday 21st July, so children end Thursday 20th July 2023)

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
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		Nasal Flu Vaccinations for those who have signed up for them	
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
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	
12 th November		HOTS Quiz Night	
15 th - 19 th November		Anti-bullying week	
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	
11 th December	4.00-6.00pm	HOTS Carols by Candlelight	
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.

Izzy Rickards