

Dear Parents and Carers



Our pupils have had a great week learning about Road Safety, and dressing up as superheroes!  
Thank you to Mrs Raincock and our Junior Travel Ambassadors for organising the week.



Our children are thoroughly enjoying playing in the Wild Garden (thank you HOTS). Our Year 6 pupils created this magnificent den.

### **Spotlight on assessment**

Some of you have been asking about how, and when, we assess our pupils. Please find attached a summary of Assessment @ Holy Trinity. If you have any questions to email me at [headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk)

### **Parent/Carer Survey**

Every year the Governors and School Leadership Team like to gather feedback from parents/carers about different aspects of school. We would be so grateful if you could take the time to complete this survey, as it gives us valuable information which we use to make improvements. Once we have the results from the survey, the Governors will organise a Parent/Carer Forum, to discuss the findings of the survey, and consider actions as a result of the feedback. The closing date for the survey is 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020. Please click on this link to complete the survey <https://forms.gle/xqjnIFXzQ6TvF3779>

### **Parent Governor Election – Voting Closes 12noon Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

Two candidates have been nominated for the Parent Governor vacancy: Shipra Gupta and Lilla Lovrencsics. To find out more about them, please see the ParentMail email entitled 'Parent Governor Election Autumn 2020'.

Each parent/ carer has one vote, regardless of how many children they have in the school. To vote, please log into ParentMail using the App or a web browser and locate the form entitled 'Parent Governor Ballot Form – Autumn 2020'.

Voting will close at 12 noon on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December and the winning candidate will be announced by the end of Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Coronavirus – Tier 2 restrictions from Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

As you know, on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, all London Boroughs enter the Tier 2 restrictions. For more information about the restrictions, please click on the link. As yet, no new guidance has been issued to schools.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-restriction-tiers-what-you-need-to-know>

### **Christmas Lunches**

Chartwells, our catering company, will be cooking a delicious Christmas lunch on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December** for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December** for children in Years 3, 4, 5, 6.

Please note that on 15<sup>th</sup> December all children in KS2 will need to bring in a packed lunch, and children in Reception and KS1 will need a packed lunch on 17<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Christmas performances**

The children are all busy rehearsing for their Christmas performances. Sadly, this year we will not be able to invite you in to watch the performances, we will, however, be recording all of them. Information about how you can obtain the recording will be sent in due course.

### **Christmas Jumper day – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

Once again we will be taking part in Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Children may come to school wearing a Christmas jumper with their usual school uniform bottom half! For the privilege of wearing a Christmas jumper children are invited to donate to Save the Children Fund. Details of how to donate will be sent to you in due course.

### **Christmas Gift Drive**

This Christmas, HOTS are working with the school's 'Growing Together In Spirit' team to run a Christmas gift drive. Led by pupils from the school, we will be asking for donations of new toys to give to those in need in our local community. Your gifts will be delivered to children both at home and those in local children's hospital wards who would otherwise not be receiving gifts this Christmas.

If you would like to get involved, please buy a gift suitable for the same age and gender as your own child or children with a budget of up to £10 per gift. Please do not wrap the gift as it will be 'quarantined,' then wrapped once it has been security checked.

The deadline for donations is Monday 7th December. Please bring gifts to drop off and leave them in the box by Mrs Rickards at the Faraday Road Gate.

**We appreciate there are a lot of requests to give at this time of year. Please only give if you feel you comfortably can do so. Thank you in advance for your support.**

### **Christmas chat and coffee**

Sunday will mark the start of Advent. This year the parent prayer group wanted to do something a bit different, so we are planning a series of 4 coffee mornings over the period of Advent to look at and talk about 4 key themes of Advent: Peace, Hope, Joy and Love. If you are interested we will be meeting each Friday morning, starting tomorrow on 27<sup>th</sup> November at 9.15 - 10.15am over Zoom with a cup of coffee (and if you've got one, a mince pie), for some reflections and discussion. Whether you would consider yourself a believer or not, you are really welcome to share in some seasonal joy and tradition with us at this time of year

Meeting ID: 899 8542 2522

Passcode: 618287

### **Carols by Trinity Singers**

Trinity Singers will be Carol Singing and bringing some COVID safe Christmas joy to the streets around school on Thursday December 10th from 6pm - 7pm. Look out for our planned route and a list of carols in next week's bulletin. It would be great to see you, please do join in song with us from your doorsteps (or safely distanced if we don't pass your house) and let's bring some Christmas spirit to our neighbourhood at the end of a very long year.

### **#LetTheBellsRingOut - a musical Advent calendar from Merton Music Foundation, featuring Trinity Singers**

On the 1st December, Merton Music Foundation will be launching #LetTheBellsRingOut, an inspiring musical Advent calendar which promises to lift your spirits in the run-up to a rather different Christmas.

Every day up until Christmas Eve, a link on the MMF website will open a virtual door to reveal a video from Merton's wider musical community. This smorgasbord of 24 performances, mostly filmed during the pandemic, features professional bands and choirs as well as youth, school and community groups, including Trinity Singers.

Visit [www.mmf.org.uk/advent](http://www.mmf.org.uk/advent) on the 1st December to open the first door.

If you happen to mention it on Twitter, our handle is @MertonMusic if you could tag us please and use #LetTheBellsRingOut.

### **Scooters/Bikes and the Trim Trail**

Just a friendly reminder that children should not be scooting or riding their bikes on the school premises, or using the trim trail before, or after school. Thank you.

### **Responsible Parking**

We have had a call from one of the local residents complaining that our parents are parking across driveways and in resident bays, especially on Dudley Road. Please ensure that your car is parked legally, and please respect our neighbours. Thank you.

### **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](mailto:sbm@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk) giving your consent, and we can check your eligibility and let you know.

## Lockdown Lego Competition

Thank you so much for all of your entries for the Lockdown Lego competition. The winner this week is Luke from Year 2, whose winning entry came complete with a video explanation of all the elements of his classroom.



Next week's theme is 'Build your own Robot' - [tickets can be purchased here](#), please email your entry to [hotsemail@gmail.com](mailto:hotsemail@gmail.com) by midnight on Wednesday

## O Christmas Tree

Today is the last day to buy a Christmas Tree from the HOTS website. [You can purchase your tree here](#) until midnight tonight and it will be delivered to the school car park for collection a week tomorrow (5th December). A percentage of all sales will go to HOTS and help buy vital new resources for the school. Thank you for all of your continued support.

## Black Friday Shopping

Black Friday is coming, please make sure you are signed up to [Amazon Smile](#) and [Easyfundraising](#) if you are planning to shop online. **It takes less than a minute to sign up and costs you nothing.** HOTS will automatically receive a percentage of any money you spend on Amazon and thousands of other online shops. If you need any help getting set up just email us on [hotsemail@gmail.com](mailto:hotsemail@gmail.com) or contact your class rep.

## Holy Trinity Church Scavenger Hunt

Holy Trinity Church are organising a Christmas Scavenger Hunt to take place between the 4th and 14th December. Follow the clues to find the answers and crack the code to enter into the prize draws. More information on the attached flyer or at <http://bit.ly/ht-hunt>

## Parent Workshops by The Children's Wellbeing Service

The Children's Wellbeing Service are running two online workshops for parents and caregivers with a focus on how to support your child with worry and anxiety. The workshop will include information about how anxiety can present in children and how to differentiate between 'normal' anxiety and problematic anxiety. We will then talk through a number of techniques around how to understand and support your child with any worry or anxiety (whether problematic or not).

We are running an evening session on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 7pm** and a morning session on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 10am**. The session should last around an hour and there will be an opportunity to ask questions at the end of the presentation.

The workshop will be run via Microsoft Teams and we would recommend using either a desktop, laptop or iPad so that you can see the slides. If you're using an iPad, you will need to download the free Microsoft Teams app. **Tickets are free but you need to register via our Eventbrite page** – this is so we can get an idea of numbers beforehand and sent out any resources afterwards. The Eventbrite link is: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parent-workshop-how-to-support-your-child-with-anxiety-tickets-130607908771> Once you're registered, we will send you a link to the call in advance and any other information you need to know before joining.

For those of you who cannot attend next week, we will be recording the workshop for our YouTube channel. **If you cannot attend and would like to see the workshop, please use the Eventbrite page to register on the Saturday date** (scheduled for midnight). Anyone registered for this date will receive the link to our YouTube channel once it is published. If you are booked onto either the Thursday or Friday session, we will automatically send around the YouTube link after the training, so you don't need to register for 2 different dates.

If you have any queries about the event, please get in touch with the Mental Health Lead at your school and they will be able to put you in touch with the team.

We look forward to seeing you at the workshop.

The Children's Wellbeing Service

### **Kooth Online Counselling Service for 11 – 22 years in Merton**

The NHS wants to remind young people that an online service called Kooth is available for them in Merton, which can provide extra support during this difficult time.

Kooth is an online counselling and emotional well-being service for children and young people aged 11-22. Young people can search 'Kooth' or visit [kooth.com](http://kooth.com) and get support for anything that's on their mind.

The service was introduced following feedback from young people that it is something they would find useful.

A short video has been produced for young people to example how Kooth can help – you and your child can watch it on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/VZrWmlBE3ss>

### **More information on Kooth**

Accredited by the BACP, and as a trusted delivery partner of the NHS, Kooth has supported over 250,000 children and young people across the UK since 2004.

It's anonymous and free at the point of use. Children and young people can chat to professional counsellors, read articles written by young people, receive peer-to-peer support and keep a daily journal.

Qualified counsellors, therapists and support workers provide guided and outcome-focused support for each individual. Kooth is accessible through any connected device - young people can log on wherever they are to access professional counselling up until 10pm 365 days a year.

For more information about the service, you can visit the XenZone website [www.xenzone.com](http://www.xenzone.com).

### **Attached items/links**

- Holy Trinity Church Scavenger Hunt
- Assessment @ Holy Trinity

## The Governors agreed the following 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)

## Key Dates for 2020-2021

### Autumn Term 2020

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September - Fri 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

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

**Half term** Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020

### Spring Term 2021

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

NB Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 INSET day so **children start on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

**Half term** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021

### Summer Term 2021

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021

NB Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July INSET days

**Term ends for children on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021**

**Half term** Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021

As further dates are added, these will be highlighted.

Date	Time	Event
11 <sup>th</sup> 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.
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Lunchtime	Christmas lunch for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 (packed lunch for Years 3-6)
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Lunchtime	Christmas lunch for Years 3-6 (packed lunch for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Staggered ends TBC	Break up
4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021		INSET Day
5 <sup>th</sup> January		Children start back

I hope you all manage to have a good weekend.

Izzy Rickards