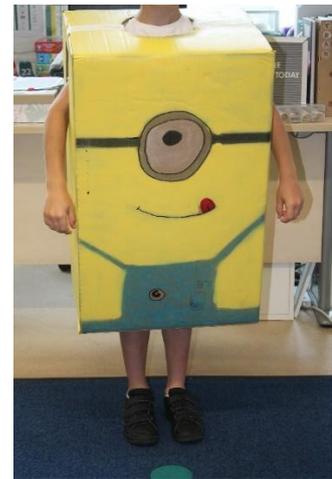


Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you so much for your incredibly generous contributions of food and money for the DONS Local Action Network. Thank you too, for the amazing costumes your children have come dressed to school in. I am continually grateful for all of your support. The children, and staff, have had a fantastic day!



Thank you to Miss Panners, Miss Smythe and the House Captains for organising our Film Afternoon, and food collection.



During their Castle Workshop, Year 1 had a brilliant time learning about knights and castles and were able to try on armour, learn to juggle, medieval dances and lots more. They had a great day!





Year 6 visited Sandown on Tuesday for a fun day of Ringo, High Ropes and Skiing. I'm please to say that they all returned with no injuries.



Also this week, Year 6 had a French day, as they were unable to go to visit France. Many croissants were eaten, and games of Boules played! Thank you to Madame Moran and the Year 6 team for organising the day.



Year 3 were treated to a Puppet show on Monday morning. Great fun was had by all. A huge thank you to Noosh's mum for treating us!

COVID Update

You will have heard in the news that from Step 4 of the Roadmap (likely to be 19th July), the majority of existing measures in schools are being scrapped. The detailed guidance is now through, and it states that schools might want to continue with their existing arrangements until the end of term – this is what I am proposing we do! I do not see any point in changing our systems for the last 4 days of term. We have got so far without lots of bubbles having to self-isolate – I do not want to jeopardise this!

From September, if all goes according to plan, there will be no need for bubbles, staggered starts/finishes, social distancing or self-isolation for whole bubbles. The NHS will take over the role of Track and Trace for schools, and only those individuals identified as close contacts of positive cases, who have been contacted by Track and Trace, will need to self-isolate.

The guidance states that hand washing and ventilation will still be very important in schools.

Before the end of term, I will email again with detailed information about arrangements for September. I thought it might be helpful for you to know now the proposed start/end times of the school day, which are as follows:

Nursery

Morning Class – 8.30-11.30

Afternoon Class – 12.30-3.30

Full time Class – 8.30 – 3.30

Lunch will continue to be from 11.30-12.30 for those who have lunch in school

Reception - 8.45-3.15

KS1 (Years 1/2) - 8.45-3.20

KS2 (Years 3 – 6) - 8.45 – 3.25

The gate will open at 8.30 each morning, and a member of staff will be on duty from this time.

COVID Reminders

As you will have seen from the news, the number of COVID cases is on the increase again, especially in school-aged children. Whilst the guidance is still to get your child tested if they have a temperature of 37.8°C or above, a persistent cough, or a lack of taste or smell, the Delta variant seems to come with other symptoms too. Merton Public Health have advised us to inform you that if you or your child has a headache, sore throat, fatigue, or even vomiting/diarrhoea, then these may also now be COVID symptoms, and should be tested via a PCR test.

If anyone in your household is awaiting test results, then all members of the household should self-isolate until the results are through. If the PCR test result is negative, then of course children may return to school.

Up to a quarter of Merton schools have had to close bubbles – let's be extra vigilant in these last couple of weeks. Thank you so much for your support.

First Mathematics Challenge

This week some of our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils received the results of their participation in the First Mathematics Challenge 2021 which is run by the Primary Mathematics Challenge. The children had 45 minutes to complete 20 challenging problems aimed at Y3 and Y4 mathematicians and they did so well! Across the two year groups the following certificates were awarded: 1 Full Marks, 14 Gold, 19 Silver and 8 Bronze! Wow!

UKMT Kangaroo Round

You may remember we shared the success of our Y5 and Y6 pupils in the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust 2021 Challenge and even shared some of the questions so you could see just what a challenge they were! Two of our Y6 pupils made it through to the next round, the UKMT Kangaroo Challenge and we received their results this week. The challenge was marked out of 135 and those scoring 97 and above would be awarded a certificate of Merit.

We are incredibly proud to tell you that Tom and Myra were awarded the certificate of Merit! An astounding achievement and the highest we have ever received. To give context, approximately 2% of the 700,000 Year 8 and below pupils who entered the first round of the Junior Mathematics Challenge will have received a certificate of Merit and two of them are Holy Trinity pupils!

National Sumdog Competition

A new national competition on Sumdog starts tomorrow! Can we get a class or a pupil on the national leaderboard? Come on HT let's see if we can! Just log in to your Sumdog account and take part.

New from HOTS

HOTS are thrilled to announce that we are now HALFWAY towards our goal of raising £5000 for our summer fundraiser! Please help us hit (or exceed) our target this summer! Every penny will go towards buying vital resources and equipment for the school. Thank you to everyone who has already given so generously so far. It is greatly appreciated. virginmoneygiving.com/fund/hotssummer21

Class Funds and Governors Capital Fund Donations

Thank you to those of you who have already paid Governors Capital Fund and Class Funds donations this summer. We are so grateful for your contributions as these have enabled us to complete much needed renovation works to various parts of the building, to buy consumable items such as art materials for the classes, and to book as many off-site trips and internal workshops as possible this summer.

If you haven't yet made a contribution and you are able to, we would be very grateful. Please log into ParentMail and visit 'payments' then 'shop'. Don't forget to tick the Gift Aid box if you are eligible. Thank you in advance.

Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge run by the Merton libraries, starts tomorrow. Click on this link for more information www.wildworldheroes.org.uk and look at the attached poster.

Worry Ninja Workshops – repeat session for parents

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

Wednesday the 28th of July 12.00pm – 1.00pm

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 another opportunity to join this free 1 hour workshop at the beginning of the summer holidays, use the following link (your child can join too if they would like): <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/worry-ninja-parent-workshop-transitioning-year-6-parents-carers-tickets-162252711227>

Attached/Linked items:

- <https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/kingstonandmerton/summer/>
- Free History Sessions in the summer
- Summer Reading Challenge

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
12 th – 16 th July		Art Week and Outdoor Learning Day
19 th July		Transition afternoon – children will meet their next class teacher
20 th /21 st July	Evening	Year 6 Production NB Change of date
22 nd July		Leaver's Service and Term ends
23 rd July		INSET day

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend, including cheering England on!

Izzy Rickards