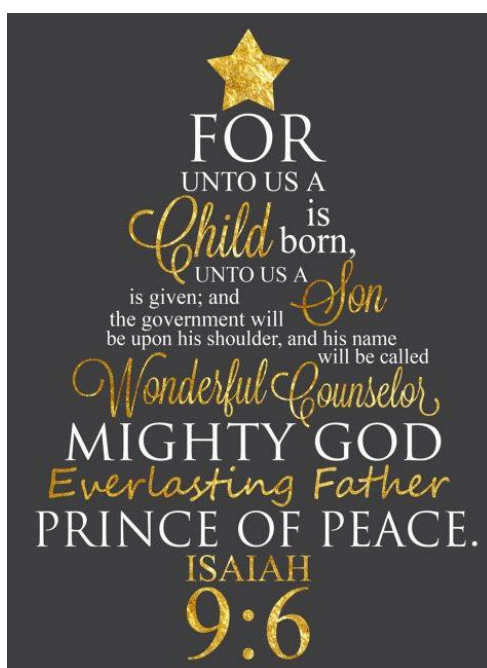


Dear Parents and Carers

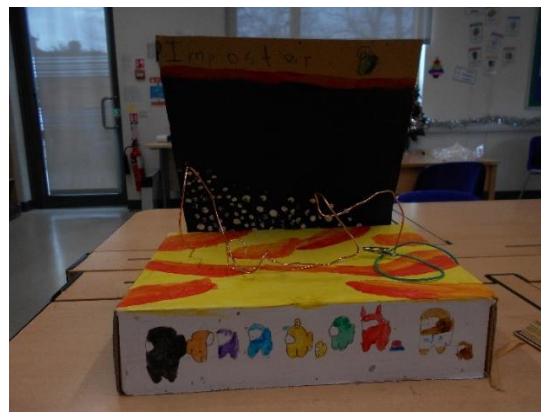
We have made it to the end of a very busy, strange, yet fantastic term. I am so grateful to the staff team for all of their hard work; to the Governors, for their invaluable wisdom and guidance; to our families for their generosity and support, and to our wonderful pupils, who continue to amaze, and inspire me, each day!

Today was our end of term celebration worship, during which we awarded two new awards, The Turner Maths Award, and the Inspire Award, in memory of our colleague Mrs Turner, who sadly died a year ago. She was an inspiration to us all, as well as a mathematical genius!

I hope you all manage to have a peaceful and happy Christmas, even though your plans may have had to change. I look forward to seeing you all safely back on 5th January 2021.



The children (and staff) enjoyed a tasty Christmas lunch this week. My thanks go to our Chartwells' team for all of their hard work. The team were presented with a special award from Chartwells for going above and beyond. We are very proud of them.

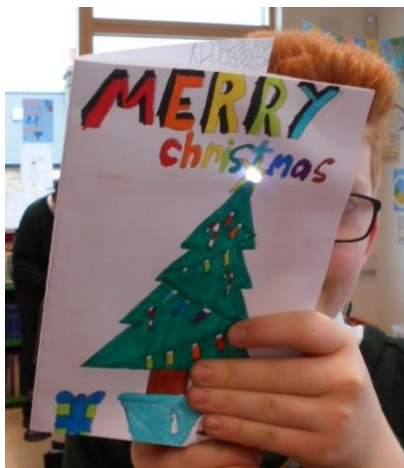


Year 6 had a great time making Steady Hand Games, as part of their DT and Science lessons.



Year 5 created 2021 calendars with a space theme to link to their Earth and Space science topic. To do this, they used white paint and glitter for the background and silk paints to create the swirling colours of the planets. They also created space-themed biscuits and electronic Christmas cards.





Important COVID Update

Please see attached to this Bulletin an important letter from Merton Education Department.

As you will see from the letter, schools are being asked to remain 'on duty' in case there are any COVID cases over the next few days. If your child develops any COVID symptoms, please ensure that you take them for a test. **Please also email me at headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk to let me know if your child has developed symptoms, and the result of their COVID test.** I will be checking my email on a regular basis over the Christmas holidays. It is crucial that I am informed of this, in case I need to then make contact with other families or staff. Thank you so much for your co-operation with this.

You will have heard in the news that secondary schools are being asked to stagger the start of the Spring term for their pupils – at the moment, there is no requirement for primary schools to do this. If anything changes, I will inform families via Parentmail during the holidays.

Christmas Jumper day and Super Hero Road Safety Day

We have raised a whopping £628 from our Christmas Jumper Day for The Save the Children Fund, and £810 towards Brake, the road safety charity. Thank you, once again, for your generosity.

Christmas Performances

As you know, we have filmed all of our Christmas performances this year. As soon as the recordings are edited, they will be uploaded to your class Learning Platform – do keep checking the platform for the link.

We have had a few technical difficulties – many thanks to Mr Paul and Mr Luiz for their enormous help with this, and for saving the day!

HOTS News

Thank you to everyone who entered our Lego competition last week, and indeed every week. The winner this week was Brodie. A special participation prize also goes to Emilia, Benjamin and Axel, for their fabulous entries each week.





We have raised almost £500 for the school, so thank you for playing along with us!

If anyone would still like to buy an item for your teacher's classroom wish lists, they are still up and running and will stay up throughout the school year. You can find a link to your class's list on the attached wish list document.

Many thanks again for all of your support and generosity this term. For anyone who missed the update yesterday, HOTS are thrilled to announce that together as a school community we have raised £18,650 this term! The money will go a long way in supporting the school in the coming year. Thank you.

Families in need

As a school community, we would like to support any families for whom Christmas will be difficult this year. If you need financial support, or you know a family in need, please email me confidentially on headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk

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 giving your consent, and we can check your eligibility and let you know.

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 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>

Urgent helplines for children and young people

There are also urgent helplines you or your child can call to talk about their mental health:

Mon to Fri 9am to 5pm

020 3513 5183

020 8547 6171

24 hours, 7 days a week

0800 028 8000

More resources for schools and families

South West London's COVID resource hub has plenty of information and advice to help you support children and young people at this difficult time. It has resources to use, such as videos and guides, and tells you where you can get all sorts of support. It has been created within input from senior clinicians and mental health professionals from

across South West London's health and care services. Visit: <https://swlondonccg.nhs.uk/your-health/mental-health/covid19-resource-hub/>

Please do not hesitate to contact the South West London Health and Care Partnership programme team with any queries by emailing SWL.EmotionalWellbeing@swlondon.nhs.uk.

Attached items/links

- Letter from Merton
 - Typing's Cool Spring Application Form
- Spring term Typing's Cool Zoom based touch typing club Beginners, improvers and advanced learners are warmly welcome.
Sessions are available Monday to Thursday at 4:30 and 5:30 pm.
Cost £125.00
Please apply at www.typingscool.co.uk

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)

Key Dates for 2020-2021

Spring Term 2021

Monday 4th January – Thursday 1st April 2021

*NB Monday 4th January 2021 INSET day so **children start on Tuesday 5th January 2021***

Half term Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2021

Summer Term 2021

Monday 19th April – Friday 23rd July 2021

NB Monday 7th June and Friday 23rd July INSET days

Term ends for children on 22nd July 2021

Half term Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June 2021

As further dates are added, these will be highlighted.

Spring term key dates will be issued after the Christmas break, once we know more about the situation in schools regarding COVID.

Date	Time	Event
4 th January 2021		INSET Day
5 th January		Children start back

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas.

Izzy Rickards