



Dear Parents and Carers

Our theme for worship this week has been Remembrance. We have been giving thanks to God for all those who gave their lives in wars across the world. We have been praying for those areas of the world where there is still war.

A Prayer for Remembrance

Ever-living God,
We remember those whom you have
gathered from the storm of war
into the peace of your presence;
may that same peace calm our fears,
bring justice to all peoples
and establish harmony among the nations,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



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Year 6 completed some silhouette art as a tribute to Remembrance Day.



Long Service Awards

I am grateful to all of our staff for all that they do at school. I would like to particularly mention Tina Panners, Ruth Mills and Jackie Cooper, who have each worked at Holy Trinity for 20 years! Many congratulations to you all.

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 11th December 2020. Please click on this link to complete the survey <https://forms.gle/xqjn1FXzQ6TvF3779>

Play Dates

This is a reminder that, during the national lockdown, children should not be visiting the homes of other children, other than for childcare purposes. We frequently have children telling us that they are going to someone else's house for a playdate or a sleepover. Under the current restrictions, this is not permitted. The staff are working so hard to keep bubbles separate at school, so let's all play our part in protecting our community from COVID. Thank you.

Warm Clothes

It can be cold in school! Please consider allowing your child to wear an extra layer of clothing under their school shirt/polo shirt. School fleeces can also be worn indoors.

No Dogs

Just a friendly reminder that dogs are not allowed on the school premises – this includes the playground and the front of the school where Years 4-6 are dismissed from. Thank you.

Road Safety

I have had a concerned resident contact me about parents waiting and chatting in Effra Road after school – he is very concerned that there will be an accident soon. Even though we are part of the School Streets' Scheme, Effra Road is still open to residents to drive down. Please do take care, especially at the end of the school day.

I have also seen children cycling/scooting down the middle of Effra Road – this is not safe. Please ensure that children are with you at all times. It would be safer if children push their scooters or bikes further down the road before getting on them.

Holy Trinity Road Safety Week - 23rd-27th November 2020.

To highlight road safety, we will be holding some road safety awareness activities from 23-27th November in school time. On Friday 27th November we will have a **Speed Down Dress Up Superhero Day**. All children can come dressed* as their favourite superhero from real-life or fiction. For this, we are asking for a £1 donation from each child to raise money for BRAKE, the road safety charity that supports victims of road accidents and campaigns for better road safety and awareness. We will send a link in due course about how to donate to BRAKE.

There will be a prize per year group for the most imaginative costume!

**We recognise that shops are not currently open at the moment. There really is no need for children to have elaborate costumes, just imaginative – the simpler the better!*

Parent Governor Nominations

The term of office for one of our parent governors is coming to an end. They are eligible to stand again and we would welcome nominations from other parents too. If more than one parent is nominated, we will hold an election. If you would like to be nominated please email headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk for a nomination form, which will need to be returned by midday on Friday 20 November 2020.

If you would like to find out more about the role of a governor please email our Chair of Governors, Kirsty Warwick, at kirsty.warwick.governor@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk.

Parent Governor Voting – Please Check Your ParentMail Account

We will soon be holding an election for our new Parent Governor through ParentMail. Every parent/carers will be entitled to vote (e.g. two parent households will be entitled to two votes), however **the only way to vote will be**

through the ParentMail app or website, using the 'forms' functionality. If you or another parent/ carer in your household would like to set up a new ParentMail account, please contact the team in the school office ASAP.

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.

Lockdown Lego Competition

Thank you so much to all of our creative builders for entering this week's Lego competition! I am pleased to announce that this week's winners are Brodie and Daisy, who will receive a brand new Lego set. Well done to you both.

Brodie EYFS/KSI Winner



Daisy KS2 Winner



To enter next week's competition [please buy your £2 ticket here](#) and send a photo of your child's creation to hotsemail@gmail.com by midnight on Wednesday. The theme for this week is '**Space Headquarters!**'

Good luck everyone!

Teachers' Christmas Wishlists

This year HOTS are launching a teachers' Christmas wish list for every class in the school. Items include new teaching resources, books, games, puzzles, Lego and other items for indoor play. *(Not to be confused with 'class funds' which purchase consumables such as paper, exercise books, stationery, school trip funding etc)*

Your class rep will send you a link to your class's individual wishlist later today. If you are doing your Christmas shopping online, please consider adding an item to your basket.

Many are small items under £10 and will directly enhance your child's classroom for the new year.

Sewer's and cutter's needed!

A couple of mums from school are planning to sell reusable masks in kids and adult sizes to raise money for HOTS, directly benefiting school.

The masks will be available in different fun designs including Christmas patterns (We will be in touch on how to purchase them shortly)!

But first, if anyone owns a sewing machine or would like to help with cutting we would love you to get involved. All materials, instructions and any help you need to get started will of course be provided.

So, if you have any time and would like to get involved please get in touch with Tinka on 07855460769 or Sarah on 07740469892. Thank you so much

Merton Music Foundation

A message from Soo Bishop: 'Despite the challenges of lockdown, we are delivering over 850 instrumental and vocal lessons each week to children in Merton, the majority of them in school. However, we are keen to support more young people to start their musical journey. We'd be very grateful if you could add the link to your school website and intranet, so parents can see the film and contact MMF if they want more information. Thank you. <https://youtu.be/l9sWlFKT8Mw>'

Touch Typing Club

Touch typing weekly Zoom session clubs and Christmas holiday courses Zoom club for 7 – 16's: weekly sessions take place Monday to Thursday, 4:30 – 5:15 pm or 5:30 – 6:15 pm Christmas holiday courses in Kingston, December 14 - 17 and 28 - 31 at St Luke's Church hall.

Beginners, improvers and advanced learners are warmly welcome.

For more information and to apply please go to www.typingscool.co.uk

Key Dates for 2020-2021

Autumn Term 2020

Thursday 3rd September - Fri 18th December 2020

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

Half term Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October 2020

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.

Date	Time	Event
16 – 20 th November		Anti-bullying week
23 rd – 27 th November		Assessment week
27 th November		Road Safety Superhero dress up day
11 th 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.
18 th December	Staggered ends TBC	Break up
4 th January 2021		INSET Day
5 th January		Children start back

I hope you all manage to have a good weekend.

Izzy Rickards