

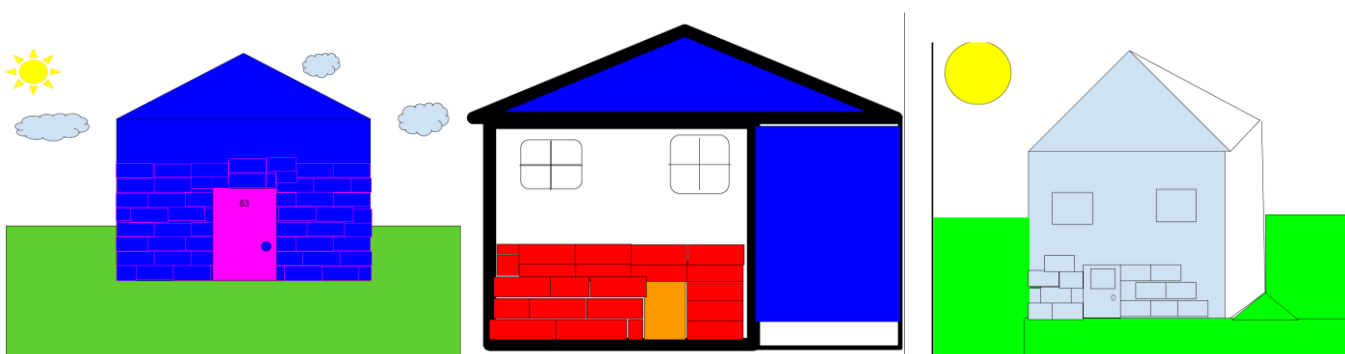
Dear Parents and Carers

It has been lovely to welcome the children back after half term, and even better that the sun has been out this week.

The children have quickly got back into learning, with many year groups starting new topics.



Year 4 had a fantastic start to their Ancient Egypt topic on Tuesday. They watched a performance and took part in workshops provided by Freshwater Theatre company.



Year 5 have started using Google Drawings to create images



Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed investigating gravity by dropping paper spinners. They attached paper clips to one of them, and left the other without any paper clips, to see which spinner would hit the ground first.



In PSHE, Year 2 made puppets of themselves to role play 'How to Help a Friend' during their conflict.



6H have enjoyed their new table tennis equipment during Golden Time Today. Thank you to the parents of 6H who purchased Amazon vouchers for the class to enjoy.

### **The Junior Mathematical Challenge Success**

Each year the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust (UKMT) run a series of tournaments across primary and secondary schools in the UK. The Junior Mathematical Challenge is a 60-minute, multiple-choice Challenge for pupils in Year 8 or below. It encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems. This makes it sound simple - it is not! Have a look at a few of the questions from this year's paper.

Twenty of our pupils took part in the junior challenge this year and achieved outstandingly well! Including two pupils achieving bronze, six achieving silver and two achieving gold - less than 10% of entrants achieve gold! We are very proud of all our mathematicians and have five children participating in the next round next week - we are sure they will smash it again!

## Parent Governor Nominations

Two of our parent governors are ending their role as governors at the end of this academic year. We would welcome nominations from parents who would be willing to serve the school community as a governor. If you would like to be nominated please email [headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk) for a nomination form, which will need to be returned by midday on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June.

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](mailto:kirsty.warwick.governor@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk).

## Sports Week

As you will have read via Parentmail, next week is our Sports Week. All children must have a water bottle and cap, and have applied sun cream, as it is forecast to be very warm. Also all children are to wear their PE kits on their Sports Day as well as their PE lesson days.

Just a reminder of the schedule for the week:

- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June - Year 1 and Year 2
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June - Year 3 and Year 4
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June - Reception
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5 and Year 6
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June - Nursery

## Music Festival Finals

The Holy Trinity Music Festival Finals will take place on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Mrs Quinn has spoken to all the children that have been chosen to play or sing. If your child has been chosen, please encourage them to keep practising their piece so that they are well prepared for their performance. We are very fortunate to have Mrs Elisabeth Wigley (Director of Merton Music Foundation) to come and adjudicate for the Finals and award certificates to those who perform. Unfortunately, it will not be possible for parents to come and watch this year but the performers will be well supported by their classmates.

## Hippos for Kibera

We are very aware that the global pandemic has had a devastating effect upon the children in the Kibera. The Lunchbowl Network has continued to support them throughout this very difficult time and have asked for our help with their latest fundraising project.

We will be selling the hippos the week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> June and they will be available to buy for two weeks with last orders on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July!

You can order and pay for your hippo(s) through Parent Mail. The Growing Together in Spirit Team will organise the orders and act as our Holy Trinity Hippo Delivery Service!

See the attached poster for more details.



## COVID cases

There has been an increase in COVID cases in Merton, and across South West London. Please may I remind us all that if your child has any of the COVID symptoms (temperature of 37.8°C or above, a new, persistent cough, or a loss of taste or smell), please ensure that they obtain a PCR test (not a Lateral Flow Test), and stay off school until the test results are received. If the test is negative, and your child is well, then they are welcome back at school. If the test is positive, then they will need to complete the isolation period advised by the NHS.

Please keep the school informed at all stages of the process. Thank you.

## **Mobile Phones**

May I remind you that children should not be bringing smartphones into school. Only children who walk to and from school on their own may bring a phone in, and this should be a basic model. We have heard of recent reports of children (not from our school yet) having their smartphones stolen as they have used them on their way to school, or on their way home. Basic phones are far less attractive to muggers. Argos have basic pay as you go phones to buy from £2.50!

**From now any smartphones seen in school will be handed to Mrs Rickards. Parents/carers will be contacted to come and collect the phone from school. This policy is very similar to many of the local secondary schools.**

## **Leaving Holy Trinity?**

We don't like saying goodbye to valued members of our school community, but we know that sometimes families move away for a number of different reasons. So that we can try and fill any spaces in the school, please do let us know, if you haven't done so already, if you are leaving Holy Trinity this academic year (other than Year 6 children). We are now required by Merton to inform them of the new address and school of any children leaving us.

## **Spaces in the school**

We love our school to be as full as possible! If you know of any families moving into the area, please do let them know that we may well have a few spaces in the school. We are always happy to give tours of the school or speak to prospective parents.

## **HOTS Summer Fundraiser**

We are sorry to say that despite our best efforts we have not been able to find a safe and realistic way of running the summer fair this year. We have therefore set up a Summer Fundraising page on Virgin Money Giving as we did last summer. Please support us in any way you can and share the link with family and friends!

You can support the fundraiser in two ways - 1. getting sponsored for a summer challenge or 2. donating directly to the page.

You can find a link to the page with more information here [virginmoneygiving.com/fund/hotsummer21](https://virginmoneygiving.com/fund/hotsummer21)

Every penny raised goes to support the school and fund resources and activities which children of every age group benefit from. Please give generously and help us support our school after challenging year!

*IMPORTANT NOTICE: If any parent / grandparent/carer in your class works for an employer who offers matched funding, please can they let us know by emailing [hotsemail@gmail.com](mailto:hotsemail@gmail.com), as we can DOUBLE what we raise via matched funding and this is hugely helpful.*

## **Attached/Linked items:**

- Greenshaw High School key dates for Year 5 parents
- Saint Cecilia's Open Day
- Hippos for Kibera poster
- Junior Mathematical Challenge questions

## 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)

As further dates are added, these will be highlighted.

Date	Time	Event
14 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> June		Sports Week
28 <sup>th</sup> June – 2 <sup>nd</sup> July		Special London Maths Week – more details to follow
9 <sup>th</sup> July		End of Year Reports issued
12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> July		Art Week – more details to follow
14 <sup>th</sup> /15 <sup>th</sup> July	Evening	Year 6 Production
19 <sup>th</sup> July		Transition afternoon – children will meet their next class teacher
22 <sup>nd</sup> July		Leaver's Service and Term ends
23 <sup>rd</sup> July		INSET day

NB We are waiting for the Government's announcement from 21<sup>st</sup> June and updated guidance for schools, before making a decision about our Open Afternoon/Evening and other summer term events.

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

Izzy Rickards