

Dear Parents and Carers

We were delighted to have our first visit to Holy Trinity Church since December 2019! The children in KS2 went for their Harvest Celebration, whilst EYFS and KS1 held their celebration back at school. The Growing Together in Spirit team led our Celebration using the following words which can be made out of the letters in HARVEST.

We begin with our **HARVEST**.

Because of our harvest we **HAVE** food to **EAT** for our **TEA** (and all our other meals!).

From **EAST** to **VEST** over all the **EARTH**,  
people's **HARVEST**s come at different times of the year.

Unfortunately, harvests are not always good. Sometimes they fail.

Maybe too much **HEAT** or too many **TARES** - an old word for weeds.

When this happens, it ends in **TEARS** and people can even **STARVE**.

Some people have more than they need, while others do not have enough to **EAT**.

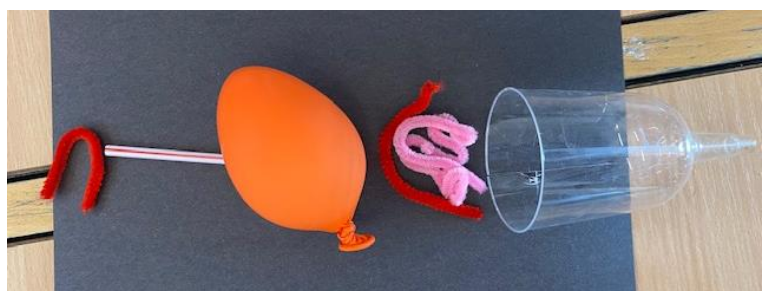
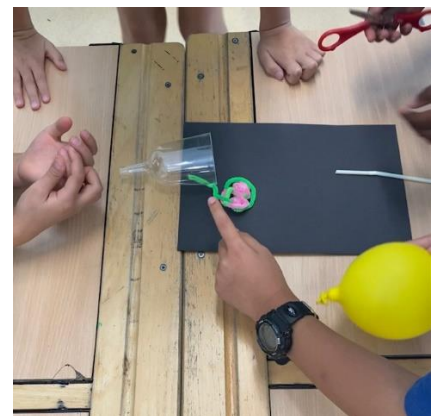
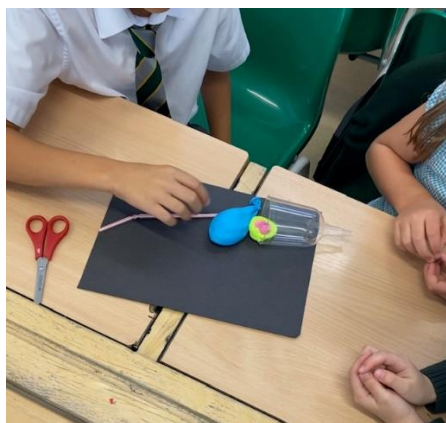
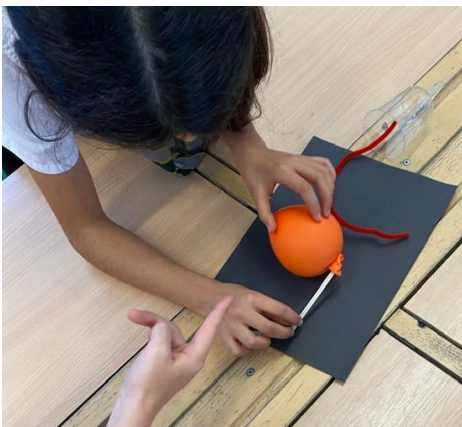
There is a word which can help with this. Can you work out what it is?

How about: **SHARE?**

This is one way in which we can celebrate the harvest – by sharing what we have (which may be more than we need) with our neighbours and those in real need.

Father Mark spoke on 'Do not worry' from Matthew 6:25-33.

Thank you for the generous gifts of items which will be taken to Christian Care, for use in the community.



Year 4 had such fun making 3D models of the digestive system in their science lessons.



Year 1 created their own dinosaurs today.



In their science lessons, Year 1 have been learning about animals. They made bird feeders to help feed the birds.

### COVID Update

If there is a positive COVID case in your child's class, I will send a Parentmail to the whole class to let them know. Due to changes in the self-isolation rules, only the child (or adult) who has tested positive would need to self-isolate for 10 days. Schools no longer have the responsibility of identifying close contacts as NHS Test and Trace fulfil this role. If your child is in the class of a positive case, even if you are not contacted by NHS Test and Trace, you are advised to get a PCR test for them as a precautionary measure. If you are getting a PCR test as a precautionary measure, the current guidance is that there is no need for your child to self-isolate until the results are in.

If we have a positive COVID case in school, this is reported to the Merton Public Health Team.

If your child has any COVID symptoms, please keep them off school, and arrange for them to have a PCR test. Please keep school informed.

To keep us all safe, families are strongly advised to take regular Lateral Flow Tests to pick up any asymptomatic cases. For further information about COVID and testing click on the link <https://www.merton.gov.uk/coronavirus/test>

Further information for parents/carers can be found by following this link:



### **Video Parent Teacher Consultations: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

Parents and Carers are invited to attend two separate Parent Teacher Consultation appointments each year – one in the autumn and one in the spring. Written school reports are provided each summer term.

**This term's Parent Teacher Consultations will be via video, using the Google Meet tool and will be held over a 5-day period, between Monday 18<sup>th</sup> and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.** The consultations for different classes will be held on different days and at different times.

We know that many of you like to look at your children's books so we hope that in addition to your Consultation you will also join us for a 'Share My Learning' event before school on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> November. More information will be provided nearer the time.

The Parent Teacher Consultation meetings offer an opportunity for you to meet with the class teacher to discuss your child's progress this term and any questions you may have. The teachers will not have any assessment data to share with you (this will be sent out separately later in the term) and the emphasis of the conversation will be on how your child has settled in to their new class and the key areas of focus over the coming weeks. These meetings are for parents and carers only – children should not attend.

We are once again combining our Parent Teacher Consultations and SEND Support Form Meetings. Our standard Parent Teacher Consultation appointments will last for 10 minutes and the parents of children with SEND Support Forms in place will be given a 20-minute appointment instead, to allow time for discussion of your child's targets for this term.

As in previous years, we will be using the ParentMail system to organise the parent teacher consultation appointments. **All bookings must be made between 7am on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October and 7pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October.** If you miss this booking window you may not be able to have an appointment as part of this programme. To make a booking, please log into your ParentMail account (on a computer or via the app). Please look for the 'Parents Evenings' option in the left-hand panel. If you have any problems please contact the team in the school office.

The Google Meet links and instructions will be sent out by ParentMail on or before Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October.

### **A few reminders**

**After School** - Please may I remind you that children should not play on any of the school equipment (trim trail, climbing wall etc) after school. We have had a number of accidents in the past after school, and we wish to avoid these. Thank you.

**Photographs/Videos** - Please remember not to take photographs or videos on our school premises. We have a number of children who cannot have their photograph taken for various reasons, and we wish to keep all of our children safe. Thank you.

**School Streets** – Merton Council have asked us to remind you that the School Street road closures are being enforced at the restricted times, and penalty fines will be issued for offending vehicles. Please check the timings on Effra and Faraday Roads. Thank you.

## Job Vacancies at Holy Trinity

We have the following vacancy at Holy Trinity:

- Casual Lunchtime and After School Club Team members

All of the information can be found on our website [https://www.holytrinity.merton.sch.uk/web/job\\_vacancies/307910](https://www.holytrinity.merton.sch.uk/web/job_vacancies/307910)

## Foundation Governors

We will shortly be looking for Foundation Governors to serve on our Governing Body. If you attend Holy Trinity Church, Christ Church (Colliers Wood) or St John the Divine (Merton) and would be keen to find out more about what being a Foundation Governor involves, please email [headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk) in the first instance. Foundation governors do not need to be parents, so if you know of someone else who might be interested, please do let them know.

## Naming Clothes

Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly named (please don't just use initials). Special labels are not necessary – a Sharpie pen is perfect!

We already have a number of unnamed jumpers and PE sweatshirts/tracksuit tops in the lost property. We have a good system of returning named items!

## Snacks

This is just a reminder that KS2 children are able to bring a snack in to eat at playtime – these snacks must only be fruit or vegetables. Children in the Early Years and KS1 are provided with a piece of fruit or vegetable through the Government scheme.

## A Message from HOTS

☆ **\*SAVE THE DATE!\*** ☆

HOTS are excited that in-person fundraising activities are back! While we have taken the decision not to hold a disco this half term, we hope you can join us for the following fun-filled events:

**\*Parents Quiz night\*** - (school hall) Friday 12th November

**\*Christmas Carols by Candlelight\*** (school playground) - Saturday 11th December 4-6pm

We will also be selling Christmas trees, ornaments, Panettone and personalised Christmas cards designed by your children.

More information on all of these and how to buy tickets will be available next week. We are excited to get back to raising vital funds for the school and bringing the parent community together safely.

## Emotion Regulation Training for Parents/Carers - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October – 7.30pm

'Merton Mental Health Support Team would like to invite you to a free evening webinar on Emotion Regulation. Creating common approaches for supporting your children's ability to regulate emotions at home and at school. These key skills are important for development and future outcomes.

To sign up and reserve your place, please follow this Eventbrite

link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/merton-mhst-the-primary-years-supporting-big-emotions-at-home-and-school-tickets-175277609047>

The Primary Years is a time of rapid development and huge change; it is also a time where emotions can be expressed and experiences in many different ways.

This free session for parents of primary school children in Merton schools looks at Emotion Regulation skills and strategies. These key skills involve being able to identify how we are feeling, understand why we are feeling a certain way, and find ways to bring us back to a place where we feel more in control. Emotion Regulation is a core skill that helps us with our relationships; ability to concentrate; and self-esteem. The

session aims to discuss: -What is Emotion Regulation and why is it important -Present a way of talking about emotion regulation for home and school (the zones of regulation -Discuss how parents can help support Emotion Regulation skills? -Introduce an Emotion Regulation Toolbox -Discuss Frequently Asked Questions and Next Steps (Resources and Ideas)

This Webinar is delivered for free to parents of pupils at select Merton Schools where Merton Mental Health Support Team delivers 1-1 Early Help and Preventative Wellbeing Support for Anxiety and Common Tricky Child Behaviours. Presenter - Dr Joshua Eldridge (Clinical Psychologist/Service Lead). Contact [InfoMertonWP@swlstg.nhs.uk](mailto:InfoMertonWP@swlstg.nhs.uk) for more information or any questions

#### Attached/Linked items:

- Mental Health support flyer

#### 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. By next week we will be able to give you all of the dates for this term.

Date	Time	Event	Notes
8 <sup>th</sup> October	9.30-10.30	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2022	Talk in hall then tour
14 <sup>th</sup> October		School photographs	
15 <sup>th</sup> October	9.30	Nursery Open Morning for entry in 2022	Talk in Small Hall then visit nursery
18-22 <sup>nd</sup> October		Parent/Teacher Meetings this week	These will take place virtually this term and information about booking will follow
19 <sup>th</sup> October	9.30-10.30	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2022	Talk in hall then tour
22 <sup>nd</sup> October		Break up for half term	
1 <sup>st</sup> November		2 <sup>nd</sup> half of term starts	
2 <sup>nd</sup> November		School Eucharist @ school	Further information to follow
5 <sup>th</sup> November	9.30	Nursery Open Morning for entry in 2022	Talk in Small Hall then visit nursery
10 <sup>th</sup> November	8.15-8.45am	EYFS/KS1 Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers	
11 <sup>th</sup> November	8.15-8.45am	KS2 Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers	
12 <sup>th</sup> November		World Kindness Day	
12 <sup>th</sup> November		HOTS Quiz Night	
15 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> November		Anti-bullying week	NB Date change
17 <sup>th</sup> November	9.30-10.30	Reception Open Morning for entry in 2022	Talk in hall then tour
26 <sup>th</sup> November		<b>Extra Bank Holiday – School closed</b>	<b>In lieu of Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday in May 2022</b>
29 <sup>th</sup> November – 3 <sup>rd</sup> December		Assessment week	
1 <sup>st</sup> December	2.00	Nursery Open Afternoon for entry in 2022	Informal talk in nursery and tour
7 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15	Reception Nativity	Robins' parents/carers to watch
8 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15	Reception Nativity	Owls' parents/carers to watch

9 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15	Year 2 Christmas show	Year 2 parents/carers invited
10 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30/2.30	Nursery Nativity	Nursery parents/carers invited
10 <sup>th</sup> December		Christmas Jumper Day – children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper to school and give a donation to Save the Children Fund	
11 <sup>th</sup> December	4.00-6.00pm	HOTS Carols by Candlelight	
14 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15	Year 1 Concert	Year 1 parents/carers invited
15 <sup>th</sup> December	6.30	Year 3/5 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church	All children in Year 3/5 to attend Parents/carers invited
16 <sup>th</sup> December	6.30	Year 4/6 Carol Service @ Holy Trinity Church	All children in Year 4/6 to attend Parents/carers invited
17 <sup>th</sup> December	2.00pm	Break up	
4 <sup>th</sup> January 2022		<b>INSET Day – School closed</b>	
5 <sup>th</sup> January 2022		Term begins for all children	
11 <sup>th</sup> February		Break up for half term	
21 <sup>st</sup> February		2 <sup>nd</sup> half of term begins	
1 <sup>st</sup> April	2.00pm	Break up for Easter holidays	
19 <sup>th</sup> April		Summer term begins	
9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> May		Year 6 SATS	
27 <sup>th</sup> May		Break up for half term	
6 <sup>th</sup> June		<b>INSET Day – School closed</b>	
7 <sup>th</sup> June		2 <sup>nd</sup> half of term begins	
6 <sup>th</sup> June -17 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Window Year 4 Timetables Check Window	
21 <sup>st</sup> July	9.15	Leaver's Service @ Holy Trinity Church	
21 <sup>st</sup> July	2.00pm	Term ends	
22 <sup>nd</sup> July		<b>INSET Day – School closed</b>	

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Izzy Rickards