

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had another great week at school, with the children (and staff) very settled into the new routines. One child said to me today, "I just love school too much!"

Here's a fantastic, sensory rainbow, created by one of our Year 4 pupils.



Year 2 have been creating new images by practising the skill of Frottage, invented by Max Ernst, in their art lessons. Year 3 enjoyed investigating which how hard-wearing different rocks are in their science this week.



Year 5 have done some amazing art inspired by the artist Hundertwasser. They also retold the story of the Feeding of the 5000 in RE using hand puppets!



Parent/Teacher Meetings

Early next week you will get further information about our forthcoming Parent/Teacher meetings. These will be held virtually and you will receive detailed instructions via Parentmail.

Miss Banks' Marathon Challenge

On Sunday 4th of October it's Marathon Day and thousands of people were going to take to the streets of London and run 26.2 miles. Now, I know it is not able to take place this year, due to COVID, but that does not mean we can't stay active and have fun!

My challenge for you this weekend is to see if you can run, walk or cycle for 26+ minutes. Once you have completed the challenge ask your parents/carers to print off a picture of you holding something up saying "I've completed Miss Banks's Challenge." Please put these in my tray by Friday 9th of October and you will receive a very special Holy Trinity Marathon Certificate.

Stay Active, keep smiling and get those trainers on!!

Absence Reporting

We are trialling the use of ParentMail to report absences. Therefore, you now have two options if you need to report your child's absence from school:

- Telephone the school office (not class teacher) on 020 8542 1591 by 8.45am. If you get the answerphone, please leave a clear message
- Log in to ParentMail and navigate to 'Notify Absence'. Complete the form by 8.45am

Whichever method you choose, please give as much information as possible, especially if your child is having to self-isolate or take a Coronavirus test, to avoid us having to telephone you for more details.

School Streets Scheme – Important Update

As you are probably aware, the road signs about the School Streets Scheme have yet to be erected. I have been informed by Merton Council that, as soon as the signs are up, the scheme begins. Please keep an eye out for the road signs at the ends of Effra and Faraday Roads.

If you have a valid Blue Badge concession, please email headteacher@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk. Residents will also be exempt and should receive notification of this from Merton council. Please see <https://www.merton.gov.uk/streets-parking-transport/traffic-management/school-streets-programme> for further information.

Coats

Please ensure your child brings a clearly named coat to school from now onwards. Thank you.

Activity Clubs

I'm afraid that we have taken the difficult decision to postpone our activity club programme until at least January 2021 when we hope that the COVID restrictions may have relaxed enough to allow us to run the clubs safely.

After School Club

We currently have a number of **regular spaces in our After School Club on Fridays**. To register, or to add your name to the waiting list for other days of the week please email Alex Walker:

afterschoolclub@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk.

We also offer **Ad Hoc places where available**. These are one-off sessions in After School Club which come up because children with regular spaces are not attending on the day in question, or because we have vacancies in After School Club. Ad Hoc Full Sessions run until 5.45pm and cost £20 per session.

Ad Hoc Sessions, when available, must be booked and paid for via ParentMail (please visit 'Payments' then 'Shop' to locate them). If no sessions are visible, then no spaces are available. Please do not telephone the school office or contact the administrator to check – please just keep checking ParentMail.

Second Hand Uniform

We are delighted that HOTS have now taken over management of our pre-loved uniform and that all of the proceeds from future sales of second hand items will go directly to HOTS funds.

If you have good quality, clean uniform to donate, please ensure that you remove all labels (or scrub out any visible names if written in pen) and then drop it off at the HOTS Second Hand Uniform Collection Point at the Faraday Gate at school drop off time in the mornings. Please do not hand it in to the office.

If you would like to buy second-hand uniform, please look out for information which will be circulated through the class rep network next week. An inventory will be sent around so you can see what is available but if you need anything urgently please email hotsemail@gmail.com and the team will do their best to help.

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.

Trinity Singers - come and join us!

Do you enjoy singing? Holy Trinity School's adult choir (parents, carers, friends) is continuing to rehearse this term - via Zoom for the moment. We would welcome new members and welcome back all those who have sung with us before. There are no auditions - you don't need to be able to read music, you won't be made to sing on your own and we are a very friendly and welcoming group!

We rehearse on a Thursday evening 8pm-9pm (via Zoom) usually every 2 weeks during term time. Our next rehearsal is on Thursday 15th October. We are hoping that we may be able to do some good old-fashioned carol singing around the streets of Wimbledon this Christmas (restrictions permitting).

For more details or to be added to our email list please contact Mrs Quinn - hilary.quinn@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk

Wild Garden Invitation

As you know HOTS have kindly redesigned our Wild Garden, making it an exciting, safe place for the children to play in. Feel free to take a look yourselves at pick up next week. Please ensure that children stay with you at all times, and that you observe social distancing.

HOT SHOTS

HOTS are excited to announce HOT SHOTS - a weekly 5-a-side football game for parents and carers. It is our hope that this will be a great way to involve dads in the work of HOTS, but of course everyone is welcome and we hope we can get a good mix of parents from every year group involved. Please find more information on the attached flyer and register your interest by emailing hotsemail@gmail.com

Attached Items/Links

- Wilton Tennis Half Term Holiday Club
- Merton Libraries' Online Events
- Typing's Cool Autumn half term 2020 touch typing course for 7 – 16s
26 – 29 October 2020, 10:00 – 12:15 pm daily Swinerton Hall Community Centre, 62 Gibbon Road, Kingston upon Thames KT2 6AB Typing's Cool teaches children and young people how to touch type to 20 – 40 wpm using correct fingers and posture.
Beginners, improvers and advanced learners are welcome.
Cost £160.00 (10% sibling/ bring a friend/ returner discount) For more information contact sarah.holt@typingscool.co.uk 07812 632238 For an application form 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
12-16 th October and 19 th – 23 rd October	Afternoon/ evening	Parent/Teacher meetings will be held over a 2-week period for different year groups. These will all be held virtually. Further information will be sent out about booking slots nearer the time.
15 th October	All day	Individual School Photographs (if these are able to take place)
21 st October	AM	Flu Immunisations (only for those for whom we have consent for)
23 rd October		Break up for half term
16 – 20 th November		Anti-bullying week
18 th December	Staggered ends TBC	Break up
4 th January 2021		INSET Day
5 th January		Children start back

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

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