

Dear Parents and Carers

What a wonderful day we have had! The children have been a delight, and I have enjoyed hearing what they got up to during the summer. We were thrilled to start the day with whole school worship – something we haven't been able to do for well over a year. We looked at the familiar bible story of Noah, and the big task that God gave him to do. We were reminded that God keeps his promises and that he is with us, and will help us with whatever task we face.



Homework

Instead of giving homework sheets to complete each week, we are very keen for any learning at home to focus on the key skills of reading, and number facts. The expectations for each year group are listed below, and further information will be available on the Learning Platform.

	Reading minutes per night	Practise nightly
Foundation stage	10+	Keywords Number Facts
Year 1	10+	Keywords Number Facts
Year 2	15+	Spelling Number Facts
Year 3	15+	Spelling Number Facts
Year 4	20+	Spelling Number Facts
Year 5	20+	Spelling Number Facts
Year 6	20+	Spelling Number Facts

Music at Holy Trinity – A message from Mrs Quinn

I am delighted that choir and orchestra will finally be able to resume this term!

Year 3 and Year 4 choir will be on a Thursday lunchtime.

Year 5 and Year 6 choir will be on a Wednesday lunchtime.

Both choirs will start in the week commencing 13th September. There are no auditions for the choir – all children are welcome to join, but are expected to show commitment to rehearsals for at least a half term session after the first 'try out' rehearsal.

Orchestra will be an afterschool club on a Tuesday and will start on 5th October. If your child has instrumental lessons and would be interested (mainly for Years 4,5 and 6) please let me know as this club is by invitation only.

Instrumental lessons. If you are interested in instrumental lessons for your child, we offer many choices of instruments, mainly through Merton Music Foundation who send tutors into school. Please contact them for details or speak to me.

Website: <https://mmf.org.uk/lessons/>

Admin Office: 020 8640 5446

Parents and Carers – do you enjoy singing songs from the musicals? I am really excited that Trinity Singers (our adult choir for parents and friends of Holy Trinity School) is finally able to rehearse again together indoors after so long! We would love to welcome new members. You don't need to be able to read music and you won't be asked to sing a solo! We are a very friendly choir so if you enjoy singing, then this is for you. This term I have decided that we will have 'Musicals' as our theme and will be singing songs from 'Les Mis', 'Joseph and his Amazing Technicoloured Dreamcoat', 'Hamilton' and 'The Greatest Showman'. I will also be doing some of the same songs with the school choirs, so if your child joins their year group choir you will be able to practise together at home! Our first Open Rehearsal is on Thursday 16th September from 8pm to 9pm in the school hall (entrance through car park). Please come and give us a try – I look forward to seeing you all.

Any queries about any of the above, please feel free to come and speak to me (I am in school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays) or email me (hilary.quinn@holytrinity.merton.sch.uk)

Trim Trail and Bike/Scooters

This is just a friendly reminder that children should not use the Trim Trail before or after school. This includes younger siblings too. We are delighted that so many children are cycling or scooting to school – children should not ride them in the school playground. Thank you.

A message from HOTS

Class Reps

We are still looking for class reps for the following classes:

- Reception Robins
- Year 2 Badgers
- Year 4H
- Year 4T
- Year 6T

Being a class rep is a great way to help the school with very little time investment. Your main responsibility is helping send relevant messages from HOTS and the teachers to your parent cohort, and it's mostly a matter of copy and pasting! If you can, please volunteer to help your class so they don't miss out. Thanks so much!

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)

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
8 th September		Reception children start (staggered start)
9 th September		Nursery staggered start
22 nd October		Break up for half term
2 nd November		2 nd half of term starts
17 th December		Break up for Christmas

NB The Government has asked schools to select one extra day of holiday during the 2021-2022 academic year, in lieu of the extra Bank Holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, which falls within the May half term. This extra date will be confirmed in September.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Izzy Rickards