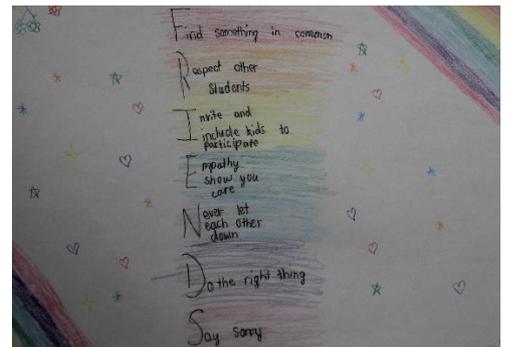


Dear Parents and Carers

This week we had our Anti-bullying week - 'United Against Bullying' 2020. The children have had a jam-packed week and have had the opportunity to engage in many Anti-bullying initiatives. From R.E.S.P.E.C.T workshops with Bigfoot, friendship motto competitions, letters to Mrs Rickards sharing positive ideas to stop bullying and creating support network handprint. It was great to see everyone getting involved.

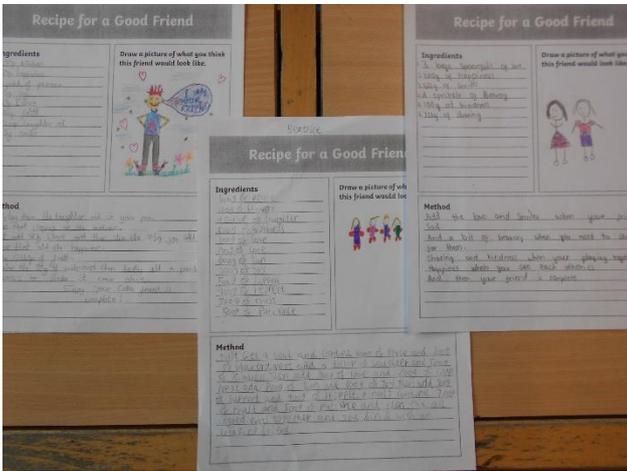
The winner of our friendship motto competition is... Maame in Year 6. Well done! Maame's friendship motto will be displayed around the school for all to see. Well done to our runners-up - Grace W Year 5, Alannah Year 6 and Aliza Year 5.



This week was Anti-Bullying Week. On Monday we watched the Big Anti-Bullying Assembly 2020 and we had a workshop about respect and kindness afterwards. I really enjoyed both of them - they were lots of fun. After lunch, we had a PSHE lesson about Anti-bullying. On Thursday we happily watched 3H's Anti-bullying assembly and it was excellent. They sang a song about friendship and we all joined in cheerfully. Overall, it was a good week.

By: Eugenia and Anadoo 6T

Year 5 created friendship recipes and added to their class kindness display.



Year 2 created their own Helping Hands Support Network during Anti-Bullying Week.



My thanks go to Mrs Witting for masterminding the whole week.

Year 6 have had great fun starting to design their 'Steady Hand Game' in Design and Technology.





I am so grateful to our parent community for their amazing support and generosity. These parcels were delivered this week to school from the HOTS' Class Wish lists – you are all amazing – thank you.

### Wellbeing book corner



Our wonderful parent committee (HOTS) kindly donated a wide range of new wellbeing books to our children's wellbeing corner in the school library. A huge thank you to HOTS for their generous donation. The children are going to love the new additions.

### Governor Update

Last night the governors met virtually. We signed off the School Improvement Plan and are much encouraged by the hard work and progress already made by staff and pupils in our recovery curriculum and wellbeing focuses, as well as financial stability.

Both us and staff were bowled over by the generosity of some families supporting others more in need during half term as well as all your donations to the amazon wish lists, class funds and Governors Capital Fund. Thank you! We appreciate some may be struggling at this time and we really value any donations supporting our extremely tight school budget. We know there will be challenges ahead, especially given many parts of our school are due a refurbishment in the coming months and year.

On a final note, the Battles Area Residents Association has asked us to write a letter of support in their campaign to convert the hard court area in Haydons' Road recreation ground back into sports use for the whole community. We are happy to do so and if any parents wish to also write their own letters please send them to

[HaydonsRecSport@gmail.com](mailto:HaydonsRecSport@gmail.com)

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020. Please click on this link to complete the survey <https://forms.gle/xqjnIFXzQ6TvF3779>

## COVID Update

Merton schools have seen a sharp rise in the number of COVID cases amongst staff and children. Last week alone, 21 schools (including many primary schools) had to close one or more bubbles. We need to keep on doing all that we can to stem the spread of COVID.

Please do not arrange play dates, or meet with others in the park after school. Please keep your children with you at pick up time so that they are not playing with others from different bubbles in the playground.

Thank you so much for your co-operation.

## Long Service Awards

In addition to the members of staff we congratulated last week, I would like to congratulate Mrs Lyons, who has also worked with us for 20 years. Thank you for all that you so for us at Holy Trinity.

## Scooters/Bikes and the Trim Trail

Just a friendly reminder that children should not be scooting or riding their bikes on the school premises, or using the trim trail before, or after school. Thank you.

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

To highlight road safety, we will be holding some road safety awareness activities next week in school time. On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

## Zoom coffee morning – Anyone is welcome!

If, like me, you are finding it hard to connect with people at school or even get out of the house much at the moment, then why not join me this Wednesday (and every Wednesday during lockdown 2.0) to chat and drink a cup of tea or coffee on zoom.

I'll be sitting with my laptop in my kitchen between 9.30 and 10.30 each Wednesday, so why not join me if you'd like to make some new friends.

Anyone is welcome, whether you have a lot to say or are not much of a talker

See you soon – Sarah Williams (mum to Grace 10, Noah 8 and Eddie 6)

If you'd like to get in touch personally you can email me on [timso.williams@gmail.com](mailto:timso.williams@gmail.com) or 07740469892

Zoom log in details are  
Meeting ID: 839 9123 9003  
Passcode: 131913

### **Christmas chat and coffee**

Next Sunday will mark the start of Advent (I know I can't believe it either). This year the parent prayer group wanted to do something a bit different. We are planning a series of 4 coffee mornings over the period of advent to look at and talk about the Christmas Story afresh to help inject a bit of Christmas spirit into our lives. If you are interested we will be meeting each Friday morning starting next week on 27<sup>th</sup> November at 9.15-10.15am over zoom with a cup of coffee and if you've got one a mince pie, for some reflections and discussion. Whether you would consider yourself a believer or not, you are really welcome to share in some seasonal joy and tradition with us at this time of year

Meeting ID: 899 8542 2522  
Passcode: 618287

### **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](mailto: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 for all of your entries for the Lockdown Lego competition. The winners this week were Vincent and Leonard.



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](mailto:hotsemail@gmail.com) by midnight on Wednesday. The theme for this week is 'Dream Classroom'.

### **Black Friday Shopping**

Black Friday is coming, please make sure you are signed up to [Amazon Smile](#) and [Easyfundraising](#) if you are planning to shop online. **It takes less than a minute to sign up and costs you nothing.** HOTS will automatically receive a percentage of any money you spend on Amazon and thousands of other online shops. If you need any help getting set up just email us on [hotsemail@gmail.com](mailto:hotsemail@gmail.com) or contact your class rep.

### **Holy Trinity Church Scavenger Hunt**

Holy Trinity Church are organising a Christmas Scavenger Hunt to take place between the 4th and 14th December. Follow the clues to find the answers and crack the code to enter into the prize draws. More information on the attached flyer or at <http://bit.ly/ht-hunt>

## Attached items/links

- Holy Trinity Church Scavenger Hunt
- Winter Edition of Raring2Go <https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/kingstonandmerton/winter/>
- Rev'd Alison Judge has asked us to include this link about Merton Chamber's festive shoebox hamper <https://www.mertonchamber.co.uk/merton-giving/merton-giving-a-gift-for-all-how-to-make-and-donate-a-festive-shoe-box-hamper>

## The Governors agreed the following 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)

## Key Dates for 2020-2021

### Autumn Term 2020

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September - Fri 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

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

**Half term** Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020

### Spring Term 2021

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

*NB Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 INSET day so **children start on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021***

**Half term** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021

### Summer Term 2021

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021

*NB Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July INSET days*

**Term ends for children on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021**

**Half term** Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021

As further dates are added, these will be highlighted.

Date	Time	Event
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> November		Assessment week
27 <sup>th</sup> November		Road Safety Superhero dress up day
11 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> December	Staggered ends TBC	Break up
4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021		INSET Day
5 <sup>th</sup> January		Children start back

I hope you all manage to have a good weekend.

Izzy Rickards