## **Trinity St Stephen CE Aided First School**



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## **Dear Parents**

The Sports Festival has gone well. Many children have sent their scores into Miss Pugh and photos of their sporting activity throughout the week. Physical activity at this time has been particularly important for everyone's well-being. Unfortunately, I wasn't able to join the live dance lesson but I have been told that it was great fun. Sadly, it wasn't well attended but I hope those who managed to take part enjoyed it.

Some families have taken the time to express their thanks for the week and we have received some very positive comments:

'Thank you for coordinating this we have really enjoyed the activities.'

'The children have all enjoyed the activities and learning about the different athletes.'

During today's assembly the results were announced. I am pleased to confirm that **Yellow House** won the Sports Festival. Congratulations to the top scorers in each year group Hollie (Reception), Louis (Year 1), Harry (Year 2), Hadley (Year 3) and Oliver (Year 4). If your child is part of the winning house or/and a top scorer please come and collect your medal. Medals will be available at the school front door from 9.15am to 3pm every school day during the course of next week. Children attending school will be able to pick their medals up at drop off and collection times.

Next week we have a virtual visit to Windsor Castle arranged for Monday morning. This is entitled, *All About the Castle*. Please see the timings below.

This week Years 1, 2 and 3 experienced an on-line live lesson with their class teacher. These were attended by approximately 60% of the pupils they were aimed at. As I mentioned in last week's newsletter, we are keen to explore other options for our remote learning provision to particularly support when we understand the lock down has been going on for so long. Families are mentioning the strain of continued home education as well as working from home. Many parents of the children who attended definitely appreciated this approach and their children responded well to being part of a session such as this. More lessons will become available over the next few weeks.

I have heard many positive comments about the school provision, for which I am very grateful. It has come to my attention that some parents have expressed concerns around the level and quantity of remote learning and the access to school made available to certain groups of children. Please can I remind you that all year groups have a folder of ongoing learning materials in the Class News area and this can be dipped into at any time. I am available to hear your feedback and would welcome a direct approach if you have any queries or concerns about current provision that you would like to raise with me.

Yesterday the government issued new guidance for September. This guidance is available by following the link:





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https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools

Over the course of the next few days I will be working with senior leaders and the governing body to prepare a plan for a full re-opening. This is in many ways the news we all wanted to hear and will support families returning to some sort of normality. I understand that for many this has been a stressful and challenging time. Children will benefit hugely from returning to the school environment. Whilst this is good news, I understand that some families and children will find this an anxious time too.

Today we have sent out letters to begin the transition process for your child. All class teachers have had detailed conversations over the past few days with your child's receiving teacher so that they are well informed for the new year. We would like your child to be as well prepared as possible for the year group they will be entering and your teacher has written some ideas to support this. We understand that every child's experience over the past few months will be unique and teachers will be taking the children forward from their different starting points in the new academic year. The letter that you are receiving today is part of the transition process. When there has been an opportunity to prepare a full plan for the re-opening this will be shared with parents and provide further information for the start in September.

Kind regards,



Windsor Castle Virtual Visit	Monday 6 July	9am - Years 3 and 4
		10am - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
Collective Worship with Reverend Sally	Tuesday 7 July	11am
	Monday 13 July	11am
	Mon 20 July	11am
Whole School Assembly with Miss Pugh	Wednesday 8 July	2pm
	Wednesday 15 July	2pm

