

Trinity St Stephen CE Aided First School

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Dear Parents,

What a fantastic first week back after half term. It has been wonderful to come back to such a busy and more normal school week.

Sporting news

This week Year 3 enjoyed taking part in the Tag Rugby Festival at Windsor Rugby Club in Home Park. The class was accompanied by Mrs Manners, Mrs Bates and Mrs Brown. Thank you to the parents who supported the children in their walk to Home Park. The children took part in lots of different rugby related activities and enjoyed meeting children from other first schools too.

Fantastic Fred

All year groups attended a performance by the Fantastic Fred Team. Each show lasted for approximately 30 minutes and took the children through the main ways of maintaining good mental health: Food, Rest, Exercise and restricting the use of Digital Devices. This was a fun way of reinforcing this simple but important message. The following link gives information for parents www.thefantasticfredexperience.com/for-parents-guardians

We have included those suffering with conflict in our prayers this week. I am attaching some useful tips and resources on answering children's questions at this difficult time. These have been sent from the Education Psychology and Well Being team.

Year 2

On Thursday Year 2 had a very special visitor. Florence Nightingale dropped into the classroom to tell the children about her experiences as a nurse in the Crimean War. Dressed in her nursing clothes she showed the children a number of interesting artefacts. The children enjoyed asking her questions and finding out more about her fascinating life.

On Thursday 24 March Year 2 will be sharing their learning with parents and carers in their Class Assembly. The assembly will be taking place at 9am in the Church of St Stephen and St Agnes in Vansittart Road.

Staffing

We are pleased to welcome Mr Brooker to our teaching support team. Mr Brooker has been involved with the school for many years both as a parent and a governor. He is now joining the learning support team and lunch team. Mr Grindon has joined the school as the new Premier Sport Coach replacing Mr Hawkes. We hope they very much enjoy their time with us.





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The school is currently advertising for a Learning Support Assistant to join our Reception Team. The role is full time but part time options may be considered. Please see the website for further information https://www.tssfirst.co.uk/school-life/job-vacancies Do feel free to contact the office or catch me on the gate if you would like to discuss this opportunity.

School Governors

The school has a vacancy for a Parent Governor. I will be sending information out to all parents next week.

Reception Outdoor Area

Much of the first phase has been completed. We are waiting for the new surfacing, which we hope will be finished by the end of next week. This is the first part of our development of the outside area for Reception. The TSSSA have agreed a spend to enable the area to include a new playhouse which we hope will be installed shortly. Future spending will include greater storage and new resources as we raise funds. Thank you to Year 1 and the Reception Team for adapting and putting up with the inconvenience over the last week. Photographs of the work are up in the News section of our website.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' evening ran smoothly on Thursday evening. Thank you to everyone for following the guidelines, we all appreciate your cooperation. The teaching staff enjoyed being able to talk to you face to face and many parents commented on how nice it was to come inside the school and see your child's learning. Teachers will not be providing alternative times for face to face meetings in the near future so if you have not booked an appointment please get in touch with the office to make arrangements for a Monday appointment.

Risk Assessment Updates

The Covid Risk Assessments have been updated according to the new government guidelines. I am sending the new risk assessment out with this newsletter and it is available with other Covid related documents on the website. Please note that there is a link included here and on the risk assessment which explains the current procedures for children and adults who have tested positive.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts

Book Week 2022

Next week we will be celebrating Book Week on Thursday 10 March. We are taking inspiration from the book, 'You Must Bring a Hat' by Simon Philip. We look forward to seeing the children's book inspired hat creations. Miss Burr and Rev'd Sally, supported by a school judging committee will be awarding the prizes. Thank you to TSSSA for supporting the purchase of book tokens for the winners. There will be lots of book inspired activities going on throughout the day.

Healthy Snacks

Finally, we have noticed that some children are bringing in a range of different snacks. A break time snack





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must be either fruit, vegetables or a dairy product. A completely plain cracker such as a cream cracker or a rice cracker would be acceptable too. All snacks must be free of nuts. Thank you for your help with this.

The TSSSA cake sale held the day before half term raised £143.26. That equates to a massive 286 cakes sold. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

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Dates for your diary:

| 07 March 2022 | Whole School Parents' Evening (5.00-8.00pm) |
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| 07 March 2022 | Year 3 and 4 Shakespeare Workshop |
| 10 March 2022 | World Book Day Celebrations |
| 11 March 2022 | Year 4 visit to the Slough Sewage Farm |
| 24 March 2022 | Year 2 Class Assembly at 9.00am in the Church of St Stephen and St Agnes |
| 02 April 2022 | TSSSA Bunny Bingo (more details to follow) |
| 05 April 2022 | Year 4 Dance Festival |
| 08 April 2022 | Term Finishes |

