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.¹⁰When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.¹¹On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped Him. Then they opened their treasures and presented Him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. Matthew Ch2v10,11

07 January 2022

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all. I hope that you enjoyed the festive period and were able to have some much-needed rest and relaxation with your families.

The school has received a letter of thanks from the charity Windsor Christian Action. This is the charity that supports the Homeless Project, *'We would like to express our sincere and heartfelt thanks to all the children, staff and parents at Trinity St Stephen First School for the wonderful gift boxes they donated, filled with such useful and thoughtfully chosen presents, prepared and lovingly wrapped!'*

Thanks go to the School Council for helping to collect and sort the donations and to the Sewell family for organising and passing on our donations. We are thrilled that we were able to support the charity in providing some Christmas cheer for members of our community.

We are looking forward to an exciting term. In particular, in a couple of weeks' time, on the 18 and 19 January, the children will be taking part in First Aid training. The whole school will be receiving an age appropriate workshop on dealing with medical emergencies. This includes the importance of knowing key information to pass over to the emergency services over the phone. Older children will learn some basic first aid to perform in a variety of situations. We hope that this will be a valuable part of the children's personal and social education. Thanks to the parental voluntary contributions we are able to offer this at no extra cost to you.

The staff In Service Training also focussed on First Aid. A large majority of staff from all roles across the school attended the day of paediatric first aid training.

During the term, we will be starting the renovation project in the Reception outdoor area. Over the next few weeks we will be removing the bamboo to the right of the school front gates. Most of this overgrown area will be cleared to provide additional car parking, in the form of a designated disabled space. The new fence and gate will also be repositioned to give Reception children more space. During half term the major part of the work in the Reception outdoor area will be completed.

As part of this project we will be looking to add three large sheds/cabins. Please do let the school know whether this is something you could help with. We would be very interested in hearing whether you have recently used any local or website-based companies for such items.

We are very excited to announce that the school is working towards becoming an ECO school. There is a lot more information on the letter being sent out with today's newsletter. All children will be shown a short presentation next week about the project and Mrs Manners is inviting interested children from all year groups to become Eco Councillors; they will attend meetings and help run it. If your child is interested, they



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need to apply to Mrs Manners using the attached application form which you can print or they can ask their teacher for one. Please return application forms by the end of school on Thursday 20 January.

We are also required to have a parent representative on the committee so if you are interested please speak to Mrs Manners.

Yesterday the school attended worship at St Stephen and St Agnes' Church. Father Richard led our worship focussed on The Epiphany. We are hoping to include Family Worship during the course of the term when you are very welcome to join our worship at the Church. Further details will come out shortly.

At the request of parents Before School Club is now available from Monday to Thursday. You are able to drop your child at school from 8am. The leaders are very happy for children to bring their breakfast with them and supervise eating, if this is useful. Please make sure that the breakfast is nut free and let the leader know when you drop off. Sessions can either be booked as a group or on an ad-hoc basis at a cost of £5 per session. Please contact the school office or look on the school website for further information.

<https://www.tssfirst.co.uk/parents/before-and-after-school-care>

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Friday morning Gymnastics (8.00am start) is a new and exciting club we have introduced for our KS1 children, there are still spaces if you would like your child to join. Attached with this email is the flyer from Premier Sport.

Other clubs with spaces are as follows:

	Before School	After School
Monday		<u>3.15-3.45pm</u> French - Reception
Tuesday		<u>3.15-3.45pm</u> French - Year 1 & 2
Wednesday	<u>8.00am start</u> Street Dance - Year 3 & 4	
Thursday	<u>8.00am start</u> Active Club - Year 1, 2, 3 & 4	
Friday	<u>8.00am start</u> Gymnastics - Year 1 & 2	<u>3.15-4.15pm</u> Football Year 3 & 4 <u>3.15-4.15pm</u> Drama Year 1 & 2

Please contact the school office if you are interested in your joining any of the clubs listed above.



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COVID Updates

As you will be aware there have been a number of changes introduced by the government over the Christmas period relating to Covid testing and isolation. Please see below for details of the current guidance:

Confirmatory PCR tests to be temporarily suspended for positive lateral flow test results

- Confirmatory PCR tests following a positive lateral flow test result to be temporarily suspended
- COVID-19 prevalence is high which means the chances of a false positive from a positive LFD result are very low
- This approach reflects evidence on the very high accuracy of LFD testing
- Anyone who develops COVID-19 symptoms should continue to take a PCR test

From 11th January in England, people who receive positive lateral flow results for COVID-19 will be required to self-isolate immediately and won't be required to take a confirmatory PCR test. This is a temporary measure while COVID-19 rates remain high across the UK. Whilst levels of COVID-19 are high, the vast majority of people with positive LFD results can be confident that they have COVID-19.

Lateral flow tests are taken by people who do not have COVID-19 symptoms. Anyone who develops one of the three main COVID-19 symptoms should stay at home and self-isolate and take a PCR test. They must self-isolate if they get a positive test result, even if they have had a recent negative lateral flow test - these rules have not changed.

Under this new approach, anyone who receives a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result should report their result on [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) and must self-isolate immediately but will not need to take a follow-up PCR test. After reporting a positive LFD test result, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace so that their contacts can be traced and must continue to self-isolate.

Isolation Main messages:

The self-isolation advice for people with coronavirus (COVID-19) has changed. It is now possible to end self-isolation after 7 days, following 2 negative LFD tests taken 24 hours apart. The first LFD test should not be taken before the sixth day.

COVID-19 infection rates are very high and the Omicron variant is spreading rapidly. It is important that we all take steps to reduce the spread of COVID-19 infection in the community to save lives and protect the NHS.

Finally, on Monday we are holding the first TSSSA committee meeting of 2022. There will be a separate email being sent out with joining details. All are welcome!



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The curriculum coverage for this term can be found on our website under the 'Children' tab.

Please see below for dates for the new term.

Kind regards,

Louise Lovegrove

10 January 2022	TSSSA Meeting at 7.30pm
18 and 19 January 2022	Mini First Aid
18 February 2022	In Service Training Day
21 to 25 February 2022	Half Term
08 April 2022	Term Finishes



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