



# Trinity St Stephen CE Aided First School

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Dear Parents,

## **The Harvest Celebration**

Many thanks to all of you who so generously gave towards our Harvest Food Collection. There is a great deal of produce to take to the Windsor Baptist Church, the home of the Windsor Food Share Programme. As we are all too aware, the current global and national crisis will be impacting on many of us and these donations will be helping some of our local families.

The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a small Harvest assembly held at our local church. Reverend Sally came with a rainbow of food to help the children appreciate the wonderful variety of food that we are lucky enough to enjoy all year round. The children particularly liked the challenge of thinking about different foods that were linked to each colour of the rainbow.

I appreciate that many of you would have normally attended our Harvest Celebrations and it is as sad for us as it is for you that our community cannot worship, celebrate and have fun together as we have in the past. We are adapting our practices where we can, thinking of new ways of doing things.

## **Virtual Tour Recording**

As part of this process we have engaged a professional filming team to visit the school to record a short video. This will be used as part of our marketing and publicity for prospective parents. We hope to create a virtual tour of the school which can be used during the virtual meeting for prospective parents as well as uploaded onto our website. The tour will include visits into different year groups with a variety of subject areas being taught. It may also include a few eager pupil volunteers voicing their thoughts about life at Trinity St Stephen. The school office is aware of families who have not authorised their child's image to be used in a project such as this and you will be contacted separately to confirm that you still do not wish your child to take part. This is so that we can confirm that you do not wish to reconsider the permissions. Any child who does not have permission to be filmed in this way will be withdrawn from the room during filming to make sure they are not unwittingly caught on camera. Filming is due to take place on 20 October. Please get in touch with the school office if you have any questions regarding this.

## **Trinity St Stephen's School Association**

This week the school association held their Annual General Meeting via Zoom. Lots of people attended the meeting. Many thanks to the Co-Chairs, Dani and Caroline, who have agreed to continue in the role over the next year and to the year group reps.

The Trinity St Stephen's School Association has always been a very active part of our school community. New ways are being explored to raise money and try and maintain some of the famous community spirit which we all enjoy being part of. The report of last year included some of the fantastic events that friends of the school have put together to help continue to raise money in the present circumstances. I am pleased



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to say that the bank balance is looking healthy and this means that members of the committee will be continuing discussions with various companies to investigate the upgrading of the playground equipment. With your continued support this may well be achievable over the coming academic year.

The committee discussed a number of events which will be quickly upon us. Here is a summary of events and fundraising ideas discussed. Further details will be sent out shortly.

## Friday 09 October Book and Toy Sale

After school in the school car park. Books and toys are available for a donation of your choice. All books and toys have been in quarantine for some time. Please try not to touch unless you are interested. Hand sanitiser will be available to use.

## Trinity St Stephen Tea Towel

All children have taken part in drawing their portrait to be included on the school tea towel. Please consider it as a useful and unique Christmas gift!

## Week beginning 19 October

The school will be joining forces with the TSSSA to run another Wellbeing Week. The children will take part in different activities including the opportunity to run, jog or walk a mile. The TSSSA are hoping that this will be a successful sponsored event as well as promoting healthy exercise in our children. We will also be focusing on the messages from World Mental Health Day and supporting YoungMinds, the children's and young people's mental health charity. There will be a MUFTI event as part of this. Your non-school uniform clothes must include yellow. The school will be giving a donation towards the YoungMinds HelloYellow event. Further information to follow.

## Friday 23 October

There will be a Happy School Bags Collection. This is an excellent way to support the school, have a declutter at home and stop land fill being used for items that can be recycled. Please start having a sort out. The charity will accept the following items:

- Reusable clean and dry clothes
- Reusable paired shoes and footwear
- Fashion accessories, Handbags, Belts, light jewellery, scarves, hats, etc...
- Console games, souvenirs (small decorative ornaments, unwanted gift boxsets)

All items need to be placed in a carrier bag or black bin bag and securely tied at the top. Every morning from the week beginning **19 October** you can drop your bags off in the car park by the wooden gates. There will be evening drop offs too during this week. More details to follow.



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Further information on half term activities, quiz evenings and more will follow shortly.

Many thanks again to all those both organising and supporting the events.

Finally, it has been brought to my attention that there have been occasions when parents have blocked the pavements directly outside school which means that others passing cannot socially distance. Please respect our community and its neighbours both inside the school premises and directly outside and help keep us all safe.

Kind regards,

## Autumn Dates

23 October 2020	End of first half of Autumn Term
2 November 2020	Pupils start second half of Autumn Term
2 November 2020	Flu immunisation for children (am)
29 November 2020	Christingle at 3pm (Church of St Stephen and St Agnes)
9 December 2020	Nativity at 6pm (Church of St Stephen and St Agnes)
18 December 2020	Term ends
4 January 2021	In Service Training day for staff
5 January 2021	Pupil term starts



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