



# Trinity St Stephen CE Aided First School

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Dear Parents,

As you will have noticed, the Reception outdoor area improvement project has started in earnest and the bamboo has gone! The space and light entering the school is greatly improved and we will be moving the fence forward over the coming weeks.

The extra-curricular clubs are all now up and running. The Thursday morning Active Club has a few spaces. This club provides an energetic, fun start to the day and is open to years 1, 2, 3 and 4. This club is offered at no cost to families in receipt of free school meals. Please ask the office if you are unsure of the eligibility criteria and/or you would like to sign your child up for the sessions which start at 8am.

On Friday morning at 8am we have extended the Gymnastics club to cater for Years 1 to 4. Mr Hawkes is running this new club which Premier Sport run in conjunction with the British Gymnastic Association. The programme enables children to develop their gymnastic skills as well as work towards certificates and medals. The booking flyer is being sent with this newsletter. Please contact the office if there is any difficulty with booking onto the course.

Next week on Tuesday and Wednesday all the children will take part in the Mini First Aid Workshops. Please take time to talk to your child about this experience and discuss their learning. If your child does not know their address, a contact number and the number for contacting the emergency services then please help them learn this important information.

## School Attendance

This week I met with the Schools Education Welfare Officer (EWO). At this meeting the attendance of all children is monitored. The government set a target of 95% attendance for all children. It is crucial to maintain good attendance to ensure your child can make the best possible academic progress. Poor attendance also impacts on your child's social life in school. Either myself or Mrs Wendy Bould (EWO) will be directly in touch with anyone who is falling below this target. Sometimes there are reasons for unavoidable drops in attendance and it is important that we understand these. This enables us to work in partnership with you to improve the situation. Please keep the school informed where this is the case.

It has been noted that there are a few families who are regularly late. Being late to school means that your child/children arrive in the lessons after they have started and is immediately faced with trying to catch up. For most children this can be very stressful. I am sending out the Attendance Policy with this newsletter but I would like to draw your attention to the timings for the start of the school day:

***The school doors will open at 8.45am. Morning registration will take place in the classroom at 8.55am. The registration period will be from 8.55am and will close at 9.15 am. Any pupil arriving after this time will be***



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**marked as having an unauthorised absence (U) unless there is an acceptable explanation i.e. school transport was delayed.**

Absence from school, unless related to ill health or exceptional circumstances is not authorised and must be requested at least two weeks before the date of absence.

## School Reports and Parents Meetings

This year the school will again be providing full written reports at the end of the school year. We hope very much, in the second half of term, to be able to provide face to face parent's meetings where we can discuss your child's progress and provide an opportunity for you to see their learning. Further information will come out as we get a clearer picture of the Covid situation locally.

Please see below for dates for the new term.

Kind regards,

*Louise Lovegrove*

18 and 19 January 2022	Mini First Aid
21 January 2022	Year 4 Film Night (3.15-5.15pm)
18 February 2022	In Service Training Day
21 to 25 February 2022	Half Term
08 April 2022	Term Finishes



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