



# Trinity St Stephen CE Aided First School

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Dear Parents,

Last Sunday several children from Year 4, Year 3 and Year 2 joined the Windsor Lions Swimathon. They all swam brilliantly and thoroughly enjoyed the event. The children’s participation has helped support the Lions Club as well as raising valuable funds for school. So far their total is up to £630! A huge thank you to the children and all their parents. If you have not already donated to the fund and would like to, the link is below: [https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/tsssa-swimathon2021?utm\\_source=Sharethis&utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=tsssa-swimathon2021&utm\\_campaign=pfp-email&utm\\_term=a68901c6fd6a40b99dcd81425ac7c69b](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/tsssa-swimathon2021?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=tsssa-swimathon2021&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=a68901c6fd6a40b99dcd81425ac7c69b)

Most of the money raised by the TSSSA is going towards the refurbishment of the Reception Class outside space. We have been working with several outdoor play companies to explore the options. This is a hugely ambitious and expensive project. The total cost of the upgrade is approximately £45,000! We will be tackling the project in phases and I am pleased to say that we are hoping to achieve Phase One during this academic year.

Many thanks again to Tina and Rita for manning the nearly new uniform sale. This provides a valuable community service. Many thanks too for the donations of uniform to pass onto others. Any donations can always be handed into the school office.

The TSSSA are running another Rags to Riches collection on November 04. If you are sorting out over half term and before Christmas, this is a great way to recycle and raise funds for school.

### Items collected:



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Many thanks to Year 4 for leading the assembly on Thursday. We held the class assembly in the Church which meant that all parents could attend. Thank you to the many parents who came, it made the event even more special for Year 4. The children took us through some of their learning experiences since the beginning of term. They spoke confidently and proudly. The children showed examples of their poetry work, some beautiful art work and an excellent demonstration of the ways in which gases, liquids and solids behave. Many thanks to Mrs Dewar and Mrs Brown for supporting and preparing the children.

We will be attending church on Thursday 21 October when Rev'd Richard will be leading our Family Worship.

Over this week and next week we are holding our parents meetings over the telephone. Thank you for supporting our efforts to continue to keep our community protected. We very much hope that in the Spring Term we can invite parents in to see the children's learning.

We continue to welcome parents to the Prospective Parents Meetings both on Zoom and the school tours. School tours are being offered to small groups of parents and are led by our Year 4 guides. The feedback from parents has been very positive. Please let anyone know who may be interested that they can book onto these events through the school office.

This week we have celebrated our unique qualities and focussed on inclusion. In assembly we learnt a little bit about Rose, one of the Strictly stars this year. She is learning to dance even though she is deaf and cannot hear the music. We are learning some sign language together so that we can sign Happy Birthday to all our friends. We have also reminded the children that we all experience things in different ways and sometimes all of us can feel anxious or stressed with life challenges. The children have explored different strategies we can use to help ourselves. Today we are wearing yellow in support of Young Minds. Thank you for your donations. We have raised £215.

When children celebrate their birthdays the class teacher in school always invites the child to tell everyone a little bit about their day and their celebrations. We also invite all children who have had a birthday in the week to come out to the front during our Celebration Assembly on a Friday. We sing, and sign Happy Birthday. We hope that these actions help the children feel special. For a couple of reasons we will not be supporting sharing of sweet treats in school time. This is because we are a Healthy School and always promote a healthy diet and we cannot ensure that the items given out are always nut free and suitable for children with a range of allergies. We are also still minimising the amount of handling we do with items from home to keep us all safe.



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Finally, we are currently able to provide before school care from 8am on Monday and Tuesday. After half term we will be reducing the price to £3.50 per session for a half termly place or £4.00 for an ad-hoc session. I would also like to be able to offer this facility on Wednesday and Thursday. If you are interested in helping us run this please let me know by contacting the school office. Thank you.

Kind regards,

*Louise Lovegrove*

21 October 2021	Family Worship at St Stephen and St Agnes' Church, Vansittart Road at 9am	
21 October 2021	Pupil end of term	
01 November 2021	Pupil term starts	
04 November 2021	Photographer in school. Pupil individual photographs.	
04 November 2021	Rags to Riches Collection	



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