



Trinity St Stephen CE Aided First School

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Headteacher: Mrs Louise Lovegrove

18 December 2020

"Don't be afraid," he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Saviour – yes, the Messiah, the Lord – has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! Luke 2:10-11

Dear Parents

We were all saddened to lose Year 4 at the beginning of the week. The school community have done so well and we were all desperately hoping that we would stay together up to the end of term. Thank you to all our Year 4 parents for ensuring that their children are isolating. We have missed you.

The local authority have asked that schools pass on the following message to parents:

Children should not visit their friend's house to play – or vice versa – during the school holidays. Class bubbles don't apply out of school. Children can only mix with their own households, in line with the local tier restrictions, and those under the national Christmas bubble announced by central Government. Don't give COVID-19 this Christmas.

Please see the important information for the end of term at the end of this newsletter.

This week has been full of Christmas festivities. The children particularly enjoyed Wednesday, wearing their Christmas clothes, enjoying the lunch and meeting a very special visitor. We have been able to organise many of our Christmas traditions in a Covid safe way, which has helped us all.

Yesterday we attended our Christmas worship at St Stephen's and St Agnes' Church. Rev'd Sally read the Christmas story. The Chair of Governors, Mrs Eden, attended and helped present the Governor Awards. Congratulations to Isla, Freddie, Ben and Iris. The Year 4 award will be presented in the new year.

The Church has given all the pupils a copy of *'It Begins in Bethlehem'*. Thank you to the Church community for giving this gift to all our pupils.

Many, many thanks to all of the parents for supporting the school and TSSSA in a truly remarkable way. You have enabled the children to have a wonderful time with their friends by supporting the fund-raising activities of TSSSA. This has enabled the purchase of the playground equipment which will be installed hopefully in the first term of the new year. I would also like to pass on my thanks on behalf of all the staff for the very generous donations received for our Christmas gift this year. All the staff are very grateful for your kind recognition of their hard work over the course of the first term. Thank you.

Thank you too to everyone who donated to Hadley's gifts for the homeless. This was a tremendous success. Hadley's family have put the parcels together and they will be given out at the Christmas Lunch organised for the homeless in our community.



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I am attaching the school lunch menu to this newsletter. Please be aware that the menu has changed and you will now be able to order from the new menu in preparation for the new term.

Finally, we say goodbye to Mrs Horsfield today. We were able to present her with her gift yesterday in Church but I would also like to add here our thanks to her for many years of loyal service to the school. She has had an outstanding impact on the school's development. We wish her a very happy and healthy next step in her life, we know she has lots planned.

In the new year we will be welcoming Mrs Kim Jones to the role of Business Manager.

It only remains for me to wish you and your families a very happy, safe and healthy Christmas. The staff and I look forward to working with you again in the new year.

IMPORTANT END OF TERM INFORMATION

This week the government have sent out updated information to all schools for the end of term. This information mainly refers to contact tracing. Please help us keep our school community safe by following these guidelines:

- *Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.*
- *For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.*

To help us comply with these instructions please contact the school from Monday 21 December to Thursday 24 December by using the mobile number: 07470 970680 or sending an email to office@tssfirst.co.uk between 10am and 11am if the second bullet point applies. Thank you.



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Message from Reverend Sally

Christmas Church Services

Revd Sally would like you to know that Christmas services are going to be a little different this year! There are four services to choose from but it will be necessary to book a place by emailing windsor.churchbookings@gmail.com

The services we are offering are:

- 20 December 6pm - Carol Service at Holy Trinity Church
- 24 December 3pm - Crib Service with Christingle at All Saints', Frances Rd
- 24 December 11pm - Midnight Mass at St Stephen & St Agnes
- 25 December 10am - Family Service at Windsor Parish Church

Kind regards,

Autumn Dates

18 December 2020	Term ends
4 January 2021	In Service Training day for staff
5 January 2021	Pupil term starts



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