

Trinity St Stephen CE Aided First School

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Dear Parents

We will be opening our opening our third Reception Pod on Monday and will then have 18 Reception children back in school. I have taken account of the mixed feedback on the timing of the school day for our youngest children and decided to slightly lengthen their school day. We will continue to review the situation but the children currently here are settling and continuing to adapt well. All existing Reception Pod children should have received a text with the new timings information.

Pod 1: 8.35am to 1pm

Pod 2 and Pod 3: 9am to 1.30pm

A considerable, yet positive, change for the children in school, is having to be so much more independent. Adults can no longer intervene and comfort in ways they may have adopted before the pandemic. We are supporting children verbally to help themselves. Children are wonderfully adaptable and most children are embracing this. It would help us all if everyone could prepare their children for a future school return by supporting their children to become more independent. Areas in which you could provide some valuable support at home are:

Self-Care: Can your child dress and undress independently? Can they do their coat up? Can they use the toilet and wash their hands for the required 20 seconds?

First aid: Can your child clean a minor wound? Can your child apply a simple dressing?

Eating and drinking: Can your child open and close the containers in their lunch box or snack? Is your child aware of how to open and use the straw on a drinks container?

Learning: Can your child follow verbal one and two step instructions?

The week beginning the 29 June 2020 has been set aside to celebrate Sports Festival Week. This is as an alternative to Sports Day which, this year, due to the current climate has had to be cancelled. There will be a detailed timetable and resources for the week posted onto the school website shortly. Each day there will be a famous sports star for the children to learn more about, a family sporting activity to complete and a special sports day style competition activity. There will be medals and certificates! We have also organised some sports related assemblies and a unique dance workshop led by 4Motion Dance Theatre Company that the children can take part in from home. All links to join the assemblies will be emailed out at the end of next week.

I hope that many families will take part and enjoy the chance to be active together!

TSSSA are also planning to send information out about a sponsored jog or scoot which will take place during this week.



Thriving and Achieving in a Caring Christian Community This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. John Ch15 v12

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Miss Pugh kindly requests that you send your blog pictures to her by Thursday please.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful school community for their continued support and kindness over the last few months. I am sorry that I haven't had the opportunity to thank some of you personally for the kind words and deeds that many have done. Over the last few months we have received items from our wish list which have been much appreciated, and many supportive emails. I was also thrilled last week to receive a wonderful poster from all the Year 1 children- many thanks.

A huge thank you to the TSSSA for continuing to be creative in their ideas for keeping the community together as well as raise some funds for school. They will be sending further information out about the following events, Zoom Quiz on Thursday 25 June at 8.30pm and a Children's Zoom Disco on Friday 26 June between 4pm and 5pm. Thank you for organising the plant and cake sale today too.

I would also like to thank the wonderful efforts of the Clark and Singh family (with the help of the Catanzariti family) who are busy at the weekends keeping the school grounds under control. This continues to be an enormous help.

Please note Rev Sally has had to reorganise the school assembly for the coming week. I will be sending out a Zoom invitation for Tuesday 23 June at 11am. Kind regards,

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Collective Worship with Reverend Sally	
Tuesday 23 June	11am
Whole School Assembly with Miss Pugh	
Wednesdays	2pm