



# Trinity St Stephen CE Aided First School

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term!

In our worship we are now turning our thoughts to Lent, the season of preparation for the Easter celebration.

Thank you to parents, carers and friends of the school who attended yesterday's family worship. Reverend Sally explained the meaning of Lent and demonstrated God's love using the parable of the Prodigal Son.

You will see some wonderful posters around the school advertising our 'Dare to be Different' day on Thursday 29 February. This is a joint initiative between the school and the TSSSA. For a donation of £2 children will be able to wear their own clothes and accessories to express their unique style. Please remember if hair colours are being used, they must be temporary. Children will need sensible shoes and a warm coat for playtimes.

On Monday 04 March we will be celebrating Book Week. The week will start with a parade. Please can your child come dressed as one of their favourite book characters. It will be beneficial if your child can bring the book that their character is from. Miss Burr and Reverend Sally will be our judges and there will be two prizes per Year group, kindly supplied by the TSSSA. Attached is a flyer advertising a costume swap if you would like your child to wear a new costume this year at no cost. This is being held at Windsor Library from Tuesday 27 February to Wednesday 06 March.

During the day we will also be holding a shared reading experience for children with their buddies.

Later on in the week there will be a range of different book themed activities and learning experiences. The highlight for Year 3 and 4 will be the Young Shakespeare Company. This company of experienced actors involve the children in the play and always explain the story as they go. A Midsummer Night's Dream will be brought to life for all of the children. Much of Year 3 and 4's learning throughout the week will focus on the life of Shakespeare and his works.

We are looking for any parent volunteers to bring in their own favourite story, suitable for children from 4 years to 8 years, and share it with a small group of children for approximately 20 minutes. The book sharing will take place at 2.30pm on Thursday 07 March. Please let the office know your name and book title if you would like to be involved.

This week we sent out information to Year 1 parents to invite them to an information session about the Phonic Check. The check takes place in June and is a statutory assessment for all children in the Year group. Miss Horth will be leading the session on Wednesday 06 March, starting at 2.45pm. All Year 1 parents and carers should come to the school front door just before the session starts. Thank you.



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On Monday next week we will be putting out the sign-up sheets for Parents Evenings. If your child regularly attends Breakfast Club or After School Club (3 sessions per week or more) please contact the office and Mrs Gilmour or Mrs Jones will help sign you up.

During the course of the week we have noted a rise in children’s absence due to a range of physical symptoms. This is not specifically focussed on one age group but school wide. It is quite possible that there is a seasonal virus doing the rounds but we recognise the need for measures to minimise the spread. Measures that we are taking in school are keeping classrooms well ventilated, keeping an eye on the carbon dioxide monitors still in use following Covid-19 to guide whether further ventilation is needed, reminding the children regularly to keep their hands clean particularly after using the toilet and ensuring additional cleaning in the toilet areas at the end of the morning for a fresh and clean start to the afternoon. If your child has vomited or has diarrhoea they must be kept at home for a period of 48 hours following the last bout of illness. Also, if your child has a high temperature (over 38°C) please keep your child at home until the temperature returns to normal. Further guidance on caring for children with high temperatures can be found here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/fever-in-children/>

Please see below a number of additional important dates have been added. There will be a nearly new uniform sale on Friday 15 March, donations can be dropped off the from Monday 04 March to Friday 08 March. The TSSSA will also be holding their eagerly anticipated Curry and Quiz Night on Saturday 16 March. More information about both of these events is being sent with this newsletter.

Finally, I have sent out a Computing Survey this week. Thank you to those who have already completed it. Your completion of the survey is much appreciated and helps us improve our provision. The survey closes on Friday 01 March.

Kind regards,

Louise Lovegrove

## Spring Term Dates

26 February 2024	Year 3 visiting Chertsey Museum
27 February 2024	Year 1 visiting Winchester Science Museum



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27 February 2024	Year 3 visiting St Edward's RF Middle School to see their production of The Wizard of OZ. Please note children may be returning slightly later than 3.15pm.
29 February 2024	TSSSA 'Dare to be different' Support our celebration of difference by coming dressed in your own unique style – wear make up or add hair colour (no permanent dyes!) Bring a donation to TSSSA funds.  Learning during the day will also focus on the joy of being different.
01 March 2024	School Computing Survey Closes
04 March 2024	BOOK WEEK – on <b>Monday 04 March</b> all children come dressed as a book character for the school parade (sensible shoes to be worn as well as a school coat)
05 March 2024	Parents' Evening (EARLY)
06 March 2024	Phonic Check Information session for Year 1 parents
07 March 2024	Parents' Evening (LATE)
07 March 2024	Young Shakespeare Company Year 3 and Year 4
13 March 2024	Group Photographs Tempest Photography
15 March 2024	TSSSA Nearly New Uniform Sale at school collection
16 March 2024	TSSSA Curry and Quiz Night
21 March 2024	Year 2 Class Assembly 9am in St Stephen and St Agnes Church
26 March 2024	Holy Week Family Worship. All are welcome to join our worship at 9am in St Stephen and St Agnes Church
28 March 2024	Term finishes
15 April 2024	Pupil Term starts
19 April 2024	9.30am Easter Service at Holy Trinity Church



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Please remember that weekly information can be found about your child's learning on the Class News. This is uploaded onto the website and is available at the following pages:

<https://tssfirs.co.uk/children/foundation/class-news>

<https://tssfirs.co.uk/children/year-1/class-news>

<https://tssfirs.co.uk/children/year-2/class-news>

<https://tssfirs.co.uk/children/year-3/class-news>

<https://tssfirs.co.uk/children/year-4/class-news>



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