

# **Trinity St Stephen CE Aided First School**

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**Dear Parents** 

## Trinity St Stephen First School School Association

I have met with the Co-Chairs of our School Association (TSSSA) this week to discuss some fundraising suggestions for the following year as well as school spending priorities. I was delighted to hear that many of our community continued their fundraising efforts during lock down and over the summer holiday. Many thanks to all those involved. I understand we are well on the way to achieving our target to renew a large section playground equipment. The committee will be meeting shortly to elect officers into new roles and discuss the following year.

## **Harvest Arrangements**

Harvest Festival will be going ahead on 08 October. Sadly, in order to protect our community this year we will **not** be inviting parents. The children will be attending St Stephen's and St Agnes' Church. Reception, Year 1 and Y2 will attend at a different time to Year 3 and Year 4 to keep our pods as separate as possible.

We have been in touch with the Windsor Churches Food Share Programme and they have provided a list of items they are currently short of. Donations should be brought to school between 06 October and 08 October. If you are able to send your child with a donation for those in our community who need support at this time please provide the following:

06 October:	tinned desserts and tinned fruit
07 October:	spreads such as jam, honey, marmite etc.
08 October:	coffee, tea, sugar and squash

It would be very helpful if a few parent volunteers could man food collection and help transport it to the Windsor Baptist Church. Please let the office know if you can help. Thank you.

## **School Lunches**

I am pleased that we are increasing our school lunch offer from Monday 28 September. The menu choice is as follows:

Grab Bags:	cheese (V), ham (M) or tuna (W)
Jacket Potatoes:	beans <b>(S)</b> or cheese <b>(Q)</b>

The online ordering service is now up and running and all families should be able to access the system. You are able to alter your meal choice for the following day up to midnight of the day before. If you are having any difficulty logging on please let the office know.





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We are hoping that as we develop the system for delivering a hot lunch over a staggered lunchtime period and to different locations we will shortly be able to return to the normal hot lunch menu. Updates will be given through the school newsletter.

## Thank you to the Church

Reverend Sally has let us know that this year the church would like to extend their support for the school in recognition of the current difficult times. I am pleased to report that the Church has kindly donated extra funds to the school this year. This donation is from the Trustees of the "Trinity St Stephen First School Charity" which is a charitable fund administered by St Stephen's Church. The money donated will support the continued work of the Family Link Worker, Alisa Whiteland. I am thrilled to say that we can now purchase a subscription to the online reading website, Bug Club, which was so useful during the lockdown and will be an excellent supplement to the books which are now going home from school. We are very grateful for this donation.

### **Treetops Before and After School Club**

Treetops are not able to provide childcare after school on a Friday up to October half term. They have reached this decision due to the very small numbers that are generally attending, particularly at this time.

### **Important Medical Information**

We are working on updating information we hold. One of the forms we normally ask parents to review is the Medical form. This is for children who have ongoing medical conditions; typically these are normally related to medical conditions such as allergies, asthma or eczema. Normally we would review this at parents' evenings but in the present circumstances we are asking parents to complete a new form this year. This will help us keep our information up to date. Please complete the form if you feel your child has a long term medical condition. The form is attached to this newsletter and can be returned either as a hard copy or electronically. If you would like a hard copy of the blank form sent home please request a copy from the school office. Please return the forms as soon as possible so that our school medical records are accurate and we can provide appropriate care. Thank you.

### **Be Prepared**

This week has seen a change in the weather. Please remember that children will be going outside during the school day as much as possible. ALL children require a coat every day. In order to minimise the risk of Coronavirus spreading through the school we are also keeping the windows open as much as possible. Please make sure your child wears appropriate layers now the weather is turning cooler.

### **Parents' Evenings**

Parents' Evenings are an important part of our communication and a mechanism which supports us working together in partnership for the benefit of all the children. This year we are working on how we can achieve these outcomes in a different way. Detailed information will follow next 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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Kind regards,

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### Autumn Dates

8 October 2020	Harvest Festival at 9.30am (Church of St Stephen and St Agnes)
23 October 2020	End of first half of Autumn Term
2 November 2020	Pupils start second half of Autumn Term
2 November 2020	Flu immunisation for children (am)
29 November 2020	Christingle at 3pm (Church of St Stephen and St Agnes)
9 December 2020	Nativity at 6pm (Church of St Stephen and St Agnes)
18 December 2020	Term ends
4 January 2021	In Service Training day for staff
5 January 2021	Pupil term starts

