



# Trinity St Stephen CE Aided First School

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Dear Parents

Next week we are looking forward to our Sports Festival. The week will begin with an assembly led by Miss Pugh on Monday 29 June at 9.30am. All details will be sent out via the school emailing service. There is a range of interesting learning activities for the week as well as an opportunity for your house to win the Sports Cup. All members of the winning house will be able to collect a medal from school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Pugh for organising the week. Please note the changes in assembly times throughout the week.

Mrs O'Neal has thoroughly enjoyed meeting members of Year 4 this week. It has been lovely to see the Year 4 children again. The children have appreciated an opportunity to meet in small groups. We have been able to prepare a programme for Year 4 to have some school time at the end of the academic year. The programme includes the opportunity for a day visit to Ufton Court. We are hoping that, if rules on opening Churches allow, we will also be able to have a very special Leaver's Service before the end of term. Information about all of the opportunities for Year 4 children will be emailed to parents today. **In order to provide some school experience for our Year 4 children please note that the Reception Pods will close on Friday 17 July.**

Today we have opened a mini pod. This pod enables more children to begin to reintegrate into school life. We look forward to seeing them again next week.

All our pods are growing. Please note if your child is in the Key Worker Pod and you wish to make any changes to the current days they attend we will need at least 24 hours notice to see if we are able to accommodate your request as well as prepare learning material.

Over the next few weeks we will be focussing on the transition into new year groups for September. We are going to be sending information home from your child's new class teacher. The information will welcome you and your child and focus on the expectations for the beginning of term. It will include some of the things you may want to do over the Summer to help your child feel ready and prepared for the start of the new school year. Your child will also be invited to a Zoom call with your new class teacher where there will be an opportunity to ask questions. Teachers will be sharing information so that all receiving teachers are aware of the needs of all the children in the class.

We are also welcoming a new year group into school at the beginning of the school year. Miss Frank and Miss Cope are preparing for the arrival of the new Reception Class by making contact with the feeder nurseries. There is also a Welcome Meeting via Zoom and we will be offering a Storytime on the grass for new children to meet their new teacher and be on site in a safe way. We are aware that the challenges of the present time mean this is a different experience to previous inductions but the information and contact with school will hopefully support whilst continuing to be safe.



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There has been much change over the last few months with many areas of our lives affected by the lock down arrangements. At the current time the government are significantly relaxing the restrictions placed on individuals and businesses with changes coming thick and fast. The recent variations appear to suggest that schools may well be opening with normal class sizes in September but there has yet to be any official guidance on this. In response to the most recent lifting of restrictions we will continue to review our provision but will not be significantly changing any of our existing school opening arrangements before the end of term. The arrangements to open the school and maintain home learning packages continue to work smoothly and the current staffing arrangements are achievable and sustainable. All efforts will now be focussed on preparing for a more normal school in September following government guidance as soon as it becomes available.

We are very aware that motivation to continue home learning, particularly in the hot weather may be dwindling. Whilst we are hoping for a normal return to school we are keen to continue to enhance our provision for those at home to cover all eventualities for September. Year groups that currently have no face to face contact, or chance of this before the Summer are going to be offered a live Zoom teaching session with their class teacher, initially once a week. We will be monitoring the impact this has on the learning and reviewing the sessions.

In order to protect the copyright on some of our home learning documentation I will be asking parents to use a password to access your child's learning material. Passwords will be sent via text later today.

Thank you to TSSSA who have been putting on some great events recently. The Plant and Cake Sale was well attended and raised almost £300. Thank you to those organising refreshments and members of our local community who have been growing plants. I am nurturing a new scented geranium which I am pleased to report has already grown!

This week the association organised a school quiz. Thank you to those who attended. Congratulations to the Butt household who will be receiving a bottle of prosecco for winning.

Tonight, at 5pm, there is the opportunity to join in with a Children's Disco via Zoom. Please see the attached flyer. Thank you to the Thompson family for organising this.

Finally, I am delighted to announce the birth of a beautiful baby girl. Miss King has had her baby and I am pleased to say that Mum and baby are doing well. We wish them every joy.

Kind regards

*Louise Lovegrove*



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Collective Worship with Reverend Sally	
Thursday 2 July	10am
Whole School Assembly with Miss Pugh	
Monday 29 June	9.30am



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