



Trinity St Stephen CE Aided First School

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the half term break. I hope you were able to spend some time relaxing during the holiday.

There is lots happening in this half of the Spring Term.

Thank you to the TSSSA volunteers who are running Movie Night for Year 2 and Year 3 this evening. This is an eagerly anticipated event for the children. A great way to lead into the weekend. Thank you to organisers and helpers.

Yesterday we went to Church for our Family Worship. The service focussed on the start of the story of Moses and his mother leaving him in the bulrushes. Thanks to the quick thinking of his older sister, his mother was reunited with her son and took on the role of nursing him for the Pharaoh's daughter. Next week we will be marking the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday with a special Family Worship. All are welcome to attend at St Stephen and St Agnes Church at 9am.

Next week we are focussing on Book Week. Children will be experiencing a range of book themed learning activities throughout the week. The exciting culmination of the week being the Fancy Dress Parade. This year we are looking for sustainable ideas. Please remember the judges will be looking for home made costumes where makers have been able to recycle and reuse other items. Many thanks to the TSSSA for supporting with prizes and thank you to Reverend Sally and Miss Burr for agreeing to come and judge.

On Monday we welcome one of our school governors into school, Mrs Thornton. She will be working with Mrs Wakeman to look at Mathematics across the school. Please remember to note the dates in the diary section of the newsletter for the Maths Workshops for all year groups which will be happening at the start of the Summer Term. We hope that they will be useful sessions which will support you in helping your children with their maths learning.

Miss Cope would like to invite Reception parents to an additional information session on Thursday 27 March. This session will look at the end of year expectations for Reception children and give parents some helpful tips on how to support their children reaching the Early Years Goals. The sessions starts at 2.30pm in school.

Parents Evenings will be happening on the Tuesday 18 and Thursday 20 March. This is an ideal opportunity to come and review your child's progress with the class teacher. Sign up sheets for these sessions will be going out on Monday at the end of the school day. Please contact the school office if your child is regularly in After School Club to book a slot.

Mrs Avramovic, our school intervention teacher, is also offering appointments on Wednesday 19 March after school. If your child receives additional intervention with her, please make an appointment through the school office.



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I have been asked to pass on information about keeping our children safe from online content and harm that may be caused by mobile phones. Please see the message below:

Some of you may have heard about the Smartphone Free Childhood (SFC) movement, which has been set up to delay the age at which children receive smartphones, based on the growing evidence linking smartphone and social media usage with poor mental health among our children.

This is very relevant in Windsor as the transition to middle school can often lead to earlier requests for phones. Based on the evidence available, SFC suggests that smartphones should be delayed until the end of year 9, with social media delayed until age 16. If you feel it's important for your child to have a phone for safety reasons before that age, SFC recommends a range of non-smart phones for this purpose.

If you would like to find out more about smartphone usage and some of the mental health/brain development impacts for children there are some free events coming up led by the local Windsor SFC community, on 4th and 11th March at the Old Court (both will cover the same content). They are keen to have input from those who have different perspectives and opinions, and also from those who have children with phones already. The target audience is Y3 and Y4 parents who are close to the transition to middle school, but all are welcome to explore this issue, and ultimately work towards Windsor being a smartphone free town for children.

Please see more details on the attached flyers and book via this link, to help give an idea of numbers: <https://www.positiveparentingwithjosie.com/workshops>

More info here: <https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>

School Meals:

We have been advised by our catering company, Caterlink, that the price of a hot school lunch will increase to £2.79 due to the rise in National Insurance. This will come into effect on Tuesday 22 April.

The TSSSA are holding a T-Wonka Day on Wednesday 05 March. At drop off and school collection they will be selling special chocolate bars which may contain a golden ticket. There are over forty-five amazing prizes to win and each bar is priced at £2.50. Full details are on the attached poster. All funds raised will be going to the TSSSA funds.

Finally, it is Year 3's turn to share their Peek of the Week with us. Please take a look at the blogs on the website.

Kind regards,

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Dates:

03 March 2025	Book Week
03 March 2025	Shakespeare Workshop led by The Young Shakespeare Company for Year 3 and 4
05 March 2025	Ash Wednesday Family Worship at St Stephen and St Agnes Church at 9am
05 March 2025	TSSSA T-Wonka Day
07 March 2025	WORLD BOOK DAY DRESSING UP- Come dressed as your favourite book character. Try and think about recycling and reusing when you are creating your outfits
10 March 2025	Science Week – Adapt and Change
06 March 2025	Year 1 visit to Winchester Science Museum
11 March 2025	Year 3 visit to Chertsey Museum
19 March 2025	Parent appointments available to see Mrs Avramovic. Please book through the school office.
18 and 20 March 2025	Parents Evenings
27 March 2025	Reception End of Year Expectations Information and Support Session at 2.30pm
28 March 2025	TSSSA Mother’s Day shop
03 April 2025	Family Worship at St Stephen and St Agnes Church, starting at 9am
04 April 2025	Nearly New Uniform Sale
04 April 2025	Term finishes
24 April 2025	Easter Service at Holy Trinity Church at 9.30am
28 April 2025	Reception Maths Workshop, starting at 3.15pm
29 April 2025	Year 1 Maths Workshop, starting at 3.15pm
30 April 2025	Year 3 and 4 Maths Workshop, starting at 3.15pm
01 May 2025	Year 2 Maths Workshop, starting at 3.15pm



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