



Trinity St Stephen CE Aided First School

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Dear Parents,

The end of another successful year. We have so much to celebrate and be proud of. As I previously mentioned our academic results are looking very positive but we are also proud to provide a rounded experience for the children in our care. Looking back over the news items on the website gives an excellent overview of the many different experiences the children have had this year. Our passion to excite and inspire the children through providing a range of different experiences can be clearly seen. Thank you to all of you who support us by helping on trips, coming in to support reading, helping your children with home learning and in many other ways.

This week we celebrated the time that Year 4 have spent with us and enjoyed listening to their memories of life here at Trinity St Stephen. They have been a good year group and will be remembered for their enthusiasm to try new things. Their time at Ufton, in particular, was fabulous and I don't think Mrs O'Neal could quite believe that they were so good at going to sleep!

During the service we recognised the achievements of many children at the school and this year there was an additional Governors' Award given to Mrs Kirsti Parsons to mark her ten years of service to the school as Chair of Governors. She has decided that it is time for her to move on. We used the opportunity to thank her for her commitment to the school. The role of Chair of Governors has been taken on by Mrs Vivien Eden. In the new academic year we will be looking to appoint a new parent governor. We will be particularly looking for someone who has financial experience to join the team. Please consider whether this is a volunteering role you would be interested in over the summer. I would be happy to talk through the role and responsibilities if anyone would like further information.

I am pleased to report that Mrs Herrick, who had a nasty fall on the way to Holy Trinity Church, is making a good recovery and has been back in school today. Thank you to everyone who offered help on the day.

Thank you to the TSSSA committee members and supporters who continue to support us in many ways. The success of the events this year has helped the association raise a considerable amount of money to help us continue to provide the kind of education we want for the children here. I have also found the support for the Working Parties a tremendous help and these have not only helped with general grounds maintenance, they have also provided good community events and saved us a lot of money! Thank you for all your efforts. Some of the TSSSA team asked some time ago about setting up a 'Wish List' so that anyone could purchase helpful basic resources, if they wanted to help with school resourcing. We have further investigated this idea and I hope to get a link out to parents in the next week or so.

As last year, we would appreciate preparation for the new term to include organising pencil cases and bags. I have been asked to clarify the situation with bags. We find that generally Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have a red school reading bag which fits beautifully into the child's drawer or hangs on a peg easily. In Year 3 and Year 4 children have started bringing in huge bags which clog up the cloakroom and damage the pegs. We would encourage you to either continue with reading bags or buy a small, plain backpack that will hold a pencil case, a reading book and any home learning. The pencil cases have also become very distracting - a plain, simple pencil case which fits into the school tray is absolutely perfect. The contents of the pencil case should be as follows:



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- HB pencils
- A small set of coloured pencils
- A glue stick (Pritt sticks are recommended - in our experience they are more effective)
- A black whiteboard pen
- A rubber
- A sharpener

Please, where possible, name or mark items. We appreciate your cooperation in this. Thank you. The school office will keep a small stock of glue sticks and whiteboard pens for purchase throughout the year if required. The cost will be £1 for glue sticks, and 50p for whiteboard pens and handwriting pens.

Finally, Reverend Sally has asked me to inform you all of the service on Education Sunday on the 8 September. This service will be at the Church of St Stephen and St Agnes and will start at 10am. Bring your school bag with you for a blessing at the start of the school year.

The staff and I would like to thank you all for your gifts and good wishes. I look forward to seeing some of you at the TSSSA Working Party on Saturday 27 July and wish you all a very happy and relaxing summer break.

Please see below for school dates for the Autumn Term and there is an Extra Curricular Clubs Programme and Autumn Lunch Menu attached to this newsletter.

Kind regards

Louise Lovegrove
Headteacher

FUTURE DATES	
19 July	Term ends
27 July	TSSSA Working Party 9am to Noon
4 September	Staff In Service Day
5 September	Pupils start in school at 8.45am
8 September	Education Sunday
21 September	TSSSA Working Party at 9am
28 September	The TSSSA Art Festival
4 October	Harvest Festival, Holy Trinity Church at 9.30am
9 December	School Nativity 6pm at St Stephen and St Agnes' Church
13 December	Christmas Fair at 3.15pm



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