



# Trinity St Stephen CE Aided First School

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Dear Parents,

Wow – what a week!

On Wednesday Year 3 attended and performed at The Opening of the Bandstand in Alexandra Gardens. This was part of their work with the St George's Chapel outreach work. Mr Manners, as always, led and organised the choir made up from a variety of local schools very professionally and calmly. The children responded to his reassuring guidance and the final performance in front of Her Majesty, The Queen, was impeccable. Trinity St Stephen's pupils were positioned opposite The Queen and lined the route as she left to return to The Castle. We all felt very proud to be part of such a memorable occasion and Year 3 represented the school brilliantly.

Yesterday, some of Year 4 joined Mrs O'Neal and I to walk up to The Castle at 6.30am and be part of the media coverage for The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Despite the cold, the children were very excited and, as you may well have seen, have been featured on just about every news channel both here and abroad. Our early start secured us a great spot along the route and the remainder of Year 4 joined us a little later. All the children had the pleasure of meeting Her Majesty and handing over our many gifts and cards. This was a day that neither I nor the children will ever forget. I am very pleased that we were able to take the opportunity to embrace Windsor's Royal connections and join in with the rest of our local community in this historic event. Again, it was a pleasure to have well behaved and polite children with us.

Both of the previous events have been covered on the 'Latest News' section of our new website. This is proving to be a useful way of keeping you updated and showing you some of the photographs from these events – keep watching!

Year 3 have begun Tim Peake's seed planting experiment. We received the seeds in the post this week and have planted them. There are two groups of seeds, one of which has been into space with Tim Peake and the other has not. Year 3 have the important job of monitoring and measuring the development of the plants and will feedback their information to the Royal Horticultural Society who are running the project. We are hoping that Year 3 will be able to make use of the blog on the new website to keep you fully informed of the progress of this important experiment.

At the end of last term I announced the School Council's decision to introduce ties into Year 3 and Year 4. Some of you may be wondering what's happened. Unfortunately the supplier has sent the wrong ties. These are being replaced and the office will let you know as soon as the correct ties are in stock.



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I am very pleased to announce the winners of The Sanders Cup for last term was St Patrick House (Green). This has now been won by a different house every term and there are very few points between the winners. St David's House (Blue) - we are hoping that you will be able to take your turn in the Summer Term!

The Big Pedal has got off to a good start, with many of you coming on scooters and bicycles. This event is continuing over next week. The teachers are recording on a daily basis the numbers of children who are managing to take part and these results are fed back to The Big Pedal. We hope that this will also have some longer term impact on choices made on transport arrangements for school. We have averaged just over 30% of the pupils taking part in the first week – can we boost that for the second week?

I would like to draw everyone's attention to a consultation which the Borough are currently running on changes in traffic arrangements between Maidenhead Road and Arthur Road. If you are interested in the proposals and would like to have an opportunity to contribute you can find further information on the Borough website.

[http://www3.rbwm.gov.uk/info/200126/consultation\\_and\\_feedback/1126/traffic\\_signal\\_review\\_-\\_maidenhead\\_road\\_arthur\\_road\\_corridor](http://www3.rbwm.gov.uk/info/200126/consultation_and_feedback/1126/traffic_signal_review_-_maidenhead_road_arthur_road_corridor)

I have recently noticed that a few parents are coming into the office at the end of the school day, using the playground door. This makes it very difficult for the classes to exit safely, particularly the younger children who use the same door. If you know you need to come and visit the office please try and get here a little earlier and come round through the front door. If you realise whilst on the playground you need to see the office staff, either walk round to the front after collecting your child or wait until all the children have been handed over to their parents. If you have a push chair with you, it would be useful if these could be left outside when you come in. Thank you.

I would also like to remind you that an earlier exit from the playground after school would be appreciated. The playground is not staffed after the end of school and we still have children here well after 3.30pm. Thank you.

Mrs Hickley is sending out some data collection letters in today's bookbags. The Department for Education has asked for additional data to be collected for every child on roll. She would appreciate these being completed and returned as soon as possible to save reminders having to be issued.

Finally, Computer Club will be starting on 3<sup>rd</sup> May. This club is open to any child and their parents who would like to drop in to use the school laptops to do any part of their homework. Your child must be accompanied but staff will be on hand to help too. This is an excellent way of getting homework done and out of the way – or just a great opportunity to come and have a go on some of the Abacus games.

Kind regards,

Louise Lovegrove