



# Trinity St Stephen CE Aided First School

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<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Galations 5 v22-23

Dear Parents

We have had an amazingly busy week after the holidays. We are starting to hear the strains of Christmas music in preparation for our wonderful Christingle service at the start of Advent, 1<sup>st</sup> December in St Stephen's Church, and of course our Nativity on 9<sup>th</sup> December.

Our new assembly theme is Peace. As you are aware, Peace is one of our school Christian values. On Monday I used the Bible verse from Galations above and we discussed how we can demonstrate Peace in our daily lives. We asked God to help us spread Peace within our school and wider communities.

Reverend Sally led assembly on Thursday. She read the Jill Murphy story, Five Minutes Peace. I think we can all identify with Mrs Large in this super story. She linked this story to Jesus' words, 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God' (Matthew 5.9). Next week we look forward to welcoming our local Methodist Minister, Margaret Dudley, to lead our worship on Tuesday.

This week Year 4 had a fantastic visit to Harry Potter Studios. They had an amazing time and thoroughly enjoyed this exciting adventure. Mrs O'Neal is using the Harry Potter stories as part of her English learning which we heard about in the Year 4 assembly this week.

The children have been writing some extremely persuasive letters which were used to request a Harry Potter themed day which the Year 4 children will put together.

The assembly was led confidently by the children and took us through a whole range of learning. We heard songs sung in French, we discovered more about their learning from their visit to Windsor Castle as well as their English learning. It was delivered in a professional and confident manner by our wonderful Year 4 class. Thanks go to Mrs O'Neal and Mrs Brown for supporting the children in putting on such a great performance.

Year 4 parents will be already aware but I am pleased to tell the whole school community that Mrs O'Neal has kindly agreed to stay with us until the end of the school year. This is wonderful news and means that the Year 4 children will have continuity throughout the year and will give the school more time to replace her. Many thanks go to Mrs O'Neal for delaying her personal plans.

On November 27 the school is holding the first of its Well Being Workshops. We are very much hoping that this is the first of many. The workshop will start with a talk led by Anna Walsh, the school's Educational Psychologist. Anna has already worked with a number of families here but this is an excellent opportunity to come and meet her. The theme of her talk will be Resilience.

The charity, Mind, describes resilience as, *'taking steps to look after your wellbeing can help you deal with pressure, and reduce the impact that stress has on your life. This is sometimes called developing **emotional resilience**. Resilience is not just your ability to bounce back, but also your capacity to adapt in the face of challenging circumstances, whilst maintaining a stable mental wellbeing. Resilience isn't a personality trait – it's something that we can all take steps to achieve.'*



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She will be focussing particularly on developing resilience within our children, but you make take some tips home for yourselves too! The talk will be followed by a short break and then teachers will be sharing with you parts of our new PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) Curriculum.

The session will start at 3.30pm and is expected to last until 5pm. There will be a child care facility for TSS school children. Unfortunately we will have limited numbers. I am sending out a separate form to reserve a place on the workshop and childcare places and these will be in school bags today. Please return to the school office.

Finally, I have heard this week that Mrs Martin has decided to leave her position in the school office and take a new opportunity to travel. I would like to thank her for all her hard work and dedication to our school over the last couple of years and wish her the very best for the future. I hope she will remain a friend and frequent visitor to our school.

Kind regards

**Louise Lovegrove**  
**Headteacher**

FUTURE DATES	
13 November	Year 1 visit Windsor Castle
14 November	TSSSA Cake Sale
27 November	Well Being Workshop 3.30pm in school
28 November	Family Worship at St Stephen's Church at 9am
1 December	Christingle St Stephen's Church 3pm
3 December	Flu Vaccinations
9 December	Nativity at St Stephen's Church at 6pm
12 December	Christmas Fair 3.15pm in school <b>NOTE: change of date</b>
20 December	Term Ends
6 January	In Service Training Day
7 January	Pupil Term Starts



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