



Toddington St George C of E School

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Welcome back to school!

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a lovely summer.

We are pleased to welcome everyone back to school and offer a special welcome to all our new children and their families. We hope all the children will be very happy as they learn and make good friends at Toddington St George.

Children came in very calmly this morning and they behaved extremely well when we met for Collective Worship as a whole school. They managed well at lunchtime too and we will keep a good eye out on how they are managing with their food for you. We know some children may not want to eat their whole lunch in the first few days as they get used to having their own school lunch or packed lunch box.

On behalf of the staff, and myself, may I thank you so much for your kindness and generosity to the staff at the end of the summer term. We were all very grateful for your messages, cards and gifts. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated. It is very kind of you to show your appreciation to the staff who teach your children in this way.

REMINDER YEAR 4 HAVE SWIMMING TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

Advice has already been given about swimming kit, no earrings and long hair being tied up.

Information

Diary dates, Curriculum sheets and clubs.

This week is about settling your child into new routines, the class expectations and for your child to feel confident in a new year group. Teaching and learning is organised this week to ensure children can make a good start and get used to being back working again after a long summer break.

On Monday

Curriculum sheets will come out for each year group on **Monday** with details about what the children will be learning and all the day to day reminders about activities in school.

Clubs and activities lists will come out to you then so you have the key information for the term ahead if your child is hoping to start a new club. Street dance started today and is on Friday but other clubs start next week

Dates to 'Meet the Teacher' and Parent information meetings will also be included in this information pack. Experience tells us it is better for Parents and Carers to get a set of comprehensive information once your child is settled into their class so you do not feel bombarded with too many different sheets at the start of the school year!

School lunches

Please can I remind you that you need to order School lunches in advance. (Details for new children were included in packs before the summer holiday). Please come to the office if you are unsure about what to do to order. **Packed lunches must not contain NUTS please to ensure every child's safety.**

A number of Year 3 and 4 children are requesting for their food to be cut up for them. Please could you help any child who is not yet currently confident cutting their food practise using their knife and fork so they can cut their own food at lunchtime.

Reminders for the new year

Your child's well being

Medicines, Inhalers, Epipens

Thank you for all the updated medicines, inhalers and Epipens we have had sent in to school. We have to rely on you to provide these for your child for school use.

PLEASE ensure we have your child's inhalers and medicines in school by tomorrow at the latest. They must be 'in date'

Attendance

Lattes: Please be aware that from Monday if your child is **late to school** you will be asked by staff to sign your child in at the school office and give a reason why they were late.

This is because the small number who are regularly late disrupt the start of the day for everyone else which isn't fair on the children or staff.

Ringing school.

The school has been commended for having good systems for reporting children's safety.

Please make sure you ring by 9.00 to let us know if your child is unwell and then send a note on the day your child returns to school. We do have to report any infectious diseases so please let us know as early as possible if your child has an infectious illness. You can leave a message on the answerphone (Option 1). Many thanks.

Changed your phone/moved house?

Don't forget to let us know if you have changed your mobile phone number, moved house or changed your emergency contacts. These details must be accurate on our system to ensure your child's safety.

Music lessons

We were delighted that a number of new children signed up to start music lessons. Timetables are confirmed by their Inspiring Music teachers. If your child wants to learn an instrument details are all on Inspiring Music website Information

For drums and guitar lessons (which are led by private providers) timetables will follow directly from those music teachers.

Changes on the school site

Buildings and playgrounds

The last 6 weeks were busy with

- New playground surface markings – front and back playgrounds
- New car park markings
- Redecoration of our hall, Yr. 2 corridor and Yr. 4 IT hub

Year R and Year 1 are enjoying their new play area already.

Our thanks go to Mr Dudley and all the cleaning staff for the work on site sprucing these areas up.

We are looking forward to another busy year in school and are so pleased to see your children today. We hope they enjoyed their day today.