

TODDINGTON ST. GEORGE CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back!

Welcome back to school and I hope you enjoyed your summer break.

It was super to see the children this morning and they have settled back into school and into their new classes well today. Our children who are new to school have also had a good welcome. We will look forward to Nursery children starting with us during next week after home visits are completed. We aim to ensure all the children will be very happy as they learn with us at Toddington St George this year.

May I also take the opportunity to thank you again for your kindness and generosity to the staff at the end of the last term. We were all very touched by the messages, cards and gifts we received. On behalf of the staff, and myself, may I say a huge thank you to all concerned.

Class Information You will receive a Curriculum and Information sheet by Monday evening. Each year group sends information with details about what the children will be learning this term and all the day to day reminders about activities in school. This will include information about PE ready days. These are the days children come into school dressed in PE kit ready for PE to give more time for PE and to reduce time on changing in a lesson.

School lunches and water bottles

We have changed timings for lunch so the children can eat in a calmer, quieter lunch hall. This has worked but is taking a bit longer to get everyone through for lunch currently as children get used to the new arrangements. The timings mean Years 2, 3 and 4 will have some playtime before their lunch, and for year 4 they will start lunch about 1pm. I would suggest that as your Year 3 or 4 child gets used to a later lunch that they have a good snack for morning play. If they wish to save a little bit of their snack as energy booster before their lunch time play that is fine. I am sure they will still eat up plenty of lunch!

Thank you! Reception children managed lunch very well today and their use of their knife, fork and spoon was the best we have ever had for a new Reception year group - so well done to those children for practising over the holiday!



Packed lunches Some children had a lovely packed lunch but more than they could manage to eat or wanted to eat so do check with your child what they are wanting to eat. We will be keeping a good eye on that too so every child has a good balance in what they eat. **Some top tips for school packed lunches.** Children managed with their lunches very well and opened pots and boxes well. Packets are harder for them in Year R and Year 1. We will always help them, but three or four packets in a lunch box is a bit much for them to manage. Please can I remind everyone that Packed lunches must **not contain NUTS** please to ensure every child's safety. Thank you.

School lunches must be ordered in advance. Please come to the office if you are unsure about how to order your child's lunch.

Water bottles All children can bring a named water bottle to school which they can access throughout the day. I would advise that they do this to help them remain hydrated.

Reminders and updates

Medicines and asthma inhalers Thank you to the many Parents and Carers who brought these in today. Do make sure we have inhalers ASAP for your child if they use an inhaler regularly.

Book Bags As soon as our new Book bags arrive we will text you to know they are here. Apologies for the delay with these.

Swimming Year 4 start their swimming lessons **tomorrow** and will need their kit. Please remember the guidance about costumes, trunks and earrings so every child can go and enjoy their lesson tomorrow.

Uniform All the children looked very smart and well presented today. Please remember **EVERYTHING needs a name in**. Two sweatshirts without names are in Lost Property already.

Building Improvements Over the summer we have had the Nursery boiler replaced and also decorated and revitalised a room for lunches and quiet times for Ducklings. We have also solved the majority of plumbing problems and so we are now glad to be ready for the year ahead!

Clubs and groups lists (including who to contact about these groups) will be available for you on Friday.

We look forward to a positive year ahead and hope your child had a happy day today in their new class.

Mrs Jane Spencer

Headteacher

