



TODDINGTON ST. GEORGE CHURCH of ENGLAND SCHOOL Newsletter No.7 January 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year!

The staff and I would like to thank you for the Christmas cards and gifts they received. Parents and Carers were very generous and your kindness was much appreciated. We all hope you had a lovely Christmas and had an enjoyable start to the New Year.

Our Value for January is Excellence.

We will encourage the children to consider questions such as; Is excellence the same as being the best? How can we strive for excellence in what we do? Does God need us to show excellence in what we do or how we do things? Who inspires you by the excellence they show? We will also be encouraging ourselves to show excellence in what we do and how we are in school.

Forest Schools work.

Forest School starts this term for Nursery. Miss Elliot will lead Forest School for the younger children. Please check the letter sent before Christmas regarding equipment needed.



Oliver D and Esme M who were crowned 'King and Queen of TSG' and will suggest two new ideas for the school to do this year in Monday's assembly. In the past ideas have included a chocolate fountain playtime, a talent show, more Fruity Friday playtimes, a 'Fabulous friends' box. An idea last year was for us all to have a four day week once a fortnight (we did explain to the children that we sadly can't offer that idea!).

Reminders

This is the time of year when it is handy to have a few reminders to get you back into the swing of school days:

Contact Details. If you had a **new mobile phone** for Christmas and decided to **change your number** please let us know any change in details ASAP. Any Emergency contact detail changes or medical needs must be updated too as necessary. Asthma inhalers and Epipens need to be checked to ensure they are still in date.

Wellies, jogging bottoms, waterproof coats, wellies /spare trainers.

The children **can go out on the field when it is not too muddy** - but only if they have the correct clothing to protect their uniform.

Please bring **Wellies/spare trainers, jogging bottoms, waterproof coats** in a named drawstring bag if you would like your child to be able to play on the field through the winter months.

SNOW! Please be aware that if we have a heavy downfall of snow in the next month or two, and cannot open the school we will have texted Parents by 7.40 a.m. and we will also confirm it on the school website. (We always try to open if it is safe to do so!)

Clubs, lettings and Music lessons this term.:

| | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thur | Fri |
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| Before school | | | Street Dance | | Street Dance |
| Morning or Lunchtime | Choir KS1 Bible Bud- dies Woodwind lessons | Signing | KS2 Choir French | Guitar lessons | Drums/ Keyboards lessons |
| After school | Netball My Theatre | Art Club Karate Hotshots Eco on specific dates | Tennis My Thea- tre | My Theatre | Irish Dance Hotshots |
| Evening | Ladies Dance | Adults Clubbercise (specific dates) | | | |

Uniform check

To help everyone keep, and relocate and thing they have lost, we will do a **uniform check next Friday**. Please make sure all school items are labelled accordingly.

Hats, Coats and gloves

We will get children out in the fresh air everyday even when it is chilly so do ensure your child has warm outdoor clothes for the spring term. Thank you.

School Lunches

A number of children have had packed lunches this week. We do know that the reminder text from Chartwells was not received by Parents/Carers on the date for online ordering for this week. This has been followed up. Please remember that the deadline for online ordering is **Thursday each week**.

Parking for Street Dance

A polite reminder that the staff car park is not available for drop offs to this club. The spaces are required for staff arriving and the additional vehicles are causing safety concerns.

Playground Reminders

Further to previous reminders the school policy is that no bikes or scooters are to be ridden in the playground (this includes hover boards). We are also still seeing a number of dogs being brought onto school grounds which is not allowed (includes carrying dogs).

Fitbits

A number of children have started wearing Fitbits to school. These are valuable items and should not be brought into school. Many thanks.

Holidays in term time

I am aware finances are tight for us all, especially after Christmas, but as you look ahead and think about booking summer holidays may I remind you **must avoid holidays in term time** (however much cheaper they might be!). There is clear Government guidance on this as it disrupts your child's learning and wastes public money. **I am unable to authorise the vast majority of holiday leave requests** against government criteria. Please see the website or [back of the holiday form](#) for further details. **Fixed Penalty fines will be charged if unauthorised leave is taken.**

