

**TODDINGTON ST. GEORGE C.E. SCHOOL**  
**NEWSLETTER 9 – February 2019**

Dear Parents and Carers

**Head teachers Awards**

These were given to children on Wednesday this week. We focused on children who had shown the values of excellence in their work this month.

**Congratulations to:**

<b>Kingfishers:</b>	<b>Alfie P, Elijah M, Lilly-May</b>
<b>Swans:</b>	<b>Frankie M, Evie S, Alessandro</b>
<b>Penguins:</b>	<b>Harry G, Jude H, Lee G</b>
<b>Puffins:</b>	<b>Thomas K, Tilly S, Radhika</b>
<b>Hummingbirds:</b>	<b>Rosie W, Leah B, Euan M</b>
<b>Toucans:</b>	<b>Charlie P, Connor B-C, Kaeghla</b>
<b>Robins:</b>	<b>Isabelle O, Gabriel L, James K</b>
<b>Wrens:</b>	<b>James M, Joseph C, Lucy S</b>
<b>Condors:</b>	<b>Daniel B, Lara M, Sean W</b>
<b>Kestrels:</b>	<b>Euan S, Molly T, Amber C</b>

**Parent Consultations and support of the school.**

We were very pleased to see so many Parents/Carers at our Parent Consultations evenings this week. I hope you found these helpful discussions. Teachers always find these meetings useful as ideas are shared about your child's learning and well-being. We are aware a very small percentage of Parents were unable to attend and so we have sent you a letter with a date for your meeting after half term.

Thank you to Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Kirby, Mrs. Cochrane, Mrs. Stone and Mrs. Knight Downing who provided refreshments and had school uniform for sale on both evenings.

Thank you too for your support of the school when we had to have a Snow Day last Friday. We will be rearranging the Sir Teachalot visit for Year 2 and will let you know that date very soon.



**Hats on for Harry!**

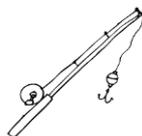
Parents and children responded brilliantly to the appeal to make this day special even though it was a snow day! We had LOADS of entries the Hats on for Harry snow photo competition and School Council announced our winners on Wednesday. Prizes for the photo competition went to;

- **Molly and Poppy Tucker and dog (all with hats on!)**
- **Emily and Daniel Barnish, Mum and snowman (all with hats!)**
- **Tyler Crenim and Lewis Crenim (with hats on) - through a snow hole!**

The class that raised the most money for Harry was **Penguins - Well done!**

**St Georges raised a fantastic £294.76**

Thanks to Mrs. Evans and also to Mrs. Soor and School Council who helped us all get organized for this special fundraiser.



**Hooked on Worship with Mrs. Vickers.**

It was great to have Ishaan, Lily K, Ethan, Meggy, Gabriella, James Kyle and Isabella lead our Collective Worship on Thursday.

Mrs. Vickers was really pleased with the children's thoughtfulness and their lovely ideas as they prepared their own act of worship.



### **Health Heart and Mind day (HHM).**

These days are to help children become healthy and fit, emotionally strong and happy and to show concern and care for others. This HHM day we have had a **dance-a-thon through the day, have had times of reflection for each year group to learn to be still and quiet as they focus on an idea, and we also raised money via our Dance-a-thon for the NSPCC** who do such good work supporting children who have suffered different kinds of abuse. **Sponsor forms come back in by Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>** please to be collected by the NSPCC. (You can find out more about their work on and how they help children on [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)).

### **World Book Day.**

We will celebrate World Book day on March 7<sup>th</sup>. There is a letter attached so you know how we will be celebrating a day of Reading in school.

### **This half term: our learning experiences.**



It has been a good half term for writing in particular with some super work by children and some significant progress.

We have focused hard on encouraging children to write thinking about the audience they are writing for and using the excellent stories and texts they have worked from.

**Year N Rhyme time.** We think Nursery's favourite rhyme this term has been 'The North Wind Doth Blow' and those who have been to Forest school come rain or shine have had a brilliant time (Photos on the website after half term)

**Year R** have been very busy learning about Chinese New Year and led a dragon dance in assembly on Healthy Heart and Mind day. They have also enjoyed their traditional tales especially 'The Elves and the Shoemaker'

**Year 1** have made their houses and also written some good writing, using the book Peepo! Houses were on display at Parents evening.

**Year 2** have a large red dragon in class and have celebrated their theme with a wonderful banquet which the children really enjoyed. Thanks for all the donations for the banquet too! Some amazing creations (see the website after half term for photos)

**Year 3** have produced some excellent Renee Mackintosh work this term some of which was on display at Parents evening.

**Year 4** have created their own rooms for Charlie's chocolate factory and painted delightful pen and watercolour illustrations of Roald Dahl characters too.



### **Quick update on 'King and Queen of TSG' ideas.**

**THIRSTY THURSDAY: Thirsty Thursday** (when children can bring fruit drink such as diluted squash or fruit juice for their morning drink if they wish) will run to the Easter holidays. We will all be back to water after Easter to protect our teeth!

**Buddy reading:** This has begun and some Year 4 children are reading with younger children on a Friday and this is also planned for World Book Day (see attached letter).

**Chocolate Cake day: This is planned in for St. George's Day** (April 23<sup>rd</sup>) – the school's 'birthday'!

## Key Dates

### February

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Children return to school
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Swimming Festival (Letters have gone out to participants)
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 3 Where in the World Day
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Little Treasures photographs – Slots booked via Office
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Learning Futures Assembly (details to follow)

### MARCH

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Little Treasures photographs – Slots booked via Office
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Shrove Tuesday Conger Hill walk
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 'Bake Off' at Harlington Upper School – 2 participants
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Maths Venturers – Ramsey Manor - Two Year 4 children
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day (details attached)
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 4 Transfer Event – Parkfields (Details to follow)
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup>	Year R Alien Day Thank You Secret Shop Year 4 Cross Country – Alameda (details to follow)

### April

Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bible buddies Club Easter Experience visit
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 3 Easter Performance to parents 2pm
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Class Photos
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	School Easter Service & End of Term Service – Children Only

## EASTER HOLIDAY