

TODDINGTON ST. GEORGE CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER end of term July 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a year!

I am delighted to end this academic year by informing you that the children have worked really hard enabling the school to achieve very positive results yet again.

We have improved our end of year reported results with higher percentages in our end of EYFS results, our Phonics scores, our Year 2 teacher assessment results and our end of TSG Year 4 exit data. Our Key stage 1 results are well above national expectations again. Well done to children, staff and Parents / Carers alike.

Our Open Evening leaflet shared our highlights this year and I am pleased so many of you were able to join us and have a good look at your children's work and see the school. We have had a lot to celebrate ending the term with the pleasure of hearing that a number of our Year 3 and 4 writers, who entered a writing competition recently, will have their work published. We look forward to seeing their work in print very soon.

I would like to thank you for your excellent support of, and ongoing commitment to, the school and wish you a very happy holiday.

See you in September!

Mrs Spencer, Headteacher.

Staff Changes:

We are very sorry to say goodbye to Mrs. Collins (Deputy Head taking a Headship at Westfield Nursery School), Mrs. Johnston (Year R - moving to a class teaching role at one of her children's schools), Mrs. Coen (Year 4 – 1:1 support moving to take the lead role in Children's work at her local church) and Mrs. Young (Midday Meals Supervisor and Parent Volunteer) moving to become a Teaching Assistant at a local school). A lot of years of teaching experience leave the school this year, and we are incredibly grateful to all these staff for all they have offered. It is great to know they are leaving for new opportunities and we wish them all every success in their respective new jobs.

Looking ahead we are very pleased to be welcoming Mrs Scott back to school for 3 days a week and she will be working with Mrs Bartlett in Swans (Year R). Mrs Rivers will be full time with us from September and we look forward to working with her in Year 2.

Site work:

School will be shut over the summer as there is a lot of building work going on. We will come back to new fencing and gates, new windows and doors in some areas, and new flooring in the Reception classes. Be prepared to come on site via different gates from September (but these will still be on Manor Road and the pathway between school and Parkfields). Staff will be on hand to direct you the right way for a few days!

Summer events and activities: We have sent out a number of emails with information regarding local summer activities so we hope you will be able to enjoy yourselves in the local area without too much extra expense. The children know all about: **Our summer Shake Up challenge** we have recommended for them to do to keep fit and healthy. (The little yellow card that came home in your child's book bag). There are a variety of **Summer reading time activities at the library.**

The year has ended with a bang!

Year N enjoyed a great EYFS Sports Day and the children ran, jumped and balanced really well. They have made brilliant 'Peg Planes and Cork Boats' and have enjoyed 'sailing' their boats in their water trays.

Year R also had great fun on their Sports Day and then a great time trying out mini tents and exploring on their camping experience day. This was a lovely farewell day for Mrs Johnston and a good practice for Year 3! (See below). Their garden area has been transformed over recent weeks and it has been a joy seeing them busy learning as they play outside this term.

Year 1's play was great fun and the children remembered their lines and their songs really well. We discovered some great actors and singers and a very scary Mr Bull! (Well done Max B!) We can now look forward to their next production next Christmas. Well done to all the children and staff.

Year 2 had a great time at Marston and found more in a pond than ever before on a school trip when they were pond dipping! They got pretty soaked that day but there was no moaning. The Scavenger Hunt they did was a real hit. Super behaviour too. The children and staff gave Mrs Collins a good send off on Wednesday when she finished teaching her class.

Year 3 children stayed for 2 days of Island Survival on the field. They were fantastic and we had a great night camping - although there wasn't a huge amount of sleep! Thanks to all the children and staff for making this a successful event and for the adults who helped erect and strike tents. A great Year 3 team effort!

Year 4 led their Residential assembly on Tuesday, enjoyed their Leaver's tea and games on Wednesday and performed poetry to each other yesterday (having enjoyed Edward Lear Nonsense Poems and Spike Milligan poetry too).

Art Exhibition at Poplars

We hope you enjoyed the joint schools exhibition at Poplars - thanks to Mrs Gaskin and Mrs Millen who co-ordinated the whole event for the school, Mr Dudley who helped make 'people' and stands, and Mrs Lay-Flurrie for aiding preparation, transport and display. The exhibit was a centrepiece at the open evening and the children were proudly showing their visitors their art work.

Reminder:

School Dinners: Please remember to book your child's school Dinner - they are available on line now and you can order up until **Thursday 31st August**.
Your child will automatically move up to their new class in September but you can order now in their current class / year. Thank you.

We hope you and your family have a wonderful summer.

*We wish every success and happiness to our Year 4 leavers,
to Dagmar Caygill moving to South America and Jude Lucas moving to school in Silsoe
and to our staff who are moving on.*

*Thank you for supporting the school again this year and we look forward to seeing the
children return on Tuesday 5th September 2017.*