



TODDINGTON ST. GEORGE CHURCH of ENGLAND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER No. 10 – End of Spring Term 2017

Dear Parents & Carers,

As Easter approaches we hope you will enjoy your holiday and that, after all their hard work this term, your children enjoy the Spring sunshine.

Congratulations to the children who received **Headteachers Awards** this month:

Swans:	Kaila Murphy, Milla John, Niamh Chew
Kingfishers:	Isla Muldoon, Theo Pearce, Nelly Ketir
Puffins:	Ethan Brogan, Ellie Borgars, Samantha Walker
Penguins:	Ishaan Machani, James Kelly, Grace Yu
Toucans:	Arran Frost-Bryant, Euan Samms, Faye Macleod-Irvine
Hummingbirds:	Aydin Khan, Riley O'Connor, Ashton Moss
Robins:	Lily Butler, Ava Cunningham, Fern Bartlett
Wrens:	Jemima Cornelius, Emily Whitmore, Ollie Cochrane
Condors:	Holly Conway, Mollie Evans, Emily Stratford
Kestrels:	Isla Macleod-Irvine, Luca Evans, Cayden Wilson

Sporting Events:

Year 4 Swimming Festival: Congratulations to the children who gained Silver when they came second in the area Swimming Gala. Darragh Knee-Holmes, in particular, represented the school very well in both swimming and sportsmanship. Our two teams worked hard and enjoyed all the swimming events. Thanks go to all the children for their positive participation.



Streetdance: The Streetdance Assembly was a great success. A video of the streetdance children should be available to view on the website very soon. Congratulations to all who took part and for the incredible energy they put into their performance.



Virtual Sports Competition: The Sports Leaders led a week of skipping (KS1) and basketball bouncing (KS2). Children skipped or bounced for 30 seconds and their scores were recorded. The scores go in digitally and we will soon know how well we got on against other schools.



Netball Matches: Mrs. Julian's After School Netball Club enjoyed two super games when children from Kings House School in Dunstable came to visit TSG. TSG were victorious – well done to all who played.



Understanding Easter: As part of our 'Understanding Christianity' work which has improved our RE teaching, children have really learnt about the importance of Easter to Christians. The teaching is part of a developing series about a range of faiths being written by RE today. The Easter experience at the Methodist Church helped Year 2 take their understanding further. The Year 3 Easter play was very well performed and the Easter Service was a time of collective worship for Easter led by Mr. Malcolm Curtis (Lay Reader) and Mrs. Spencer.



Music: We have gained our Music Mark as a school! With a performance (thanks for playing the piano for us Mr. Townley) and a Sing Up Concert, it has been a time of songs and smiles. We also held the Sign2Sing Choir Assembly which included a very moving song. The children learnt to both sign and sing a song called 'Together'. To enjoy this and the choir's lovely singing, please see the video on the website. Thanks to Mrs Archer and Mrs. Taylor. £35.00 was raised for 'Sign Health', the deaf health charity.



Drums, Guitars and Keyboard lessons continue to be very popular. Please visit the website, www.inspiringmusic.com if you are keen for your child in Years 2, 3 and 4 to learn an instrument.

Hotshots Basketball Club has been very popular. Some of the children have signed up for extra basketball with Hotshots over the Easter holidays. They also organised a competition recently and the children, with just 6 weeks experience, represented the school very well. We look forward to further competitions.

Bikeability: Year 4 brought their bikes in last Friday. They have learnt how to check their bikes are roadworthy and also gained really good skills for enjoyable and safe cycling. Level 1 Bikeability Awards were awarded in our final assembly.



Year Group Learning Experiences:

Learning in class, and outside, has been non-stop. Highlights include:

- Year N:** A lovely walk spotting signs of Spring around the school site and watching tadpoles grow in the classroom
- Year R:** New Life: Reception have been growing runner beans and cress
- Year 1:** Super Katie Morag stories, cooking porridges and a fabulous Ceilidh
- Year 2:** A great 'Seaside Day' with all the pier attractions to enjoy
- Year 3:** A very well performed Easter play and the Learning Futures Event at Parkfields with Year 7
- Year 4:** A wonderful 'Sing Up Concert' in school with 65 children from two other schools joining us

Thanks to **Mrs. Butt's ECO Club** members for all the lovely plants and flowers making the school site so colourful this Spring. Thanks also to all the willing volunteers who joined The Big Tidy Up – we managed to collect 26 bags of rubbish.



Comic Relief: Thank you for supporting this charity – we raised just over £400.00 and had a great 'selfie taking, joke telling' red day!

School Lunches: We hope you are finding the new system (ParentPay) for ordering school meals easier to use. Please remember to order your meals for after Easter – the cut off date is Thursday 13th April.

PTA: Thank you, as always, to all the PTA members for organising the Mothers Day Secret Shop and two Movies & Munchies evenings this half term.

Parking: Thanks for parking 'backwards'! Please keep backing into spaces if you have to use the staff car park as you arrive for morning and evening clubs to ensure children's safety.

Usborne Books: Thank you to all who bought books from Mrs Henry in the front playground yesterday – you managed to raise £40.00 commission for the school towards some new books. If anyone else would like to order, please email her on little.wonders74@gmail.com. You can view the selection of books available to order on <http://org.usbornebooks@home.co.uk/littlewondersbookcorner>

IMPORTANT KEY DATES FOR SUMMER 2017

Saturday 15th	Village Market on the green 10.00 – 1.00 pm
Tuesday 18 th	Teacher Training Day
Wednesday 19 th	Start of Summer Term
Friday 21 st	St. George's Day Celebration in School
Saturday 22 nd	Family Festival Weekend as part of Toddington Spring Festival (see attached poster)
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Sunday 23 rd	St. Georges Day Parade & Family Fun on the Green
Monday 24 th	Year 3 to Verulanium in St Albans
	Movie Tots After School Club to start
Tuesday 25 th	Incredible Eggs (chicks and ducks) to arrive in Reception & Ducklings
	Zoolab to visit Reception and Ducklings classes
Wednesday 26 th	Quadkids Festival
Thursday 27 th	Class Photographs
MAY:	
Thursday 4 th	Meeting for Parents of New Nursery 'Ducklings' children in September 2017 at 7.00pm in School Hall
Monday 15 th	WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK
Thursday 25 th	Kwik Cricket Festival – some Year 4's
Friday 26 th	HHM Day (Archery & Tennis)
	Residential Meeting to parents of Year 4 children going to Rooksbury at 09.00 am and repeated at 3.30
Monday 29 th	Half Term week / Village Gardens Open Day
JUNE:	
Friday 9 th	PTA Fathers Day Secret Shop / Quiz Night (tbc)
Monday 12 th	Tennis Festival
Tuesday 13 th	Year 4 SOPO Concert at Bedford Corn Exchange at 6.00 pm
Thursday 15 th	Fire Engines to visit Year 2 after lunch
Wednesday 21 st	Year 4 residential visit to Rooksbury
Friday 23 rd	Year 4 return from residential visit
Saturday 24 th	Village Summer Fete & Dog Show
Tuesday 27 th	Year 3 Learning Futures pm
Wednesday 28 th	Sports Day for Foundation Unit (Reception & Nursery) at 9.30 am
Thursday 29 th	Year 4 parents intake meeting at Parkfields
Friday 30 th	MOVE UP DAY (Year 4 to Parkfields) and new Reception to visit for the morning
Friday 30th	New Ducklings to visit at 9.30 – 10.45 or 2.00 – 3.15 depending on whether allocated a morning or afternoon place for September

'Our World' Art Exhibition starts at Poplars Nursery

JULY:

Monday 3 rd	Reserve Sports Day for Foundation Unit Parent Information Meetings for children moving to Years 2 & 3 next year at 9.00 am
Tuesday 4 th	Parent Information Meetings for children new to Reception in September at 9.00 am New Nursery Intake Meeting for Ducklings in September at 7.00 pm Year 1 visit to Whipsnade (tbc)
Thursday 6 th	Meeting about Residential visit next year at 9.00 am followed by Parent Information Meeting for children moving to Year 4. This will be repeated at 3.30 pm.
Friday 7 th	SPORTS DAY for Years 1 – 4 at 1.30 pm
Monday 10 th	Library Reading Challenge Assembly (tbc) Reserve Sports Day for Years 1 – 4
Tuesday 11 th	Parent Information Meeting for children moving to Year 1 Year 2 Visit to Forest Centre, Marston Vale
Thursday 13 th	Year 1 Performance to parents at 9.30 am Year 3 Camping overnight on the school field
Friday 14 th	Year 3 Camping ends early pm
Sunday 16 th	PTA 'Go Ballistic' Event on school field
Monday 17 th	Choir Assembly to parents at 9.20 am Open Evening 3.30 – 5.00
Tuesday 18 th	Year 4 Residential assembly to parents
Wednesday 19 th	Year 4 Games and BBQ after school until 5.00 pm
Thursday 20 th	Year 4 Talent Show to Year 3 children Deposits due for next year's residential trip
Friday 21 st	End of Term Service Leavers Assembly at 2.00 pm to Year 4 parents

SEPTEMBER:

Monday 4 th	School closed for Teacher Training
Tuesday 5 th	Children return to school for Autumn Term and new Ducklings start
Thursday 7 th	Year 4 Swimming Lessons start

Advance Warning – Parent Information Meetings:

Year R:	Tuesday 4 th July
Year 1:	Tuesday 11 th July
Years 2 & 3:	Monday 3 rd July
Year 4:	Thursday 6 th July

These are meetings to hear about your child's class next year and to meet the teacher. Unfortunately we can only accommodate a 9.00 am meeting and cannot repeat these at 6.00pm due to all the end of term events taking place.