



TODDINGTON ST. GEORGE CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER No.1 - SEPTEMBER 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are looking forward to another super year at St George's with plenty going on!

Gold for TSG!

The Key Stage 1 **School Sport Award** was confirmed this week. We gained GOLD! We are delighted to have received this. Well done to all Year 1 and 2 children who took part in our sports events to make this possible last year.

Library Challenges and Blue Peter badges:

Well Done to those who took part in the Toddington Library Challenge this summer. We have presented medals to 3 children in assembly this week and I am sure there are more to follow. Well done to Molly Tucker, Ollie Scholes and Emily Scholes who took part. Congratulations to Holly Conway and Emily Scholes for gaining Blue Peter ECO badges too.

Thanks from all the staff:

It was great to see the children arrive on Tuesday looking so smart and well organised. They have started the school year very well so thank you for getting them ready with all they needed. May I also thank you, on behalf of all the staff, for the cards and gifts we received at the end of the year. The encouragement is much appreciated!

Changes on the school site:

The last 6 weeks were busy with:

- a new set of classrooms being finished
- a new roof for the nursery
- a new playground surface
- and the demolition of the old huts.

We are very aware this building work has left us with plenty to do tidying up around the site and we are working hard to ensure these are completed as quickly as possible.

Please make sure your child goes down the ramp or steps into the back playground. Please don't let your child jump up and down the ledge which is being completed (hence why we have put playground furniture and plants in front of it to ensure safety).

School Clubs and Groups:

The clubs that haven't already started will start next week. The clubs and groups are listed below. Parents/Carers need to contact the named club leader directly if you have a concern regarding attendance or picking up.

Swimming: starts next Monday for children in Kestrels & Condors. Please remember the advice that has been given about the right swimming kit, earrings and long hair being tied up.

NHS and Boots health initiative - Years 1, 2 & 3:

You will receive an envelope with details about flu injections for your child. These will be carried out in school by Boots on behalf of the NHS. Please complete the form and return to school ASAP.

Music lessons start again next week. Timetables will follow when confirmed by their peripatetic teachers. We currently have keyboard and woodwind lessons from Inspiring Music. If your child wants to learn the violin, cello or a brass instrument they can – all the details can be found on the Inspiring Music website: www.inspiringmusic.co.uk. Information regarding drums and guitar lessons, which will be organised via the school, will follow in the next couple of weeks.

Attendance was great last year and we were delighted that there were far fewer requests for holiday leave too - thank you. Please be aware that if your child is **late to school** this year you will be asked by staff to sign your child in at the school office and give a reason why they are late. This is because the small number of children who are regularly late disrupt the start of the day for everyone else which isn't fair on the children or staff. You will also be asked to sign your child out if they have to leave school early, as previously, but on a different sheet from last year.

Leavers Trophies:

At the end of the academic year in July we awarded some trophies to our Year 4 Leavers. Congratulations to all those who received an Award:

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| Sports | Elspeth Shaw / George Renwick |
| Performance & Music | Molly Julians / Corey Bailey-Plater |
| Services to the School & Community | Niamh Tillin / Louis Goodall |
| Most Talented Author | Florence Hydes / Niamh Tillin / George Renwick |
| Art | Zara Tough / Jonah Wilson |
| Academic | Iona Dow / Charlie Ward |
| IT & Electronics | Megan Walker / Robert Stringer |

Parent / Carer discussions about how your child has settled into their new class:

These have been brought forward to the last week in September following Parent surveys that indicated Parents would value a chance to meet teachers earlier in the year. These meetings will take place on Thursday 29th September. The focus will be on how your child is managing the work in their new class and how they have settled in. We are trialing offering more flexible times between 1pm and 5.30 pm and Parents can sign up at times that suit them accordingly when letters are sent out next week.

Don't waste your money on uniform!

Uniform may well be in the Lost Property box. Please make sure that your child's PE kit and uniform are all named so things don't get lost. Lost Property is already stacking up!

Your child's well being - Changed your phone/moved house?

Please be sure we have up to date records for emergency contact numbers, medical information and transport arrangements for your child. Student Update Forms will go out in the next couple of weeks. Inhalers and Epipens need to be up to date too please!

Ringin school:

The school has been commended for having Parents / Carers who use the systems for reporting children's safety very well. Please make sure you ring by 9.15 am or send an email to let us know if your child is unwell and then send a note on the day your child returns to school. We do have to report any infectious diseases so please let us know as early as possible if your child has an infectious illness. You can leave a message on the answerphone. Many Thanks.

Water bottles and Book bags:

New water bottles and bags with the school logo are available from the office. A book bag costs £4.00 and a water bottle £2.50

Cleaner required at TSG: If you are interested in more details for this vacancy, please email Mrs Tillin our School Business Manager on tillinj@todddingtonstgeorge.co.uk. Thanks.

Attachments you may wish to read:

- Parenting support courses at Leighton Buzzard Children Centre;
- Invitation to a meeting for parents of children with SEN D needs run by SNAP;
- Details about joining Home Start.
- Details of Vacancy for School Catering Assistant

Extra Curricular Clubs:

| | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thur | Fri | Sat |
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| Before school | | | Streetdance | | | Saturday Dance |
| Lunchtime | French | | French | | | |
| After school / evening | Dance | Netball Karate | Tennis Drama | LTFC Football | Irish dancing | |

| Club | Contact | Contact Number / email |
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| French | La Jolie Ronde- | Madamehumphreys@gmail.com |
| Dance/ Drama | My Theatre (AJ) | 07859 238120 AJ 08866 567369 Lynda Lynda.haxell@btinternet.com |
| Karate | Donna De Bock | donnaddebock@gmail.com |
| Netball | Jane Julians | Via school office |
| Tennis | Leon Leenders | www.duntennis.co.uk 07515 409309 |
| Street dance | Laura Hunton | 07712 595706 www.tenacitydance.net |
| LTFC Football | LTFC | 01582 737568 07799 766642 Kyle |
| Irish Dancing | Kristy Burgoine | Kristyburgoine@hotmail.com 07772 717984 |

You will be informed when TSG staff led clubs are up and running next week.

Key Dates for Autumn Term

SEPTEMBER:

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| Monday 12th | Year 4 swimming lessons start x 6 weeks |
| Wednesday 14th | Year 3 Ukulele lessons begin |
| | Dentist to visit Year 2 regarding 'healthy eating' |
| Monday 19th | Deadline for payment for KS2 children to go to Panto at MK |
| Monday 26th | Year 3 walk around Toddington |
| Thursday 29th | Maths Play (Shape, Space & Measure) to Years 2, 3 & 4 (pm) |
| | Parents Consultation afternoon and evening |

OCTOBER:

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| Thursday 6th | Harvest Celebration |
| Monday 10th | Individual & Siblings photographs |
| Monday 17th | 20 x Year 3 children to visit Poplars Nursery Kitchen |
| Tuesday 18th | 20 x Year 3 children to visit Poplars Nursery Kitchen |
| Wednesday 19th | 20 x Year 3 children to visit Poplars Nursery Kitchen |
| | Year 4 to visit Holdenby House |
| | Year Group Information Evening for Years 1 – 4 (details to follow) |
| Thursday 20th | Staff 'Wear It Pink' Day for Charity |
| Friday 21 st | Healthy Heart & Mind Day - Sport & PSHE Activities |
| Monday 24th | HALF TERM WEEK |
| Monday 31st | Teacher Training Day |

NOVEMBER:

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| Tuesday 1st | Children back to school after half term |
| Monday 7th | Year 3 children to start swimming lessons |
| Friday 11 th | Remembrance Service |
| Tuesday 15th | Year 3 children to visit Stockwood Discovery Centre |
| Friday 18th | Children In Need Day – non uniform (wear spots) |
| Thursday 24th | Year 3 Learning Futures pm |

DECEMBER:

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| Tuesday 6 th | Year R Nativity 9.30 a.m. |
| Thursday 8 th | Year 2 Christmas Performance 2 p.m. |
| Friday 9th | KS2 children to MK Theatre for performance of Dick Whittington |
| | KS1 children to enjoy performance at school |
| Tuesday 13th | Year 4 Christmas Performance 2 p.m. |
| Wednesday 14 th | Christmas Lunch (Wear a Christmas Jumper) tbc |
| Friday 16th | Christmas Service (School only due to space). |
| | End of Autumn Term |