



## TODDINGTON ST. GEORGE CHURCH of ENGLAND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER No. 11 – April 2018

Dear Parents / Carers

### **Welcome back to the Summer term!**

I hope you had a very happy holiday at Easter and that the rain didn't deter you from having a good break. The summer term brings the chance to get the children outside on the field regularly so, hopefully, they will soon benefit from that if they have had to be stuck inside at times due to the wet weather.

### **Our Year of Golden Jubilee! 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is this Saturday**

Please make sure you check the details below about when to bring your child to school and what will be happening.

#### **When do I bring my child to school?**

Nursery	Ducklings 1.45pm for 2pm
Reception	Swans and Kingfishers 2.15pm for 2.30pm
Year 2	Hummingbirds and Toucans 2.45pm for 3pm
Year 3	Wrens and Robins 3.15pm for 3.30pm
Year 1	Puffins and Penguins 3.45pm for 4pm
Year 4	Condors and Kestrels 4.15 for 4.30 pm

#### **Street dance**

Street dance will perform and **need to be ready in the library at 4.50pm** (Year 4 will be given time to change) and the children are asked to bring their **Tenacity Dance T shirts, black bottoms and black trainers.**

#### **What does my child wear?**

Unless your child has been told by their teacher already to bring something specific in to wear, your child will be wearing **smart school uniform**. Please bring sweatshirts and cardigans even if it warm as we will decide on whether the children wear them or just their T shirts on the day.

#### **What else is there to do that afternoon?**

Please feel free to stay

- Join a school tour at the front of school to look around the whole school after your child's presentations, or beforehand if your child is presenting later
- Visit the marquee to see a wide range of school photos and shared memories of school
- Purchase a 50 Years of TSG book
- Buy a memento of the day (a mug, tea towel or teddy)

- Sign the school memory book
- Have a cuppa and a chat with friends or colleagues in the marquee

**Parking** Please note there will be no parking in the school car park for children’s families during the afternoon but obviously those who need to be dropped off nearer to the school building can be dropped off near the entrance. The Manor Road pedestrian gate will be used as the main entrance.

**In the evening the Disco for the decades will take place.** Please come through the front entrance to school (Manor Road) by 7.45 if you are joining this event. Please note this event is now sold out.

### **Other News**

#### **Our Values for the half term**

This half term our values are **Wisdom** and **Koionia**. The children will explain these Values to you as we learn about them in Collective Worship times. They we reflect on how these values can be important in our lives and in people’s faith .The RE Newsletter will follow **after** the 50<sup>th</sup> celebrations, and, as usual, will include questions you may wish to discuss with your child.

#### **Mrs. Pettitt**

Mrs.Pettitt has been at St Georges for 24 years - she is our national treasure! She will be retiring at half term and will be greatly missed. She has welcomed you at the front of school, checked every register daily, cared for your children when they are feeling poorly, organised almost every bit of paper you get in a book bag, organised the copying of every school report, made sure your child has fruit, run around school with lunchboxes and forgotten PE kit, and made sure we all are OK for the day every day. We will plan a good send off for her - but make the most of seeing her this half term!

#### **Year 1 Parents Meeting 9.00 am on Thursday 26th April**

Mrs. Kew is with us full time from this term, so we have 4 experienced teachers for the year group. Come to a short meeting so I can explain the arrangements for your children this term. This meeting will take place at **9.00 am on Thursday 26th April** and last about 15 minutes.

Details will be on the website that day if you are unable to attend at that time due to work commitments. This will include information about **teaching groups, Forest School and homework.**

#### **Curriculum themes this term and associated trips, visits and Take Home tasks**

**Year N. Out and About.** A lovely theme with plenty of time outside. Ducklings will be learning about growing plants, gardens and the creatures which live in gardens.

**Year R. Little Diggers.** A smooth flat pebble is needed in Year R this term as the children find out all about what is under the ground. Thank you for providing this.

**Year 1. On the Move!** A busy time learning about how we travel and move-even exploring Space. How we mustn't pollute our world is also part of this theme.

**Year 2. Our Wild and Wonderful World!** is the theme for the half term. Year 2 have their Airport experience next Monday. As the children work hard for their Teacher Assessments and SATS assessments this term, so we also plan in lots of enjoyable learning activities for the children to ensure balance for them.

**Year 3. The Roman World Around Us.** As part of their history learning Year 3 will be off to Verulamium in St Albans on Monday (**Please be in school by 8.15am**). Please see the curriculum letter about the range of Take Home Tasks for Year 3 this term.

**Year 4. Tombs and Treasures.** This is a popular theme with the children. **Egyptian day** (June 11<sup>th</sup>) and sarcophagus/mummy Take Home Tasks are a feature during the term ahead. Please see the curriculum letter for details.

### **Sports festivals to half term**

There are a number of wonderful sporting activities for the different year groups this term, please see the diary dates below for details. Children attending will be notified by letter for each event.

### **Transition events**

You will have had a letter if your child is joining our Nursery in September or an email from Central Beds Council naming your child's school for Year 5 and Year R. Transition events are already in place and planned for your child.

- Nursery entrance meeting (7 pm Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April – )
- Year R transition meeting (9 am Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July)
- Year 4 visits and activities diary continue and emails to Yr4/5 parents start his term
- Move up day for all years is also on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June

### **Year 4s. Walking to school**

If your child is in Year 4 and you have decided that they are going to start walking to school with a friend this term, please make sure the Year 4 class teachers are informed, or ring school to let us know when your child will start to do this. We will make sure your child arrives safely as they get used to walking without an adult.

### **Transition through school**

Parents meeting are held in the second half of term to explain the transition to and expectations in each year group next year. (See diary dates)

### **Residential Meeting**

There will be a meeting held at school at **9am on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** for Year 4 parents of children going to the Mill Rythe Residential. This will include practical things such as kit lists etc. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions.

We look forward to another busy term and to some great learning in the term ahead.

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Please check that if your child has **asthma, has treated allergies or suffers from hay fever** you have seen Mrs. Voyce or Mrs. Pettitt to check

- Inhalers are in date
- Epipens are in date
- Hayfever medicine is available as necessary for your child

Please note that checking inhalers and epipens are in date is a Parent/Carers responsibility  
For every child **mobile phone numbers and emergency contact information** MUST be up to date to ensure your child's safety and well-being.

Now the weather is getting warmer please send a sun hat in with your child and apply sun cream before school when necessary. Staff are not able to apply sun cream and children should not share others cream in case of allergies. You can send in named sun cream for the children to apply themselves.

## DIARY DATES

### APRIL

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>

Class Photographs

**SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup>**

**ST. GEORGE'S DAY 50<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATIONS ALL DAY / DISCO IN EVENING**

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Year 3 to Verulamium, St Albans and Year 2 Airport Experience

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>

9.00am Year 1 Parent Meeting

12-2pm Year 4 Quad kids – Parkfields

7.00pm Next year's New Nursery intake meeting for September 2018

### MAY

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>

Maths Venturers (2 x Yr.4)

Monday 21<sup>st</sup>

Kwik Cricket festival (Yr.4)

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>

9am Residential Meeting for Year 4 parents

Friday 25<sup>th</sup>

HHM Day / Year 4 Bikeability Course

**HALF TERM BREAK**

### JUNE

Monday 4<sup>th</sup>

Africa Day (Y2)

Friday 8<sup>th</sup>

Fathers' Day Secret Shop

Monday 11<sup>th</sup>

Egyptian Day

Friday 15<sup>th</sup>

Key Stage 1 Multiskills – Parkfields

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>

Year 4 Sing Out Play Out Concert – Grove Theatre

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Tennis festival Yr. 3/4

Monday 25<sup>th</sup>

Year 4 to Mill Rythe for Residential trip x 2 nights

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>

Sports Day for Reception & Nursery

**7pm Parkfields Intake Meeting for Year 4 Parents**

**Please note PFMS have changed this date to Wed 27<sup>th</sup> from Thurs 28<sup>th</sup>.**

Friday 29<sup>th</sup>

Move Up Day / Year 4 to Parkfields

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>

Art Exhibition at Poplars for one week

### JULY

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Reserve Sports Day for Foundation Unit

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

9.00 am Parent Information Meetings for the 2018/19 Years R, 2 & 3

Key Stage 2 Netball and Year 3 Learning Futures (Parkfields to TSG)

7.00 pm New Nursery Intake Meeting for September 2018

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>

9.00 am the 2018/19 Year 4's Parent Information Meeting

Friday 6<sup>th</sup>

1.30 pm Sports Day for Years 1 – 4

Monday 9<sup>th</sup>

Reserve Sports Day for Years 1 – 4

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>

9.00 am the 2018/19 Year 1's Parent Information Meeting

Thursday 12th 9.30 am Year 1 Performance to parents  
Year 2 to Forest Centre / Year 3 Camping on field (tbc)  
Monday 16th Residential Assembly to Year 4 parents  
Wednesday 18th 3.00-5.00 pm Year 4 Leaver's Tea Party  
Friday 20th End of Year / Leavers Service