



Toddington St George Church of England School Newsletter No. 11 – Easter 2016



Dear Parents and Carers,

Ground breaking Ceremony:

This morning we welcomed various members of Central Bedfordshire Council, our Chair of Governors Mr Tony Williams and Parent Governor, Dee Walker, to a short ceremony in which we celebrated the development of the school through the new building work that is nearing completion. Zak Zaidi, Cayden Wilson, Michael Sharpe and William Hawthorne joined with some of their friends in other classes and the visitors as they looked at the new building.

St. Georges Day Dancing Dragons Concert: On Friday 22nd April we will hold our St George's Day event to support Toddington Spring Festival. We are focussing on dance this year following the success of so many children at the My Theatre show last weekend. We will have a wide range of dance during the afternoon including Irish Dance, Ballet, Streetdance, Creative Dance and some of our Saturday Dance Groups. Do put the date in the diary and details for how to get tickets will follow after the Easter holiday.

Jane Spencer, Head teacher.

Headteacher Awards: Congratulations to the following children who received Awards for March:

Swans:	Arham Islam, Mia Skidmore, Max Griffin
Kingfishers:	Mia Chadwick, Isabelle Owen
Puffins:	Alfie Baines, Faye MacLeod-Irvine, Mason Green
Penguins:	Oscar Stephenson, Riley O'Connor, Molly Tucker
Toucans:	Dagmar Caygill, Ditu Rao, Louie Lawrence
Hummingbirds:	Josie Finn, Emily Whitmore, William Hawthorne
Robins	Evan Cullen, Harry Crawley, Viljo Velich
Wrens:	Leo James, George Todd, Liam Hayes
Condors:	Harrison Breese, Sophie Mitchell, Joheb Jia
Kestrels:	Mitchell Land, Ellie Day, Iona Dow

100% Attendance Certificates:

Certificates were given out today to the children who have not missed any school in the Spring Term. Well done to all who gained a certificate.

Art Club Winners: Congratulations to our Competition winners. The Art Club designed Easter Eggs and School Council voted on the designs they had drawn. Easter egg prizes went to:

1st	Iona Dow
2nd	Tilly Cornelius
3 rd (joint)	Niamh Tillin and Emily Scholes

Learning activities:

Year 1 Ceilidh: Puffins and Penguins celebrated the end of their Katie Morag Island topic with the joy of a Ceilidh in the hall this afternoon. Thank you to all the parents for their generous contributions of party food for this occasion.

Year 2 Easter Experience at the Parish Church: The Rector really enjoyed sharing the Easter story with the children at the Church on Monday. There were a number of activities to take part in and the children had lots of interesting comments from the visit. We are grateful to all those adults who supported the event.

Year 3 'The Easter Alphabet' Performance on Tuesday: This was very well received by parents and we had some lovely feedback and comments in the Blue Books. If you would like a copy of the DVD please make sure to fill in a form – a bargain at £1.00 which literally covers the cost of the CD, printing and cover. The children learnt their lines really well and all who acted, sang and danced contributed to make a very polished performance.

Year 3 Learning Futures Healthy Eating Raps: Having completed their play the Year 3 children performed in a very different way when they presented their Learning Futures Raps to year 7 at Parkfields yesterday. Some parents and carers also attended their class assembly where they showed these again this morning. The raps were great fun and had good messages. The children had worked really collaboratively to achieve their final performances.

Year 4 Sing Up Concert: Another smashing performance at TSG! The children remembered so many words to so many songs when they performed with children visiting from Westoning, Chalton and Sundon Schools on Tuesday morning. This was an internal concert which acted as a warm up event ready for the big concert at The Grove in the summer. Please be reminded that tickets are available from **The Grove from Monday 11th April** – please order early to avoid disappointment.

Streetdance Assembly: With such strong support from Parents and Carers we could only fit 2 year groups in the hall at a time and so we had two performances yesterday. Year 1 and 2 enjoyed watching the Streetdance gang perform and Year 3 and 4 then enjoyed a repeat performance! Well done to the children who performed – you danced so well and you kept going so got extra fit too!

Easter Service: We finished term today with a celebration of Easter in our service. The choir sang beautifully and Year 3 supported with lovely songs from their performance. Year 1 and 2 children helped Mrs Vickers and Mrs Spencer understand the importance of Easter explaining the story as they decorated our Easter Tree which was made especially for school by Mr. Dudley.

Whole School Events

Sports Relief Day: We had a very happy day. The walk around the field was a healthy start to the day. Those who also ran a mile proved to be super fit. Congratulations to Micky Unstun, Corey Bailey-Plater and Jamie Batt who came first, second and third. The girls were led in by Elspeth Shaw, Grace Laird and Molly Julians following close on her heels – all future Olympic Athletes we hope! We raised an amazing £465.24 wearing our sports clothes, walking a mile and enjoying some cake. Thank you for your generosity.

Big Litter Pick / Clean for the Queen on Saturday: Thank you to all the parents and children who came to TSG and helped tidy up the parish and our school site – it does make a huge difference. In the end we had 23 bags of rubbish that were picked up by CBC on Monday.

PTA Movies & Munchies: To finish this term with a bang the children have had the pleasure of a film evening. Thanks to the PTA for organising this event.

The PTA Summer Ball on Saturday 16th July: Full details of this exciting event have been distributed to everyone. We do hope you may be able to come this year and support the school and Keech Cottage. If you are new to the school or would like more details, please see one of the ladies in the office, or one of the PTA members. Should you work for or run a company who are keen to support Keech, please let the office know so we can approach them about adding to our raffle prizes on the night.

School Council news: Toothbrushes for Mercy Ships

We are aiming for 400 toothbrushes and we currently have 390! We are so close to hitting the target we have extended the opportunity to donate for 1 more day only on Tuesday 12th April.

Book Fair:

Thank you to everyone who visited the Travelling Book Fair, your support earned us £460.00 worth of books for our School Library. Great news!

Sports Council appeal: Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Please remember to bring your vouchers into School – they are being issued until the 3rd May.

Year 4 Walking to School after the Easter Holidays: In preparation for transition to middle school, and now that the evenings will be lighter and drier, some parents are happy for their children to start walking to and from school. If you are happy for your child to walk to school, can you please inform the school in writing giving your permission. We would encourage that they walk with a friend.

School Dinners: Please remember to order school dinners for the first week back after Easter. The normal deadline has been extended by a week to **9.00 am on Thursday 7th April**. Please make sure you order by that date otherwise your child will need to bring a packed lunch that week. Thank you.

Parking Reminder: For the safety of all the children PLEASE adhere to these guidelines

We are constantly receiving complaints about just a few people who are letting us down as a school through inconsiderate parking and abusive comments to our neighbours.

The main areas for concern are; double parking, blocking drives and parking on/near junctions.

Bedfordshire Police have issued another reminder. It is illegal, dangerous & inconsiderate to park or stop....

- **Near a school entrance**
- **Anywhere you would prevent access for Emergency Services (double parking)**
- **Opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction**
- **Where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users**
- **In front of an entrance to a property**
- **Parking on zigzags or double yellow lines**
- **On a bend (especially Cheney Close)**

HAPPY EASTER TO EVERYONE – wishing you a happy and safe holiday

Monday 11 th April	School closed - Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 12 th April	Children back to school for Summer Term
Monday 18 th April	Chicks to arrive in Reception Classes
Friday 22 nd April	St. George's Day Dancing Dragons Concert – 2pm (part of Toddington Festival)
Thursday 28 th April	Class Photographs
Friday 6 th May	PTA Quiz Night
Tuesday 24 th May	Year 2 Africa Day
Thursday 26 th May	Year 1 Performance to parents at 2.00 pm
Friday 27 th May	Year 4 Kwik Cricket Festival Healthy Heart & Mind Day / Year 4 Bikeability Residential Meeting for Year 4 parents at 9.00 am HALF TERM
Monday 6 th June	Children return to School after half term
Friday 10 th June	PTA Special Men / Fathers Day Secret Shop
Tuesday 14 th June	Year 2 visit to Ashridge
Thursday 16 th June	Fire Engines to visit Year 2
Thursday 23 rd June	Year 4 SOPO Concert at The Grove Theatre at 6.00 pm
Friday 24 th June	Sports Day for Years 1 – 4
Monday 27 th June	Reserve Sports Day for Years 1 – 4
Tuesday 28 th June	Sports Day for Reception & Nursery classes
Thursday 30 th June	Parkfields Open Evening for year 4 parents
Friday 1 st July	MOVE UP DAY / New Nursery intake meeting at 1.15 pm
Tuesday 5 th July	New Nursery Intake meeting for parents at 6.00 pm
Wednesday 6 th July	Year 4 children to Mill Rythe for two nights
Monday 11 th July	Open Evening at school 3.30 – 5.30
Thursday 14 th July	Year 3 Camping on the field
Saturday 16 th July	The end of year PTA Summer Ball
Sunday 17 th July	Go Ballistic!
Tuesday 19 th July	Year 4 Residential Assembly to parents at 9.20 am
Thursday 21 st July	Year 4 BBQ after school
Friday 22 nd July	Year 4 Leavers Service at 2.00 SUMMER HOLIDAYS