



Toddington St George Church of England School Newsletter No. 12 – April 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,



Welcome back. We hope you had a good Easter break and it is great to see the children again! We have had a busy start back. All curriculum leaflets for this term have been issued to parents so you can enjoy reading about what your child will be learning this term.

Jane Spencer, Head teacher.

Toothbrushes for Mercy Ships:

Thank you so much for your contributions. We have collected **495** toothbrushes (95 above our target). The representative of the Charity will visit on Monday 25th April to collect the toothbrushes and explain to the children where they will be sent. School Council children did a great job explaining the appeal, collecting and counting toothbrushes.



Our Learning this term:

New Nursery Children: 14 new children started in Ducklings last week. They have settled happily and it is a pleasure to have them with us at St. Georges.

Year R Spring into Life: Ducklings & Chicks have arrived and we are all very excited! We have 5 very noisy Ducklings and 4 Chicks so far.

Thank you to parents & carers for encouraging their children to come into the classroom more independently this term.

Year 1 On the move: Year 1 have had a super start to their theme learning about how to look after themselves by eating healthy food and keeping clean to avoid germs.

Year 2 Our Wild & Wonderful World: The children started term with a mock airport experience and a flight to Africa on the first day back in School. It was a super start to their theme for this term. Thanks for your support, sending in suitcases, snacks and passports for their trip.

Year 3 Where on Earth: Ukulele lessons have begun in Robins Class and the children seem really keen to learn. We look forward to a short concert later in the term. Their geographical theme should be really interesting this term!

Year 4 'Tombs & Treasures': We are pleased to welcome Miss Kemp (not Mrs. Kemp!) who has joined Kestrels Class as a teacher trainee this week. We hope she will enjoy her time teaching with us and exploring Ancient Egypt with Year 4.

Good news: This week has seen the start of our two week 'The Big Pedal Bike to School'. This is when we encourage children to stay fit and healthy cycling or scooting to school.



In case you aren't sure where to park:

Years 2, 3 & 4: bikes/scooters will go to the back bike shed.

Years R & 1: bikes / scooters to go beside the wall at the entrance to school.

Year N: Nursery to place behind the garden area fence.

Not so good news: Children are taking other peoples scooters to ride around on outside Years 3 & 4. Please remember not to use other people's bikes or scooters and **there should be no scooting or cycling anywhere on the school site please.**

Social Media: While Social Media can be great, please can I stress that we are much happier if you come and discuss any questions or concerns you may have about your child's wellbeing rather than hearing about these via Social Media. A face-to-face chat helps resolve things for your child much more quickly.

Home Start – Pattern Changing Course: This course may be just what a parent has been waiting for to support them and their children if there are some needs at home. Please read the attached leaflet if this course might help your own particular, personal situation.



Having a sort out – Spring Cleaning?: If you happen to have scooters or 'Cozy Coupe pedal cars' that your children have outgrown, we are happy to receive them and fix them if necessary. Also if you have a small plastic football goal that you no longer require. Thank you.

Samaritans Shoe Boxes Appeal for Christmas: The School Council and TSG have decided to collect the contents for the shoe box appeal slightly differently this year. It is a very worthy cause and TSG always support the appeal so well. Instead of parents donating a whole box filled with goodies, we are going to start collecting items now so we can start wrapping, collating and putting them all together in September. For the first half of this half term we are going to collect stationery items (pens, pencils, crayons, felt tips, notebooks, sharpeners, rulers, rubbers, markers, colouring books, stickers and pencil cases. Each classroom has their own collection box. Please also save any empty shoeboxes you may have for this.



Thank you on behalf of Mrs. Soor and School Council

St. Georges Day 'Dancing Dragons' Concert: To support the Toddington Spring Festival we held a short dance performance today at School at 2.00pm. Children who are in Irish Dancing Club, Streetdance Club and My Theatre Groups 2 & 3 were all given the opportunity to perform along with some of our Reception children performing their Chinese New Year Dragon Dance.

Class / Leavers Photographs: All the children, including our lovely new Ducklings, will be photographed with the rest of their class and the teachers next **Thursday 28th April**. Please make sure your child is smart and wearing the correct school school uniform. There will be a special leavers pack available to buy for the Year 4 children. They will also photograph a few children who were absent when the individual photos were taken last Autumn so please let Mrs. Child know if you would like your child photographed individually.

MK Dons U'15's: They are playing against FC Barcelona U'15's on Sunday 8th May at MK Stadium. Tickets are only £5.00 for adults and £1.00 for under 18's. Visit the website to buy tickets or call 0333 200 5343.



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: 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.

Year 3 Easter Performance DVD's: These are in the process of being copied and will be distributed as soon as we can. Thanks to Mr. Davis and Mrs. Child for co-ordinating this.

Important Advice:

Please see the recent guidance from Public Health England regarding Influenza and Scarlet Fever



DIARY DATES TO THE END OF TERM

Friday 22 nd April	St. George's Day Dancing Dragons Concert – 2pm (part of Toddington Festival)
Thursday 28 th April	Class Photographs
Friday 29 th April	Gymnastics Coach to work with Years R, 1 & 3.
Thursday 5 th May	Choir to sing at Ploughmans Lunch
Friday 6 th May	PTA Quiz Night
Sunday 22 nd May	Summer Picnic at TSG to celebrate Queen's 90 th Birthday
Thursday 26 th May	Year 1 Performance to parents at 2.00 pm Year 4 Kwik Cricket Festival
Friday 27 th May	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 / Year 2 Africa Day
Tuesday 7 th June	Reception children to visit Woburn Safari Park
Wednesday 8 th June	HIU unit to visit Whipsnade Zoo
Thursday 9 th June	Year 4 'History off the page' visit
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
Saturday 25 th June	Village Summer Fete & Dog Show
Monday 27 th June	Reserve Sports Day for Years 1 – 4
Tuesday 28 th June	Sports Day for Reception & Nursery classes Year 3 Learning Futures pm
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
Monday 4 th July	Summer Reading Challenge Assembly to children by Library
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
Saturday 9 th July	Art Exhibition at Poplars for one week
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

Tuesday 6 th September	Children return to school for the Autumn Term.
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