

Thanks for coming to the Parents/ Carer “How has my child settled this year?” meetings. We hope you found these helpful. For those who could not or did not attend you will be invited to a further meeting accordingly which we hope you will come to support your child.

Harvest and St. Albans Harvest Service:

We celebrated Harvest Festival in school last week. Thank you for the generosity you have shown yet again! We have boxed up a lot of food for the Toddington Food Bank – they collected an amazing 335.8kg of food (which will provide 800 meals) to support families and we have also collected money to send to Farm Africa from our Welly Walk and Welly shaped biscuits donations. The money collected will help farmers grow better food with better seed. See www.farmafrica.org/wellywalk for more details.

We also had a great time when the choir took part in a Harvest service at St. Albans Abbey, and some children also read in front of 1000 other children! The children in the choir sang really well and, with a choir of over 30, we can look forward to some super music this term. Thanks to all who supported and to Mrs. Archer for her work with the choir.

The PTA Macmillan Coffee morning was held in the new ‘chalets in Treetops and £159.00 was raised for this important charity. The children and staff really appreciate the hard work of the PTA and thanks to all who have been willing to continue again this year. The PTA AGM is planned for Thursday 3rd November – new members are always welcome.

RE Day:

The whole school had a busy day making our new Values canvases for the hall, writing class prayers and learning about the Fruits of the Spirit on our RE day. Mrs Curtis (Foundation Governor) and I did Learning walks and were very impressed with the quality of work and the high level thinking skills of children as they discussed the Values. Mrs Collins organised the day and we hope your children talked to you about their class value and their canvas.

Year 3 Swimming: starts after half term for children in Robins and Wrens on Monday mornings. Please remember the advice that has been given about the right swimming kit, earrings and long hair being tied up.

Do you love working with Nursery age children? Mrs Stringer would love to have an extra pair of hands to help on a Friday afternoon. Please see her or Mrs Collins if you could help. Thank you.

Behaviour and Attendance update: School starts at 8.50 am. 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 be asked to sign your child in if they are late in the book by the office.

Our **attendance** last summer term was 96.07%. This was very encouraging and is a tribute to how responsible our parents are about their child / children's schooling. If we had no requests for holiday leave during term time this would be even better. Please remember we are **unable to authorise holidays unless against DFE criteria** so please avoid booking holidays in term time - it does disrupt your child's learning and friendships.

Behaviour in the school is generally very good. It has improved again this term and we have very few children (only 0.5 %) who need extra support to behave appropriately. The Behaviour policy is clear for children and good behavior is rewarded individually and by class. A log is kept and this is comprehensive and we record all incidents that require involvement from Mrs. Collins or myself. A total for each child and class is collated each month and shared with staff. **Parents will be informed if their child's behavior is hindering their learning and the learning of others.** Strategies to help change behaviour will put into place. If necessary we will seek advice from outside agencies if behaviour does not improve after extra support has been given.

NHS and Boots health initiative – Children in Years 1, 2 & 3:

The flu immunisations are scheduled to take place on the morning of Tuesday 1st November. It is not too late to return your consent form if you have not already done so.

Site Safety – Bikes & Scooters: Please can children stop and get off these before they come on the school site so no one gets hurt. Thanks. **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).

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. Inhalers and Epipens need to be up to date too please! **Ringing school:** 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. Many Thanks.

Job Opportunity – Midday Meals Supervisor required at TSG: If you are interested in more details for this vacancy, please email our School Business Manager on tillinj@toddingtonstgeorge.co.uk. Thanks.

Key Dates for Autumn Term

OCTOBER:

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| Monday 17th | 20 x Year 3 children to visit Poplars Nursery Kitchen Shoebox Assembly to children |
| 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 |
| Thursday 20th | Year Group Information Meeting for Years 1, 2, 3, and 4 (6.30 pm) Year Group Information Meeting for Reception parents (9.10 am) Staff 'Wear It Pink' Day for Charity |
| Friday 21 st | Healthy Heart & Mind Day – Collaborative games at lunchtimes Year 2 visit to St Albans Cathedral PTA Fancy Dress Disco in the School Hall (6.00 – 9.00 pm) |

Monday 24th
Monday 31st

HALF TERM WEEK

Teacher Training Day

NOVEMBER:

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| Tuesday 1st | Children back to school after half term Flu immunizations for children in Years 1, 2 & 3 (am) |
| Thursday 3 rd | PTA Annual General Meeting in School Hall at 7.00 pm |
| Monday 7th | Year 3 children to start swimming lessons (x 6 weeks) |
| Thursday 10 th | Parkfields Open Evening for Year 4 children – 5.30 |
| Friday 11 th | Remembrance Service in School |
| Sunday 13th | Remembrance Service on the Green at 11.00 am |
| Monday 14 th | Literacy / Phonics Workshop 9.00 – 9.30 am |
| Tuesday 15th | Year 3 children to visit Stockwood Discovery Centre Maths Workshop 9.00 – 9.30 am |
| Friday 18th | Children In Need Day – non uniform (Wear spots) |
| Thursday 24th | Year 3 Learning Futures pm |
| Friday 25 th | Ark Farm to visit Year 1 children PTA Christmas Fayre in the Hall 3.30 – 5.00 pm Parkfields Christmas Tree Festival 3.30 – 5.00 pm |

DECEMBER:

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| Friday 2 nd | PTA Movies & Munchies after school |
| Tuesday 6 th | Reception's Performance of The Nativity to parents at 9.30 am |
| Thursday 8 th | Year 2 Christmas Performance to parents at 9.30 am PTA Secret Shop pm |
| Friday 9th | PTA Secret Shop am KS2 children to MK Theatre for performance of Dick Whittington KS1 children to enjoy performance at school |
| Tuesday 13th | Year 4 Christmas Performance to parents at 2.00 pm |
| Wednesday 14 th | Christmas Lunch (Wear a Christmas Jumper) |
| Thursday 15 th | Class parties |
| Friday 16th | Christmas Service (School only due to space) Magic Dave to perform to Nursery and Reception children |

End of Autumn Term