



**TODDINGTON ST. GEORGE CHURCH of ENGLAND SCHOOL**  
**NEWSLETTER No. 7 – 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2017**

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Headteacher Awards:** Congratulations to the children who received Headteacher Awards for January:

Swans:	Isla Stephenson, Dorothy Read, Brody Schofield
Kingfishers:	Jasmine Wilson, Dimitri Hepworth, Florence Hall
Puffins:	James Moore, Phillip Spalding, Freya Millard
Penguins:	Ella Baines, Finley Knight-Downing, Lilianna Beben
Toucans:	Bobby Whiting, Jessica Wyncoll, Dillan Wright
Hummingbirds:	Cameron Choosey, Oliver Stack, Austin Wood
Robins:	Isabella Bacon, Dagmar Caygill, Antony Stewart
Wrens:	Hannah Keith, Rubi Tite, Jessica Dudley
Condors:	Liam Hayes, Rose Cozens, Archie Dudley
Kestrels:	Samuel Dobbs, Georgia Brown, Ben Claridge

**'Text2Parents' Parents Consultations** appointment system has been very popular. We have had great feedback on this and I am very glad it has made booking an appointment so much easier for you (90% of Parents and Carers have booked up using the system). If you didn't use the system, or for any reason don't wish to use it, please speak to your child's class teacher or ring the office (872360) to book a time to meet the teacher. We are looking forward to seeing you all next week.

**Parent Pay:** We also have a new system for paying for school dinners on line. We have had quite a few problems with the previous software so hope this will make things easier for you as you order / pay for your child's lunches. You should have received a personalised **orange** letter for your child in their book bag on Wednesday which explains the new procedures.

Thanks go to Mrs. Child and Mrs. Voyce for all the work setting these new systems up for us.

**Year 4:** The Faith Tour to the Gudwara, Mosque and Anglican Church this week really helped educate the children on different faiths, ways of worship and the buildings that Sikhs, Muslims and Anglican Christians worship in. We hope they found this really interesting and that they will continue to display respect and tolerance as they grow. We have seen some remarkable Quentin Blake art work from Year 4 this half term.

**Year 3:** Georgia O'Keefe studies have helped children develop their observational drawings and skills and the children have produced some excellent myths and legends. A basketball 'taster session' was very popular yesterday too! Hotshots are starting a basketball club after half term.

**'In the Net'** was a play by a visiting theatre company and the KS2 children learnt about being safe on the internet in an informative and creative way. We hope it will help them stay safe online. Do ask your child what they learnt.

**Year 2:** The Turrets & Tiaras theme is going well and the golden eggs found in the Year 2 canopy areas have hatched. The small, red dragons are being well cared for and enjoy their home visits very much! Their Paolo Uccello dragon artwork in the hall is bright and imaginative.

**Year 1:** Learning about how homes and houses are built, materials used, site plans and 'bird's eye views' has been great fun for Penguins and Puffins. We think we have some future architects and designers. Their Higgins Museum trip is today! They have collaborated to make a great Karla Gerard collage in the school hall - don't miss it!

**Year R:** Reception children have produced some fabulous walruses, penguins and snowy owls paintings. Their careful 'Inuit Art' is on display at the front of the school for you to enjoy when you visit for Parents meetings. The children have welcomed Mrs Nash and Mrs Urquhart kindly too.

**Nursery:** The Arctic Adventure is going well in Ducklings Class too. They have made their own igloo and love using it as a den. Their animal collages are displayed beautifully in the Nursery and they are learning to listen to others in circle times very well now.

**Pupil Premium:** Those pupils entitled to Free School Meals (FSM) also enable the school to receive Pupil Premium Funding on their behalf. This can be used to support their learning in school. We are aware that there are children who we think would be eligible for this funding who have not applied because they already receive a Universal Free School Meal (UFSM) which children in Year R, 1 & 2 are automatically eligible for.

FSM and UFSM are not the same!

If you think your child may be eligible for a Pupil Premium Grant, all you have to do is ring 0300 300 8306 and have your national insurance details to hand – it is that easy. Unfortunately we cannot do it for you, but if you need help, please come into the office, see Mrs Child or Mrs Voyce and we can process the telephone call together.

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** On Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April (St. George's Day) we shall 'launch' our 50<sup>th</sup> plans for the St. George's weekend of 2018. See Facebook for details from 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

**Dogs:** Please do not bring dogs onto the school site. Also please note that sadly dog refuse is messing up the paths around school again. For your child's well-being and cleanliness on site please try and encourage the children to be careful while walking into school.

**Biscuit Wrappers:** This is a recycling initiative to raise funds for the repairs to St. George's Parish Church. Please use the collection box in the school foyer to deposit ANY BRAND of non-savoury biscuit wrappers, including supermarket own brands. Wrappers can be from family packs, multi-packs and can be individual biscuit wrappers too. Thank you for your support.

**Sainsburys Vouchers:** It's that time of year again and the voucher scheme from Sainsburys is back! Please collect these for the school if you, or any of your friends, shop there - they are a great way of getting valuable new equipment for school. There is a collection box near the school office. Thank you for your help.

**Healthy Heart & Mind Day:** Next Friday is our next HHM Day and again we have a fun filled day of activities planned (indoor athletics, skipping ladders, walking and running activities and an ICT based healthy lifestyle activity). Children can **come** to school in their **sports kit or their own PE kit** – most of the activities are scheduled indoors but one will be an outdoor slot so dress appropriately please. They will be also able to buy a piece of fruit or try a new vegetable for 20p at break time.

### Key Dates:

#### **FEBRUARY:**

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Consultations Evening for <u>all years except</u> Ducklings & Kestrels 4.00 – 7.00pm.
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Penguins Class to walk to Toddington Library- a.m. Parents Consultations <u>Only Ducklings</u> in the School Library 3.50 – 7.00pm
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Consultation Evening for <u>all classes</u>
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Puffins Class to walk to Toddington Library – p.m. Movies & Munchies for Years 1 – 4 in the Hall 3.20 – 5.30 p.m. Parents Consultations <u>for Kestrels only</u> 4.00 – 7.00 in the School Library
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Healthy Heart & Mind Day <b>Half term week</b>
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Back to school
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Hotshots Basketball Club to start 5.00 – 5.45 pm
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Luton Town Football club to restart 3.30 - 4.30 pm
Friday 24 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 2 Turrets & Tiaras Banquet Van Cols – Little Treasures Photographs after school
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 to visit Conger Hill re: Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day)

#### **MARCH:**

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Van Cols – Little Treasures Photographs after school
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	World Book Day – see separate letter sent previously
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	The Collins Family Quiz Night in the Hall at 7.30
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Indoor Village Market in Village Hall 10.00 – 1.00
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Big Tidy Up in School 10.00 – 1.00
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	PTA 'Mothers Day' Secret Shop
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Easter Play to parents at 2.00 pm
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Learning Futures at Parkfields Years 1 & 2 Movies & Munchies 3.30 – 5.30
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Year 3 Learning Futures Assembly to parents at 9.15 Years 3 & 4 Movies & Munchies 3.30 – 5.30

#### **APRIL:**

Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	End of Spring Term <b>Easter Holiday</b>
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Village market on the Green
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Teacher Training Day
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Start of Summer Term</b>