



**TODDINGTON ST. GEORGE CHURCH of ENGLAND SCHOOL**  
**NEWSLETTER No. 8 – February 2018**

Dear Parents / Carers

**Parents Consultations.**

Parents and Carer consultations are this week and we are delighted so many of you have already signed up to appointment times. This is the meeting in the year where we look hard at your child's academic progress and give you any tips that might help and encourage your child further. Teachers and I have met over the past 10 days to review this progress. I have also reviewed attendance/late to school numbers for these meetings as that obviously aligns with children's progress.

We look forward to meeting you and have much to celebrate with you across the school; for example our 'Active Maths' focus has been trialled in a number of year groups and this has been very positively received, Coding is going very well now with the children picking it up very quickly, Reading competitions E-reading and guided reading groups are encouraging more regular and independent reading in school, phonics groups and Lift off to Language groups are supporting early reading and language skills and our writing galleries are celebrating children's work across the school. For younger children our Sunshine circles and Circle times are helping every child voice their ideas and feel secure and valued.

**Behaviour leads** in each year group have reviewed behaviour in school and feedback has been very good overall; fewer children have needed reminding recently that they must be '**Respectful to others, Ready to learn and Safe**'.

<b>Next Friday</b>	<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Healthy Hearts and Minds day</b>
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Thanks go to **Izzy Squires and Josie Finn (Year 4)** for coming up with our 'Crazy Hair day' MacMillan Cancer Support idea to make HHM day even more meaningful.

We have a morning of Street dance and Indoor Athletics planned, a fun approach to well-being with 'Crazy Hair day' and Sports Leaders taking us out to us walk a mile too.

Can I stress hair and dress is as children wish and no additional expense for Parents/Carers is necessary. Children can wear their home sports kit or school PE kit if they wish to that day (or can come in uniform as usual if they really don't like different dress days). Please ensure they will be warm enough for the walk outside though!

If they wish to they can jazz their hair up for Crazy Hair day, and we are suggesting voluntary donation of £1 which will go to MacMillan Cancer Support. For more details, please see the flyer which was distributed last week.

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**TSG 50<sup>th</sup> Celebrations - Saturday 21st April** Please save this date in your diaries. **All the children in school will be involved in an afternoon performance** at different times, according to their year group, throughout the afternoon. There will also be lots of photos and memorabilia to view in the marquee (if you have any you would like to share please let us know), and this space will be transformed in the evening to hold an adult '**Disco through the Decades**' party. **See the Facebook page** for some great photographs of year groups from previous years gone by! Keep adding your wonderful memories! **Facebook.com/TSG50th**

**Head teacher Awards.** Head teacher Awards for January were given to 3 children in each year group last week. Congratulations to the following children for their achievement last month.

Kingfishers:	Callum Gadsden, Jessica Cochrane, Eden Crawford
Swans:	Michael Sharp, Neena Karunanidhy, Lottie Swift
Penguins:	Esme Macleod-Irvine, Brody Schofield, Grace Wilson
Puffins:	Tristan Verstraeten, Florence Hall, Gabriel Sidden
Hummingbirds:	Charles Buckingham, Abbie Kirby, Philip Spalding
Toucans:	Isla Hayes, Harry West, Bella Stewart
Robins:	Jemiah Wilson, Lucas Ellwood, Megan Colley-Griffin
Wrens:	Euan Samms, Sophie Barton, Harvey Brand
Kestrels:	Jacob Leigh, Valentino Rawson, Adithya Rao
Condors:	Lucy Archer, Izzy Squires, Jaden Fraser

**Forest Schools work.** Forest School plans are coming together for the summer term when Miss Elliot will begin to roll out Forest School for the younger children. We will send you further details of what your child will be involved in as this starts.

**Our Value for February is Compassion.** We will encourage the children to consider questions such as; Which stories do we know that teach us about compassion? How can we show compassion? Are there famous people that are great models of a compassionate attitude?



**Caitlin Gadsden and Oliver Scholes who were crowned 'King and Queen of TSG'** have suggested two ideas for school. One we can action is a 'Fabulous friends' box, to thank people who have shown friendship to others in class; the other is for us all to have a four day week once a fortnight (we have explained to the children that we can't offer that idea!).

The **HAST Music Festival** will take place on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. As this is a HAST wide event we have only been allowed 20 places. Parents of those taking part have been contacted and will receive their tickets for the concert at the Upper School in their children's book bags at the end of this half term. Music for children has been shared with peripatetic music staff to support them preparing for this event.



## Reminders: To ensure children's safety

### **'Please DON'T' requests.**

We love your **dogs**.....but NOT on the school site please! Even if they are on a lead.

**Scooters and Bikes** Please DO NOT ride on site – people get bumped!

**Football** No early morning football in Yr. 2/3/4 playground as so many people are on site little ones get bumped. Thank you.

**Dropping off for Clubs** Please do not park in the school car park for morning clubs.

**Please do not leave your child alone by the YR 4 stairs door when dropping off for evening clubs.** Some Hotshots children are not being looked after until the club starts on Tuesday and Friday evenings.

**Please do not leave your children unaccompanied in the playground.** Some children are being left in the playground on their own ahead of the classes going into school.

### **Please DO reminders!**

**Snow:** Hopefully we won't get any more snow but please check the website and text information as necessary in the weeks ahead if snow is forecast.

**Contact details:** If you have a **new mobile phone** or **changed your number** please let us know any change in details ASAP. Any Emergency contact detail changes or medical needs must be updated too as necessary. Thanks.

### **Wellies, jogging bottoms, waterproof coats, wellies/spare trainers.**

The children can go out on the field when it is not too muddy - but only if they have the correct clothing to protect their uniform. Please bring the above items in a named drawstring bag if you would like your child to be able to play on the field through the winter months.

### **Attendance and Holidays**

I am aware finances are tight for us all, especially after Christmas, but as you look ahead and think about booking summer holidays may I remind you that you **must avoid holidays in term time** (however much cheaper they might be!) There is clear Government guidance on this as it disrupts your child's learning and wastes public money. **I am unable to authorise the vast majority of holiday leave requests** against government criteria. Please see the website or back of the holiday form for further details.



## School Communication

As we are an ECO school, the default mode of communication for events etc. will be via email. The exceptions to this will be where you have specifically told us you have not got an email, or if a parental consent slip is required. If you are in any doubt as to whether we have the correct email address for you, please speak to the office.

**Clubs, lettings and Music lessons this term.:**

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri
<b>Before school</b>			Street dance		Street Dance
<b>Morning or Lunchtime</b>	Choir Signing Bible Buddies	Choir Girls Football (Yrs. 3&4) Writing Club	French Signing	Guitar Lessons Lego Club	Drums and Keyboards lessons
<b>After school</b>	Art Club Netball My Theatre	Karate Coach  Hotshots Basketball	Tennis My Theatre	Eco-specific dates. Football starts after half term (letters to follow)	Irish Dance  Hotshots Basketball
<b>Evening</b>	Ladies Dance	Adults Clubbercise (starts Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb specific dates)			

**IMPORTANT KEY DATES:**

**FEBRUARY:**

Thursday 1st  
Friday 2nd  
Monday 5th  
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Wednesday 7th

Sir Teachalot to visit Year 2  
Year 3 to Parkfields for Learning Futures Project  
Year 3 Learning Futures Healthy Rap Assembly 9.20am  
Parent Consultations 4.00pm – 7.00pm  
Key Stage 1 Multiskills 10-11am at Parkfields  
Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 5.30pm  
Movies and Munchies – PTA 3.30pm – 5.30pm  
Year 2 Banquet – Turrets & Tiaras  
Healthy Heart and Mind Day (Crazy Hair day too!) – rest of school

**HALF TERM BREAK**

**February**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Fri 23rd  
Wed 28th

Children return to school  
Year 3 Where in the World Day (in class, details to follow)  
HAST Music Festival 4.30 pm rehearsal, 6-7 pm concert  
Little Treasures photographs – Slots booked via Office  
HUS Bake off (2x Year 4 pupils)  
Little Treasures photographs – Slots booked via Office

**MARCH**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Wed 7<sup>th</sup>  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup>

World Book Day (details to follow)  
Mothering Sunday Secret Shop  
Swimming Festival 2-4pm (details to follow)  
Maths Venturers (2x Yr. 4)  
Book Fair Arrives (1 week)  
Whole School Photograph for 50th Anniversary  
Green Day – details to follow

Year 4 Transition Event 1.30-3.00pm at Parkfields (details to follow)  
 Bible buddies Club Easter Experience visit  
 Wed 21st Year 4 Cross Country – Alameda (details to follow)  
 Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Movies and Munchies PTA event (TBC)  
 Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Sports Relief  
 Mon 26th Year 2 Easter Experience at St. George’s Church  
 Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Year 3&4 Dance Festival – AM (details to follow)  
 Year 3 Easter Performance to parents 2pm  
 Thursday 29th School Easter Service & End of Term Service  
**EASTER HOLIDAY**

**APRIL**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Teacher Training Day – school closed  
 Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Children return to school for the Summer Term  
 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** – all children involved, tickets on sale soon  
 Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Year 3 to Verulamium, St Albans  
 Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Year 4 Quad kids – Parkfields 12-2pm (details to follow)

**MAY**

Friday 11th Maths venturers (2 x Yr.4)  
 Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Kwik Cricket festival (Yr.4) – Details to follow  
 Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Residential Meeting for Year 4 parents 9am  
 Friday 25th HHM Day / Year 4 Bikeability Course

**HALF TERM BREAK**

**JUNE**

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Key Stage 1 Multiskills - Parkfields  
 Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Tennis festival Yr. 3/4  
 Monday 25th Year 4 to Mill Rythe for Residential trip x 2 nights  
 Wednesday 27th Sports Day for Reception & Nursery / Year 3 Camping Meeting 2.50pm

**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 29th Move Up Day / Year 4 to Parkfields  
 Saturday 30th Art Exhibition at Poplars for one week

**JULY**

Monday 2nd Reserve Sports Day for Foundation Unit  
 Tuesday 3rd Parent Information Meetings for Years R, 2 & 3 next year at 9.00 am  
 Key Stage 2 Netball (details to follow)  
 Year 3 Learning Futures (Parkfields to TSG)  
 New Nursery Intake Meeting for September 2018 at 7.00 pm  
 Thursday 5th Year 4 Parent Information Meeting at 9.00 am  
 Friday 6th Sports Day for Years 1 – 4 (1.30 pm)  
 Monday 9th Reserve Sports Day for Years 1 – 4  
 Tuesday 10th Year 1 Parent Information Meeting at 9.00 am  
 Thursday 12th Year 1 Performance to parents at 9.30 am  
 Year 2 to Forest Centre / Year 3 Camping on field (tbc)  
 Monday 16th Residential Assembly to Year 4 parents  
 Wednesday 18th Year 4 Leaver’s Tea Party 3.00-5.00 pm  
 Friday 20th End of Year / Leavers Service