



TODDINGTON ST. GEORGE CHURCH of ENGLAND SCHOOL
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Headteacher Awards:

Congratulations to the children who received Headteacher Awards for February:

Swans:	Arjun Roopra, Gabriel Huntingdon, Rory Lawson
Kingfishers:	Daisy Emerson, Lucy Whitmore, Harrison Nash
Puffins:	Caitlin Gadsden, Jemuel Marijeni, Luke Nicholson
Penguins:	Isabelle Owen, Riley Sharp, Joseph Curl
Toucans:	Alfie Baines, Sophie Barton, Maisie Blacksley
Hummingbirds:	Amelie Mott, Sam Tillin, Molly Tucker
Robins:	Jack Townley, Aimee Beaton, Adithya Rao
Wrens:	Ruby Pickard, Logan Skinner, Cormac Hayes
Condors:	Emily Scholes, Paul Cooper, George Todd
Kestrels:	Molly Simpson, Lewis Puddick, Olivia Sharpe

World Book Day:

Thanks for the great costumes yesterday. Photos will be on the website soon. We were thrilled to have Gillian Overitt, author of three books including Max's Magical Dream, lead writing workshops with children in Years 1 to 4. She inspired children to write and we celebrated at the end of the day with children sharing parts of great stories they had written. We also viewed the extreme reading photos in assembly (thanks for ALL the entries). An Usborne Books representative (Helen Henry) kindly donated prizes to school. Congratulations to the children selected for prizes; Freya Henry (reading on a pony), Aine Cunningham (ski reading), Sophie Barton (reading on an elephant), Vale Rawson (reading on a digger) and Ayla Kiamil (reading with a snake). We are very grateful to Mrs Kemp for organising a really thoughtful, interesting day for the children which reminded us all of the joy of reading and writing.

Learning already since half term

We have been very busy teaching and children have produced some excellent work and learnt a lot since half term already. Highlights over the past 2 weeks have been:

N *Planting sunflowers and meeting a tiny dragon who visited for World Book Day*

R *Making pancakes for Shrove Tuesday (and tasting them!) and a dragon treasure trove on World Book Day*

1 *Key Stage Athletics, dragon descriptions and learning about where Katie Morag lives on the Isle of Struay.*

2 *A Mediaeval banquet and great dragon poetry yesterday and creating teddy adventures too! Thanks very much for the banquet food.*

3 *Year 3 football with an FA coach, wonderful dragon descriptions and science with magnets.*

4 *Conger Hill trip to hear the witch cooking her pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and chapter writing for a dragon story. Fantastic take home tasks from the Faith Tour too.*

Healthy Heart & Mind Day: HHM Day was a great success and children loved gaining stickers for all the sporty and positive well-being tasks they did. **Sports Leaders** were brilliant and led the Wake and Shake at the start of the day. Walking the mile was good despite the sleet that fell as one class was walking! Children learnt about relaxing their bodies in reflection and relaxation times. Being still and quiet turned out to be something every child could manage for a little while! Lots of children managed to try some fruit or a new vegetable for 20p at break time. Thanks to Mrs Julians, Mrs Butt, Mrs Coen, Mrs Rivers and all the Sports leaders for leading such a super day.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Yr.4 RESIDENTIAL CHANGE OF LOCATION AND DATE

Yr. 4 parents please see separate letter.

Resulting in Sports Day change of date for Year 1-4 (please see below in diary dates).

Reminders for all the school community.

Parking for morning Street dance clubs.

The car park was much safer when people parked by reversing into a car space at drop off time this week. **Please continue to do this** for the safety of all our children.

Football in the Playground before school; Children should **NOT play football** in the front or back playgrounds at drop off time. The site is too busy and it isn't safe. As soon as the fields are in regular use again the children can go on the grass to play as long as their parent or carer supervises them until the teacher on duty is in the playground at 8.50am.

Sainsburys Vouchers: Reminder Thank you for your help collecting vouchers for the school .If you (or any of your friends/family who shop there) send vouchers we can get valuable new equipment for school. There is a collection box near the school office.

We are a No Smoking Site: Could parents refrain from smoking on the pavement at the top of the Ducklings / Reception entrance to school while waiting for their children or dropping off at school in the morning. Whilst this is not officially on the school site we have many parents who are pregnant, and children with allergies that are affected. Thank you.

Key Dates:

MARCH:

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

APRIL:

Tuesday 4th	End of Spring Term Easter Holiday
Saturday 15th	Village Market on the green
Tuesday 18 th	Teacher Training Day
Wednesday 19 th	Start of Summer Term

DATE CHANGE: Due to an unexpected need to change the date of the Year 4 residential (Year 4 Parents please see separate letter sent today) SPORTS DAY WILL NOW BE ON THE AFTERNOON OF FRIDAY 7th JULY.