



TODDINGTON ST. GEORGE CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER No. 5 – November 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are approaching a very busy and exciting time in our run up to Christmas so please read this and make sure you have all the dates for your child/children's events in your diary! We look forward to seeing you in school in the weeks ahead.

Parents Consultations: Thank you for coming to Parent Consultations. Following these meetings Mrs. Mallett and Mrs Spencer have reviewed the feedback from staff and some Parents/Carers will receive an invitation to a SEND meeting for your child, or an invitation to come to a Parent Workshop, to support your child, as appropriate.

Open classrooms: Next Monday (27th November) is the Open Afternoon for this term. Once the children are dismissed safely to their Parents/carers in the usual manner the classrooms will be open until 4.00pm. Please feel free to come back with your child to their classroom and talk about their work with them. They will be able to tell you about what they have been reading and what they have been learning. We look forward to seeing you. If you cannot make this time the school will also be open from 8.30 - 9.00 am on Tuesday morning, 28th November. Please enter through the classroom doors. Ducklings **will not be open on the 28th** as their morning session will have already started.

Year 3 Learning Futures: This term is when Year 3 children work in teams as a business unit. It's a bit like The Apprentice! They plan and prepare their products to market them and hopefully 'sell' enough of their product to win the learning futures event for this term. They are up against Year 7 pupils from Parkfields and we are always amazed by their marketing ability and their success selling products. We certainly have some future business people in the making! A letter will be sent out next week inviting parents to either come to TSG or to Parkfields, depending on where your child will be presenting, on the afternoon of Wednesday 6th December.

School Admissions: The deadline for applying for a Reception place or transferring to Middle School next **September 2017 is 15th January 2018**. If your application is not received by then, it will not be processed until the late application round in June.

Nativity Festival: Monday 4th December. Please bring in your Nativity set in the morning and then pop in to see the display of all the cribs at the end of the day (from 3.15 – 4.00) in the School Hall. (A letter with details went out last week).

Tickets for Performances: Please make sure you apply for your tickets (2 per child) as soon as possible for the Years R, 2 and 4 performances your children are in.

Christmas Lunch & Wear a Christmas Jumper Day: Wednesday 13th December – **please remember you need to book** a Christmas Lunch (via Chartwells) for your child if they don't usually have a hot meal.

Football: We are lucky to have an FA Football coach working with Year 1 and 2 children this term – the girls' lunchtime football club is well attended too in spite of the windy weather.

Attendance: Year 4 currently have the highest attendance in school.

Year 4	97.96%	Year 3	97.36%
Year 2	97.41%	Year 2	93.36%
Year R	93.23%		

Whilst we are aware attendance has been affected by the chickenpox outbreak in Years N, R & 1 please ensure your child is attending as regularly as possible in the Early Years. Some children are having missed schooling and therefore missed learning opportunities due to erratic attendance which I will follow up accordingly should this continue.

School Council News:

Remember to lookout for their **Friday blog** on the website!

School Council did a tremendous job organising our CIN Day. Everyone looked great in their 'spotacular' clothes, everybody enjoyed a cake or biscuit at break time and we raised lots of money towards this cause – thanks as ever for your generosity (Grand total to follow –a few donations still coming in).

School Council have also been very busy wrapping shoeboxes for the **Christmas Shoebox Appeal:** Thank you for your support this year towards the Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Appeal – we donated 98 shoeboxes which were delivered by Mr. and Mrs. Curtis to Woburn Church for the Sunday service and onwards transfer from there.

The Scholastic half price Book Fair arrived on **Wednesday** and has been well attended so far. Please pop along to support if you can – **all the books are half price**. The last day is next Tuesday 28th November.

PTA: This is one of the busiest times of the year for our Parent Teachers Association. The Christmas Fayre will happen tonight alongside the Christmas Tree Festival at Parkfields. Movies & Munchies next week have already sold out but we hope to hold another one in the Spring Term next year and will endeavour to do this over two evenings so more children can attend. Children will do their Christmas secret shopping on Friday 8th December, and lastly, a letter will come out soon if your child would like to receive a personalised letter from Santa.

Year 3 Stone Age Day: Wrens and Robins enjoyed their special day – thanks to Mr. Tyson for making it a memorable occasion and to all the volunteers who helped.

Photos: The photograph proofs have been collected and we should receive the orders back in a couple of weeks.

Lost Property: We have a lot of lost property accumulating already; please label your child's school uniform and personal affects – we cannot return it to them if not identifiable.

Wrappers for Repairs: There is a box in the foyer for the collection of biscuit wrappers which converts to cash for repairs to St. Georges Church.

SAVE THE DATE:
TSG 50th Celebrations - Saturday 21st April

Please save this date in your diaries for next year.

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, and this space will be transformed in the evening to hold an adult **'Disco through the Decades'** party.

IMPORTANT KEY DATES:

Wednesday 22 nd	Scholastic Book Fair arrives in school
Friday 24 th	PTA Christmas Fayre in School Hall 3.30 – 5.00 / Tree Festival at Parkfields
Monday 27 th	Open Classrooms 3.20 – 4.00 all years including Ducklings
Tuesday 28 th	Open Classrooms 8.30 – 9.00 all years except Ducklings
Wednesday 29 th	Year 2 Victorian Day
Thursday 30 th	PTA Movies & Munchies (Years 1-4) in Hall 3.20 – 5.30
DECEMBER:	
Monday 4 th	Nativity Festival (bring in your cribs) in Hall 3.15 – 4.00 Light up Toddington (on the Green) at 6.30
Wednesday 6 th	Dress Rehearsal for Year R Nativity at 9.30 to rest of school Year 3 Learning Futures at TSG
Thursday 7 th	Year R 'Nativity' Performance to parents at 9.30 am / / PTA Christmas Secret Shop pm
Friday 8 th	PTA Christmas Secret Shop all day
Saturday 9 th	Christmas Tree Festival at Church (1.00 – 5.00 pm) and KS2 Choir at 2.30
Sunday 10 th	Christmas Tree Festival at Church (1.00 – 5.00 pm)
Monday 11 th	Dress Rehearsal for Year 2 at 9.30 to rest of school
Tuesday 12 th	Year 2 Performance to parents at 9.30 am
Wednesday 13 th	Dress Rehearsal for Year 4 at 9.30 to rest of school Christmas Lunch (Yrs. R - 4) and 'Wear a Christmas Jumper Day' for Yrs. N-4)
Thursday 14 th	Year 4 Performance to parents at 2.00 pm
Friday 15 th	KS2 to MK Theatre for 'Cinderella' / KS1 to enjoy Theatre performance at school Magic Dave to visit Nursery and Reception children (am children in for afternoon)
Sunday 17 th	Carols on the Green – KS2 Choir at 4.00 pm
Monday 18 th	Christmas Parties – Father Christmas to visit pm
Tuesday 19 th	End of Autumn Term / Christmas Service (children only)

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

JANUARY 2018:	
Tuesday 2 nd	Teacher Training Day – School closed
Wednesday 3 rd	Children return to school for Spring Term
Tuesday 9 th	Year 4 to Bedford for Faith Tour

FEBRUARY:

Thursday 1 st	Sir Teachalot to visit Year 2
Friday 2 nd	Year 3 to Parkfields for Learning Futures Project
Monday 5 th	Parent Consultations 4.00 – 7.00
Wednesday 7 th	Parent Consultations 3.30 – 5.30
Friday 9 th	Year 2 Banquet – Turrets & Tiaras

HALF TERM BREAK

MARCH

Monday 19th
Thursday 15th
Tuesday 27th
Thursday 29th

Children return to school
Whole School Photograph for 50th Anniversary
Year 3 Easter Performance to parents
Easter & End of Term Service

APRIL

Monday 16th
Tuesday 17th
Thursday 19th
SATURDAY 21st
Monday 23rd

Teacher Training Day – school closed
Children return to school for the Summer Term
Class Photographs

ST. GEORGE'S DAY 50TH CELEBRATIONS ALL DAY / DISCO IN EVENING
Year 3 to Verulamium, St Albans

MAY

Tuesday 22nd
Friday 25th

Residential Meeting for Year 4 parents
HHM Day / Year 4 Bikeability Course

JUNE

Monday 25th
Wednesday 27th
Thursday 28th
Friday 29th
Saturday 30th

Year 4 to Mill Rythe for Residential trip x 2 nights
Sports Day for Reception & Nursery / Year 3 Camping Meeting pm
Parkfields Intake Meeting for Year 4's
Move Up Day / Year 4 to Parkfields
Art Exhibition at Poplars for one week

JULY

Monday 2nd
Tuesday 3rd

Thursday 5th
Friday 6th
Monday 9th
Tuesday 10th
Thursday 12th

Monday 16th
Wednesday 18th
Friday 20th

Reserve Sports Day for Foundation Unit
Parent Information Meetings for Years R, 2 & 3 next year at 9.00 am
Year 3 Learning Futures (Parkfields to TSG)
New Nursery Intake Meeting for September 2018
Year 4 Parent Information Meeting at 9.00
Sports Day for Years 1 – 4
Reserve Sports Day for Years 1 – 4
Year 1 Parent Information Meeting at 9.00 am
Year 1 Performance to parents at 9.30
Year 2 to Forest Centre / Year 3 Camping on field (tbc)
Residential Assembly to Year 4 parents
Year 4 Leaver's Tea Party
End of Year / Leavers Service