

# TODDINGTON ST. GEORGE CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

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*Lighting a spark in every child"*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

**Two weeks of school have whizzed by already!**

## Catch up calls

Usually we would have Meet the Teacher in school next week. Sadly, we can't invite you into school!

- So **we will do a 5-minute phone call to every parent during next week** to let you know how your child has settled and how the class is working.
- If you need to pass on some information, do use this opportunity.
- We won't be talking specifically about teaching, learning and progress yet as this early contact is always focused **on whether your child seems happy, reassured and settled in school**
- If you have met with myself, Mrs Mallett or the class teacher already this term for a specific reason you do not need to sit by the phone waiting for a call as we will have had that chat already! If your child has been off school for more than a couple of days we will arrange another time.
- We would love to chat for longer but will be on a 5-minute timer to touch base with you and reassure you about your child's start to the year.
- The times are attached and hopefully, whether you are at home or at work you will be able to receive the call. If not, we will ring again at the same time a week later.
- Sadly, we can't alter appointment times offered on this occasion.
- We hope this will be a helpful contact for you and your child.

## Ongoing contact with class teachers

Unlike last term teachers are **all** back in school teaching. Last term half the teachers were working virtually from home. We are still very pleased to be able to link up with you via teachers year group emails and so can answer

- class based enquiries
- note information you need us to have
- try to solve issues for you that can't currently be easily talked through given drop off arrangements.

Please be aware that teachers can't necessarily respond during the day as they are busy teaching! They will deal with /respond to any issue raised and will then aim to get back to you as soon as is manageable **and within 2 days.**

### **Year group email addresses are**

Nursery - Ducklings - [ducklings@toddstg.co.uk](mailto:ducklings@toddstg.co.uk)

Year R - Swans and Kingfishers - [year.r@toddstg.co.uk](mailto:year.r@toddstg.co.uk)

Year 1 - Puffins and Penguins - [year.1@toddstg.co.uk](mailto:year.1@toddstg.co.uk)

Year 2 - Toucans and Hummingbirds - [year.2@toddstg.co.uk](mailto:year.2@toddstg.co.uk)

Year 3 - Robins and Wrens - [year.3@toddstg.co.uk](mailto:year.3@toddstg.co.uk)

Year 4 - Condors and Kestrels - [year.4@toddstg.co.uk](mailto:year.4@toddstg.co.uk)

You can still ring too! (01525 872360).

## **Teaching and Learning**

### **Curriculum letters**

If you missed them they can be found on the school website [www.toddingtonstgeorge.co.uk/pupils](http://www.toddingtonstgeorge.co.uk/pupils) > to your child's class this year (e.g. Kestrels).

You will find the details of

- **curriculum work this term**
- **take home tasks**
- **PE ready days**
- **homework**
- **and any other class specific information**

(Please be aware the class photos you will see are **last years** teaching teams and children. Don't worry **the new teaching teams and classes for 2020-2021 will be there on Monday** -we just needed to get the children safely positioned for all the photo so it took a bit longer than anticipated! Look out for them on Monday night).

**Reading books.** We are delighted to be able to send books home to families again. Thank you to all who are using the sealed plastic bags system for reading books. If you missed the detail about this, you can find it in the email sent to you on 16.9.20.

**Learning links** for those who had to stay off school while they have been receiving test results this week learning links are all in place so you can access work whilst at home. These can be found on the **website> Pupils >online learning links> your child's year group.**

### **Covid statistics**

To keep you informed each week we will send you the Local Authority information about local Covid figures when we receive it. We will also let you know if we have had to send a child/staff member home from school with possible symptoms for tests.

- This week we have had 9 children who have been tested this week and I am delighted to say that all **test results to date for children have been negative.**

- The horrid cold that children had last weekend account for nearly all of these tests. Please read the guidance sent out for parents on coughs and colds and also ensure you have seen the flow diagram for symptoms and test in the letter of (**News section of website> letter from Mrs Spencer 11.09.20**)

**Drop offs for your child** We really hope drop offs have been slicker for you this week. Thanks for adapting your timings accordingly.

**Year 3 and 4 children** will still benefit from **two snacks** as they are hungry, being outside and active as much of the day as possible while the good weather lasts.

**Year 4 swimming** It was great to see Year 4 heading back from the pool having enjoyed their swimming lessons this Thursday. Please be assured that the coach company were very well organised with regard to Covid guidance, as were the leisure centre.

**Year 4 -** Having now worked in the chalets for 2 weeks we are aware that the noise from Reception and Nursery playtimes may distract the children when they are learning, but we need to keep windows open as much as possible under current guidelines, so if your child is finding the noise distracting and would like to bring earphones in a named pouch, Year 4 teachers are very happy for them to do so.

**Year 3 Music** Year 3 will start P Bone lessons (like a small plastic trombone) next week. All risk assessments to ensure this can be enjoyed safely have been completed with Inspiring Music who will deliver the lessons.

**Wrap Around Care** Wrap around care in school for Year 1,2,3,4 currently runs from 8am and pick up time is only at 5pm. You need to have booked by close of school on Thursday secure your child a place for the following week please.

**Road Closure in October-forewarning!** We have been informed that Long Lane will be closed on October 1<sup>st</sup> from 8am to 4pm

Enjoy your weekend and stay safe,

Yours sincerely,  
Jane Spencer,

Head teacher

