# 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,

## A wild and windy end to the week!

We had a lot of fun in the windy weather at lunch time and the children certainly expended some energy rushing round. Now the weather is changing please don't forget to send in a coat for your child, and wellies are really helpful for Years N, R and 1 now for the field times.

Thanks for your time on the 'Catch up Calls'. The teachers were very pleased to be able to speak with you and update you on how your child had settled back into school. It was helpful to hear any information you wanted to pass on or things you wanted to check. If you missed the 5 minute calls this week the teacher will ring again at the same time next week to catch up with you about how your child has settled back into school.

## Teaching and learning update

Now we are back in the swing of school we are busy on the curriculum themes we sent home. Please check your child's class page on the website <a href="https://www.toddingtonstgeorge.co.uk">https://www.toddingtonstgeorge.co.uk</a> Pupils > class for your child e.g. Toucans to see the curriculum letter we sent home last week if you don't know what they are learning about this term. Class photos and staff photos are there too.

A few learning support staff are not in photos by personal choice, but are still busy in the classrooms!

#### **Harvest Friday October 9th**

We will be holding our **Harvest Festival** on October 9th in year group bubbles during the day. Mrs Spencer and Reverend Linda will lead these times in the hall. We will be collecting non-perishable goods (tins/packets) for the local foodbank and night shelter. We will collect voluntary contributions of £1 for the St Albans Diocese appeal to support an agricultural bee keeping scheme in Nepal. Further information will follow next week.

## Bikes and learning to ride a bike with Sustrans

**Year 1** Alistair will come to offer a bike session for Year 1 children on Thursday next week. **A consent form is attached** so please complete and return it by Tuesday (first come first served).

Anyone else biking to school during Bike to School week next week: Years N, R and 2 please take bikes home with you. Year 1 please take bikes back home apart from on Thursday (see above). Year 3 and 4 can bring bikes to the bike shed at the back of school or leave them beside the chalets if they are cycling in for Bike to School week.

# Road closure Long Lane to be shut for one day only!

Please be aware there will be a **local road closure on October 1**<sup>st</sup> **2020**. Long Lane will be closed that day.

# Police information for all local schools

## Police guidance received today

Police have had a number of schools across Central Bedfordshire reporting information on Facebook (or via other social media platforms) about vehicles or adults that some Parents /Carers have considered to be suspicious.

Schools should make contact with us via our dedicated school liaison email where you can receive appropriate advice and the Police can then ensure correct up-to-date messaging is passed out or action by the police taken.

Parents/Carers who have concerns are asked to dial 101 (999 in an emergency) if they wish to report anything regarding any concerns about vehicles or strangers around the school site.

Some well-meaning schools have communicated out photographs of individuals that had been wrongly circulated on social media and have subsequently caused distress to those concerned.

# **Covid update**

Please can you I remind you about the **Test and Trace app**. See the **Covid news section** of the website for an update. **Go to > News page > Coronavirus news**.

The local date from Central Bedfordshire is attached for this week.

## Some good news re Covid!

All tests linked to school since September 1<sup>st</sup> have been negative test results to date. Let's all keep up our efforts on minimising risk for the children so we can keep this as our good news story.

Have a good weekend,

Jane Spencer

Head teacher

