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Dear Parents and Carers

Lighting a spark in every child

This is what we aim to do at TSG and we have had a super sports event and a tremendous talent show already this week with the Year 4 leavers. It has been so good to see them again – albeit in teaching bubbles of 15.

Today we held our Leavers service for Year 4. We have had a chance to celebrate all that the children have learnt as we said goodbye to them on their last day at St. Georges. We thought about their ‘super powers’ and just how each of them is unique and important in their own way. We reflected and thought about each of them leaving with a spark of hope and trust for the future, hoping they need not feel they go alone as they walk ahead into their new school as their friends, and God, goes with them.

We also gave out the School Awards today. As ever these were hard choices to make. We know if we have made wise choices by the children’s reaction to the announcements and sure enough everyone seemed in agreement about the choices Mrs Kemp, Mrs Wood and I had made this year.

Congratulation to the following children in the following areas;

Trophies went to

Service to the School Abigail K and Joshua S

Academic Oliver D and Felicity R

Author Joshua S and Summer W

Art Luke N and Grace Y

IT and design Max B and Isla H

Music James M and Chloe R

Sport Connor J, Mia S / Lucy S

Very sadly we could not have Parents, Carers, Toddington Old Boys or Toddington Old Scholars to the service for the first time in as long as I can remember, nor could we film the whole service, but we took as many photos and clips as possible and there will be plenty to see on the website of today’s service and the other events this week.

Thank you for the incredible generosity of Parents/Carers who had organised Levers T shirts for the children and these were handed out today. The children were really delighted with them. Thanks you some much from organising this surprise for the children.

Reports: Thank you for your comments back on reports, and if anyone is waiting on a response from me please be assured you will get one back but as we have been focusing on the Leavers events the last three days the response will be early next week.

Collecting work and leaving home school work Great to see all the work (amazing!) and really helpful for teachers to see how people have got on. Thanks for the books that have been returned and all the lost property that has now gone. We hope your child liked their class gifts too.

We have already sent out few things to try to help you through the summer months if you need some options for activities

- Summer reading challenge
- Free bike lessons with Alistair
- Outdoor swimming pools are reopening
- Virtual well-being sessions

Some things to help your child 's learning journey over the summer

- **Reading:** Please read this advice for Parents about reading <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/10-top-tips-to-encourage-children-to-read/10-top-tips-to-encourage-children-to-read>
- **Summer optional activity packs** These will be sent out as links shortly (as the packs have been until now) so you can access idea for activities and learning if your child fancies some learning time over the summer.

A few practicalities from September

- **Lunches** - are packed lunches only in September. A Chartwells packed lunch costs £2.10 for those children in KS2 who are not eligible for Free School Meals (FSM). These are ordered in the same way as you would normally order school lunches for children who both pay for lunch or are on Universal Free School Meals (UFSM) or FSM.
- **Clubs** these can't start on site straight away. As soon as we can get clubs back in we will and will let you know asap.
- **Road crossing patrol** (that's the lollipop lady if you aren't sure!) The Patrol Officer will be back on September 7th from 8am to help us cross safely coming to school.

Cards and gifts We have been incredibly grateful to those who have sent in cards and gifts to staff as a thank you to teachers.

We hope you have a good holiday and a really good break from home schooling (or the staggered school run!) for a few weeks. If you didn't receive the paper copy of the letter (on the exchange tables on Wednesday and Thursday) to thank you for all you have done since March, the letter is attached.

To finish on a high note, we learnt this week we have been awarded the **GOLD PE Award** which is a great tribute to Mrs Julian's and Mrs Dudley, but most of it is a tribute to all your children and their PE!

Mrs Spencer, Head teacher

Farewell to Mini and Midi TSG! Here's to 'TSG Together again' in September!