

# TODDINGTON ST. GEORGE CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

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*Lighting a spark in every child"*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Just one letter from me for you this week - and on a Thursday too!

## **School Council**

We are setting up School Council differently this year as we can only have 'bubble based' Councillors. They will still have plenty to do and have an important role for school. There is an election process (and we do explain democracy at the same time as we do the elections). A separate note is attached so you can help your child decide if they would like to take part in the elections next week. This is for Year 2-4 children.

## **Playground buddies and Sports leaders**

Again, sadly we can't have these people doing their usual roles in school, but we do have playground challenges on the go for the children and a number of children are helping run this currently. The current challenge is Fast Feet (see attached note) so your child might like to try this challenge at playtimes.

## **Music Learning to play an instrument.**

We are really keen to encourage children to play an instrument – this is a lifelong opportunity for them and can bring them great joy, benefit their learning and support good mental health too. Year 3 are all learning to play Pbones currently which is proving to be great fun.

A series of short videos for the different instrument types are in the links below. Year 3 and 4 children will also see these in classes this week.

The instruments that we currently have available in our school are lessons for Piano, Guitar and Woodwind (including the recorder for younger children) in your school. (We do also have 2 drum kits and can approach Inspiring Music about learning on these if there is enough interest).

Keen to know more or enrol?

<https://www.inspiringmusic.co.uk/lessons-schools/enrol>

These additional videos are a good way to show off what the different instruments can do and in some cases how the instruments work so they are a useful learning tool as well.

<https://sites.google.com/view/recruitment-demo-concerts/home>

## Events coming up

- **Thursday 22 Superhero Day.** Year R will be hosting a **Superhero Day**. You will have received a separate letter for this.

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October Healthy Heart and Mind (HHM) Day** will be on the last day of half term as usual, and children can wear sports kit or PE ready kit that day. We have sessions to support positive mental health running through the week in classes and Mrs Julians and Mrs Dudley have planned a busy day for the Friday which will include:

- Fitness sessions in the hall
- Balance bikes (provided in school) and scooter sessions for Nursery and Reception
- A scooter –cross course for Years 1,2, 3 and 4
- A Dodgeball competition for Year 3 and 4 (part of the local School Sports College events in the area-entered virtually)

A flyer is also attached showing the events at Central Beds Libraries over the half term holiday.

## **Covid update Still 100% negative!**

This term we have had 32 children (or a member of their family) tested and 5 staff too. We still have a Covid information section on the website with up to date information for you including further details relating to the Government 3 tier announcement this week.

Thank you for reducing the number of dogs coming to school on the drop off /pick up lines. Please can we also remind parents that leaving their car engines running while stationary creates potential health implications for our children and is something we know contributes to climate change. Please ensure young children walking to and from school, and particularly babies in prams or buggies, are not walking past cars that have their engines idling. Thanks for your help.

There is plenty going on in school and I am very grateful to all the staff who are working very hard to give the best possible options for the children despite the circumstances we currently have to work within.

Jane Spencer,

Headteacher

