

# TODDINGTON ST. GEORGE CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

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*Lighting a spark in every child"*

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Dear Parents/Carers,



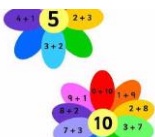
## Harvest thanks.

Many thanks to all those who brought in **Harvest gifts** for our Harvest Service. It was really good to see the display and, yet again, you were really generous. The gifts have been taken to the local Foodbank and Night shelter. I am sure they will be gratefully received. We have all learnt a lot about bees this week, and about Nepal. (Do you know many times a bee flaps its wings/minute, and how many miles the bees in a hive fly to make honey for just one pot?). Money donations given today will go to the Bishop's Nepal Harvest Appeal <https://www.stalbans.anglican.org/faith/bishop-s-annual-harvest-appeal>. We will let you know the total raised to help farmers in Nepal soon.



**Harvest Service.** Usually we would take some children to St Albans Abbey to attend the Harvest Service. This year the service was recorded in a series of settings and then sent to schools. It was a lovely service. The younger children enjoyed some of the service; the older children 'attended' it all. It finished with a great rendition of 'The UK Blessing' sung by young children. The adult version can be viewed on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PUtll3mNj5U>

**Meeting Mrs. Lamb our new Head teacher.** Mrs. Lamb visited on Wednesday and it was good to take her round the classes (via the outside doors) to meet the children. She will be visiting a few times before January and she is excited to be joining school. We will ensure she has had a chance to introduce herself to Parents and Carers before then either face to face or virtually!



**Learning gaps support.** Thanks to all those who have begun on the catch up work we have recommended to help 'plug' a few gaps in children's learning this term.

**Picking up at the gates and driving on Manor Road.** I am afraid we have received a complaint about the driving on Manor Road. Some drivers are driving far too fast

and the turning at Cheney Close has also been dangerous. This puts everyone's child at risk. All drivers are asked to take care.

**Dogs:** We love dogs but please can I remind Parents and Carers **that bringing dogs is not helpful** and really makes pick up more difficult at the gates for staff. The staff work hard to ensure every child is able to get to their adult safely, and circumnavigating children around other people's dogs makes this job even harder.

Also **please don't call children from cars**; to ensure your child's safety staff must not release children in this way and it is unfair to expect them to do so.

### Events coming up

- **Superhero Day.** Year R will be hosting a **Superhero Day on Thursday 22** October. Year R will send more information out on Monday for you.
- **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.



**Toddington trails.** There is another wonderful trail coming up. This is to support the British Legion and is the ***One Hundred Poppies trail***. Details are attached below. As a school we plan to support this with Poppies on display around the school railings but many of you may wish to take part too - either by displaying Poppies or by walking the trail in November.

### Good Ongoing news for us!

We have had another set of tests for Covid this week, staff and children, and **we remain 100% negative on results**. Thanks for the support you have continued to give to help us minimise this risk to children and staff.

However, locally the picture isn't so good so please watch this very important message that follows for you from Public Health.

### Important message from Public Health

A message from Celia Shohet, Assistant Director of Public Health

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rox-f4fLmp0&feature=youtu.be>

Have a safe and happy weekend,

Jane Spencer

Head teacher