

TODDINGTON ST. GEORGE CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

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Lighting a spark in every child"

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Half term is here!

We are SO pleased the children have had a full half term without 'bubble' closures or disruption. Thank you for your support of all the steps we are still having to take due to the current situation. Thanks to the staff here who have worked really hard to minimise risk for your children, while teaching them so well. We will keep doing all we can to minimise risk for the children.

HHM day (and Pink day).

We have enjoyed a good end to this half term with a busy and lively Healthy Heart and Mind day. The whole school has had time to learn healthy mindfulness strategies and their hearts were used well with our youngest children having great fun trying the balance bikes and the scooter activities, challenged themselves climbing on the gym and wall equipment bars. The older children had a dodge ball competition and a scooter course to trial. Thanks go to Mrs Dudley, Mrs Julians and Alistair from Sustrans for organising such a good day.

The staff also wore pink today and took part in a 'pink raffle' to raise money for **Breast Cancer Awareness Month**; a subject very dear to many of our hearts at TSG.

Headteachers Awards Congratulations to all those who received Headteachers Awards today.

Kingfishers	Fleur, Indie, Luca
Swans	Fraser, Alfred, Jaimi
Penguins	Joseph, Ishtah, Elijah
Puffins	George, Rosie, Alex
Toucans	Gabbi, James, Bea
Hummingbirds	Archie, Mia, Lola
Robins	Will, Thomas, Ella
Wrens	Lottie, Pedro, Neena
Condors	Euan, Freya, Dorothy
Kestrels	Andrej, Nelly, Poppy

School Councillors

Mrs. Soor and I are delighted that the new School Councillors have been elected for this year. Well done to all those who took part in our elections and came up with good ideas for school. We had some great presentations and some hard fought elections! It wasn't quite like the US Presidential election debates, but children have certainly understood some of the question that arise when presenting 'manifestos' and about voting and voters. Everyone who took part tried really hard and we really appreciate all the work they put in.

Those voted in as School Councillors are

Year 2	Toucans: Emily & Lewis	Hummingbirds: Frankie & Maisie
Year 3	Robins: Eve & Marcus	Wrens: Toby & Taylor
Year 4	Condors: Helena & Florence S	Kestrels: Olivia & Niamh

Would you like to be a School Parent Governor? Are you keen to help TSG make good decision for the children and the local community? Do you have financial or building work experience?

If so we would love to hear from you! Ideally we need two new people to join the Governing Body and sit on the Finance, Personnel and Building committee as two long standing Governors who have really helped the school develop have now moved on to pastures new. If you are keen, please email a paragraph in for the Parent Election letter that will go out after half term. Just include a paragraph explaining your experience and what you'd like to offer the school. If you'd like to discuss this role and what it involves, please contact Mrs Spencer to discuss this further and she can forward more information. Thanks for considering this to help our school.

Fast Feet results.

This month's playground challenge has gone well and certificates for the class Fastest Feet were awarded this week. Thanks to all who took part.

Remote Learning Links.

Every Monday in term time the remote learning links are update with that week's work. This mirrors the work being done in school. If your child needs to self-isolate this work will be available for them to do at home. You can find the learning link on the website under [>Pupils >Online Learning Links](#).

Website photos and Harvest thanks.

You will find some updates or photos for your child's class on the class [website pages >Pupils > name of your child's class](#). There are also some photos of the Harvest displays children created and a letter of appreciation to you all for your harvest gifts from the foodbank we delivered to [> About us >Collective Worship> Harvest](#). The Nepal appeal amount will be shared in the next Newsletter.

New activities for after half term.

Letters will be coming to you regarding Year 4 Cross country opportunities. Year 3 Swimming starts after half term. Letters re this have already been sent out.

What will we do about Parents Evenings and Christmas events if Parents still can't get into school?

We have planned for Parents Consultations to be phone calls as it was so successful this term, and will align these with some work samples for you to see.

Christmas plans are under way, and although we will sadly not be able to have Parents/Carers in for productions under current requirements, we will make sure the children who usually perform (Year R ,2 and 4) will have a video to share with families at Christmas. This will be created as Covid times allow.

Years 1 and 3 will have planned events that will be shared virtually too. More details will come after half term.

Job vacancy

Harlington Area Cluster of school (13 schools who work closely together in the best interests of the children in the area). Recently 5 of these schools have formed a formed a Multi Academy Trust called the Pyramid Schools Trust. (These Schools are HUS, Arnold Academy, Parkfields, Westoning and Ramsay Manor). They have a job vacancy they wish to advertise via all our school's newsletters.

"The newly-formed Pyramid Schools Trust is looking to appoint a Trust Administration Manager and PA, to work with the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer as part of the central team, based at Harlington Upper School. The role is to co-ordinate governance functions across the Trust, develop Trust policies and ensure compliance across the five schools in the Trust, to be the Data Protection Officer for the Trust, Clerk to the Trust Board and provide administrative support to the Chief Executive Officer. You will also be responsible for maintaining the Trust website and social media accounts. The position is for 15 hours per week, term-time only, NJC pay scale points 30-33 (actual salary £11,872 - £12,975). For more information and a job description/person specification see www.mynewterm.com. Closing date for applications is 12 November."

Lunches

After half term we will move to hot lunches. These will be served to children in 'hot boxes' that will be washed and recycled. Packed lunches can still be ordered. Please go to the Parentpay website as usual to order lunches. A three-week menu is up on the site now.

Photos

On Friday 6th November we will have siblings and individual class photos. To enable this, we have organised staggered start times for siblings to come into school between 8.30 and 9.00 (see attached timetable) and this will mean siblings will be photographed first and then sent to their year group bubbles. Please be aware that, due to Covid, the photos will be taken with children standing not seated so will not look the same as the previous format you have had in the past.

We hope you have a happy break and stay safe and well over the holiday.

The messaged from the Central Beds Director of Public Health reminds us all how to try to staff safe and well,

Attachments

- **Sibling Photograph timetable**
- **Letter from Central Beds Director of Public Health**
- **Library information**
- **Houghton Regis Locality Bulletin**



Jane Spencer, Headteacher.