

TODDINGTON ST. GEORGE CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been lovely to see the children back this week and hear about what they did over half term. None of us are excited about this lockdown month but we understand the decisions made and are very keen to keep everyone's spirits up as best we can! We will try to make each school day as happy, safe and normal as possible for the children and school community.



Thank you to all the Parents/Carers who have worn masks as they do the school run, we are also aware that some Parents/Carers have exemptions from wearing masks, so thank you for letting us know. **Thank you too** for completing the technology survey which we sent out earlier in the week, this is still open until 5pm today and can be accessed [here](#).

Poppies and Remembrance Service. To support the '100 Toddington Poppy Trail' event the children have been working really hard to make large scale poppies, and these will be displayed on the school railings. This is a really thoughtfully community initiative led by Julia Collar and we are grateful for the work that has gone into this for the community of Toddington. (See 100 Poppies trail map attached).



The first job of our new School Councillors has been to show and sell poppies in Years 2-4. In Years N, R and 1 the children are being supported by the teachers. We will have our Remembrance service on 11th November at 11am. Years N, R,1,2,3 services will be outside weather permitting and Year 4 will be in the hall with Mrs Spencer.

Curriculum letters

The curriculum letters for the term are available for you. The Year 3 and 4 curriculum runs through the two half terms, so no new letter has been issued for these Year groups as their Autumn Term letter covers the learning intentions for the whole term.



Lunches. Hot lunches are going very well and the children are enjoying the choices. Please keep an eye on the Chartwells website for Menu changes as they come up.



Prayers for the Nation during lockdown. An invitation has been sent by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to light a candle and pray at **6pm every day** for the period of this present lock-down. Churches are encouraged to ring a single bell at 6pm to help us remember this. There is a link here to a simple printable [Prayer Booklet](#) and a copy is also attached should you wish to join in with this initiative.

Photos – We are sorry that we have not been able to facilitate the school photos today due to the new regulations for schools regarding minimising visitors to the school site again. We are hoping to rearrange them as soon as possible and have spoken to the company accordingly.



Lateness – We have an arrangement for some children to come to school at a set time to support their needs, but we are seeing a small increase in the amount of children who are late for school. If you are one of the few who are late regularly, please can you aim to be here earlier next week as this is disrupting the start of the school day as Mrs Voyce has to then ‘deliver’ each child to the different bubbles in school and can’t then be receiving the morning calls or dealing with daily enquiries that come in at that time.

Parent Consultations – As detailed in the previous letter these will take place next week and an email will follow detailing the days and times of these.

Covid Update - We have had some children self-isolating this week and, other than in one case, this is not related to a Covid positive test. In one case that child became unwell in half term and as there was no close contact with other children in school there has been no need for the school to inform Parents and Carers at this time as there is no additional risk to the children. Parkfields have needed to send some children home today and we have liaised with them fully to ensure they are aware a sibling we have at TSG is self-isolating, does not have symptoms, is not in school and has had no contact with our children for the past two school days. As such no further response from our school, is required to ensure children's safety at this time. We fully appreciate any information will concern Parents and Carers at any time and assure you we will keep you fully up to date each day as necessary. Thank you for your ongoing support in phoning the school to keep us informed too.

Attached 100 Poppies trail map
 Marking Remembrance Sunday during lock down information
 Lockdown Domestic Abuse information

Keep safe and well,

Jane Spencer
Headteacher