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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of yet another fabulous week, which has included remote visits from Teaching Talons in Year One and Sing up in Year 4. I am pleased to share that the children continue to settle into routines and are motivated in their learning. It has been lovely to meet several of you, at the beginning and end of each day, and thank you for your continued kindness and friendly welcome.

Follow us @StGeorgesSparks

We are really excited to report that the launch of our new social media accounts have been really positively received. We look forward to posting and sharing all about life at St. George's. Please do follow us!

Comic Relief

The children have had a brilliant day celebrating Red Nose Day. So far we have raised £485.50 so thank you for your generosity. You can see some of our photos on our website here <https://www.toddingtonstgeorge.co.uk/news/red-nose-day-2021/>, which we will add to, so please keep checking back.

Parent Forum Meetings

As I mentioned last week, as strategic leaders, we are moving our focus to evaluating the quality of education. Ofsted have announced that visits to schools will resume in September 2021. As a school, parent and carer voice is incredibly important and helpful to us, and so as part of my evaluation work, I would like to resume the Parent Forum group that meets half termly.

Parents Forum Meetings provide parents and carers with an opportunity to discuss and review school developments and initiatives. The group does not have any statutory responsibilities or decision making powers like the Board of Governors, but it does help us to understand how parents feel about the school - our strengths and our areas for development.

The first meeting is set to take place on Friday 16th April, at 10 am via zoom. As you will know, we are wholeheartedly committed to listening to parents and responding to your valued feedback, and please remember that this might not always appear instantly. We may need to consult with staff and governors before making any proposed changes. Minutes of the forum will be posted under the Parents Forum heading, on the website. If you would like to be able to support the school, by joining the forum please email admin@toddstg.co.uk and our lovely Mrs. Voyce will add you to the attendee list, and email the zoom meeting details to you that morning.

Free School Meals

The Covid pandemic has impacted families in so many ways and for many this will be financially. If your working circumstances have changed, or you have started receiving an income-related benefit, such as Income Support or Child Tax Credit, your child may now be eligible for free school meals. It is easy to check whether your child is eligible, you just call Central Beds Council on 0300 300 8306 and have your NI number ready. If your child is eligible there are other resources the school could receive for your child, and this is explained in the attached letter.

As we approach the last week of term, I just wanted to say thank you and again, well done. We appreciate that whilst we are so very pleased to have all our lovely children back in school, the change of routine for families can be tiring, but are ever so grateful for your continued support.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher