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Dear Parents and Carers,

ST. GEORGE'S VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

Staff, governors and children have been collaborating with the aim to enhance our Christian ethos and mission statement. We want to ensure that we live, feel and see our St. George's way, in all that we do.

We believe that God makes each person unique in many special ways. Each and every person is precious, bringing special distinctiveness, gifts and talents to the world, things that no one else can; at St. George's we call these our sparks.

Lighting A Spark In Everyone

We are excited to share that we have strengthened our aims for Christian education by enhancing our mission statement, with a parable inspired by the gospel according to Matthew.

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven".
(Mathew 5:14-16)

This parable teaches us that God has given his light to us all. His light is our distinctiveness, our sparks. In living God's love, we must not hide our sparks, but light them for all the world to see.

Let your light shine

Matthew 5:15

In Collective Worship today, we explored how we are going to "Let your light shine," and we celebrated those who did just that, and achieved their Lighting A Spark Awards for this week. Well done!

ST. GEORGE'S VALUES CONSULTATION

In enhancing our mission statement, it has also felt appropriate to review our core values, within our vision for education. This week the children have explored, reflected and chosen key values that are important to them.

Next week, we will be sending families a google form to discuss, consult and vote on the values that are most important to them. The results will determine six core values for St. George's, and will form our golden threads that run through all that we do.

Fundraising ... Thank you

We can't quite believe that we have passed the £1000 mark on our [Crowdfunding page](#)! Thank you to everyone that has sponsored furniture, your generosity and kindness has blown us away.

Family Bingo Night: We are really grateful to report that we have raised £208 towards our furniture project - that is 4 new tables! Thank you so much to all that are participating, we are really looking forward to seeing you all later today.

Parent Forum Meetings

Today's parent forum meeting took place and we would like to thank all of those that were able to attend today. We appreciate how valuable your time is and wanted to share again that your honest feedback really is very important to us, so that we can ensure we are providing the very best, for all our lovely families. If you would like to join future meetings please email admin@toddstg.co.uk, and we would really welcome a representative for Year 4.

St. George's Day Friday 23rd April 2021

We are really looking forward to celebrating St. George's day with the children next week. To celebrate in style, we will be having a non-uniform day, with the theme wear something red. The children will enjoy a variety of special activities to celebrate our special day. Please see the poster attached.

The children and staff have had a fabulous first week of summer term, although unfortunately for me, I have been contacted by track and trace and instructed to self-isolate. I wanted to share this with you, as you may have noticed that I have not been at either of the gates each morning. Honesty and transparency are vital values in every parent and carer relationship with school, and are very important to me. I am able to work from home, and our Assistant Heads Mrs. Vickers and Mrs. Stringer are on site, doing a fabulous job of leading our team. Thankfully I am well, and I can't wait to join the children, staff and families back on site once again.

Yours sincerely,

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