

TODDINGTON ST. GEORGE CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy St. George's Day

The children have had a wonderful day learning all about our patron saint, St. George, and have celebrated with a range of exciting activities. In today's collective worship we learnt about his life and reflected on his dedication and service to his Christian faith.

St. George's Mission Statement and Values

Lighting A Spark In Everyone - Let Your Light Shine (Matthew 5:15)

This week the children have really enjoyed exploring the idea that each person is unique, and that we each have a special talent that we bring to the world. At St. George's we call this our sparks, and it is our mission to light our sparks and "Let your light shine."

We continue our work on our core christian values that are woven throughout our ethos. The children are in the final stages of voting for the values that are most special to them. Next week we will be presenting the children's top ten, and will be asking you, our lovely families to join in and vote for the values that are important to you.

St. George's Learners

The children and staff have enjoyed another fabulous week of learning. As you know, our approach has been about recovering from the disruption that all children have experienced in their education. Teachers report that St. George's children have coped incredibly well, and are so pleased to see them enjoying their learning once again.

The summer term curriculum has been adapted to prioritise key concepts for each year group. Teachers are closely tracking the objectives that they cover and assessing how secure

the children are in applying them. Any current year group objectives that are less secure, will be built into and inform curriculum planning for September 2021.

Teachers continue to use assessment tools and strategies, to assess children's next steps, as part of their typical teaching practice. As we did in the Autumn term, we will be informing parents and carers, of any particular individual targets for your child, if we believe that they would benefit from a little more practice at home. Details of this will be sent home over the next few weeks.

We also know that parents and carers are keen to support their children in their learning and so we will be holding zoom parent workshops on how to help your child at home.

- ★ How to support your child with **Phonics**: Monday 10th May 2.30 PM
- ★ How to support your child with **Reading**: Monday 17th May 2.30 PM
- ★ How to support your child with **Maths Calculation**: Monday 24th May 2.30 PM

Please book your place on the workshop using this [google form](#). You will be sent the zoom details on the day of the meeting.

Are you a photographer? We are looking for a very kind volunteer!

Part of the work that we are doing this term is updating and reorganising our school website so that we make it as user friendly as possible. We would like to capture some of the wonderful experiences that St. George's has to offer, and include lovely photos on our website. Therefore, we are appealing to anyone who would be happy to volunteer a couple of hours to the school. If this could be you, please email admin@toddstg.co.uk - thank you so much!

Staffing updates

At the end of the school year, we will be very sad to say goodbye to Mrs. Soor, our Year 2 class teacher and our SENDCo Mrs. Mallett. Both teachers have served St. George's with commitment and dedication - we would like to thank them for their continued hard work, and wish them the very best of luck in the next chapter of their lives.

We have begun the recruitment process and have published a Class Teacher advert, to join our lovely team in September. We are also advertising for a Level One Teaching Assistant, details of both vacancies can be found [here](#).

Mrs. Vickers is very excited to be developing her leadership role in school, as from September she will be taking on the strategic role of Inclusion Lead and SENDCo. Mrs. Mallett and Mrs. Vickers have already begun working very closely with one another to ensure that a smooth and thorough hand over takes place. Mrs. Vickers is really looking forward to hosting SEND parent sessions in the near future, so please watch this space!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,

Colette Lamb
Headteacher