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10th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderful week here at Toddington St. George's! All of the children have returned to school life beautifully; Nursery and Reception new starters have settled in brilliantly; as have some lovely new families that we have welcomed into our school community. We have really enjoyed seeing the return of children enjoying their lunches together, whole school Collective Worships and celebrations, and of course opening our doors to parents and carers once again.

Curriculum Tea Wednesday 22nd September (3.45- 4.15) or (4.15-4.45)

We would like to invite parents and carers to meet your child's new teacher on Wednesday 22nd September. The session will run twice, to allow parents with more than one child and therefore class to attend. You sign up by completing the following [google form](#).

The session aims to offer you a chance to see your child's classroom, see their books, hear about the curriculum that is planned for the year ahead, and also give you an opportunity to get to know the staff in your child's class.

The Autumn term parents evening, which has previously been held before half-term will now move to later in the Autumn term. It is hoped that by making teachers available to answer any questions regarding settling in earlier in the year, will allow your conversation at parents evening to be more focussed on their achievement across the term.

We really look forward to welcoming you into school! We hope that you will be excited about the environment transformation that is well under way.

Classroom Dojo

This year we have introduced a whole school visual reward system used on our new interactive whiteboards, called Classroom Dojo.

Dojos are points awarded to each child for:

- following the 3 school rules, **Be ready, Be respectful, Be Safe;**
- for demonstrating our core school values **Love Respect Perseverance Thankfulness;**
- for taking pride in our learning and creating **Beautiful Work.**

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Children have been assigned a fun character avatar and can earn dojo points throughout the week. Each week your child will know how many Dojo's they have earned, which will be celebrated in class.

Celebration and Collective Worship

Our wonderful children work incredibly hard to be the best they can be, as responsible citizens, in their learning and in their work. We have introduced two new whole school celebrations.

On Wednesday mornings, children who have persevered to produce an exceptional piece of work, will be presented with the **Beautiful Work** award. High standards of presentation and work outcomes are important to us at St. George's, because we want to ensure our children take pride in themselves and in their learning. Children who have been selected for this award will be photographed with their certificate on a Wednesday, which will then be emailed home for you to celebrate as a family. Their work and photography will be displayed outside the Headteacher's office for the week, for all our school community to enjoy.

On Friday mornings, children who have demonstrated our **Values In Practice** will be awarded with a **V.I.P** award. Our children, families and staff selected our four core values, **Love Respect Perseverance Thankfulness**, which are the golden thread that runs through our school, and therefore it is important for us to celebrate our children who work hard to beautifully live our shared values. Children who have been awarded this certificate will be photographed on a Friday, which will then be emailed home for you to celebrate as a family. Their photography will be displayed in the school hall for the week, for all our school community to enjoy.

End of day collection

Thank you so much for following our end of day collection routines. After reviewing them this week, we would like to make a few amendments for Reception and Year One.

Reception: Swans and Kingfishers

Please now collect from the external classroom doors. You are welcome to come into the outside classroom that is gated by the blue fence. We believe that a collection window will allow teachers time to speak with parents and so the Reception collection window is 3.05-3.15. Please follow the one-way system - Enter through the right hand gate and exit via the left hand gate adjacent to Kingfishers. This will be signposted.

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With all collection points, please stand outside your child's collection point, whilst giving some space for the teacher to dismiss safely.

Water bottles

Please can we ask that all children have a named water bottle in school. If your child is packed-lunch, please provide a second water bottle or lunchtime drink. This is because their water bottle is accessed throughout the whole day in the classroom making it difficult to access at lunchtime.

Snacks

The government provides a morning piece of fruit or a vegetable for Nursery to Year 2. All children are welcome to bring in an additional snack. If you wish to do so, please send your child's snack in a separate named pot or bag, which will remain in the classroom. For those that are packed-lunch, please do not pack it in their lunch bag.

Naming and labelling

Please ensure all your child's belongings including coats, uniform, water bottles, snack pots and lunch bags are clearly labelled to ensure that items can be returned to their owner.

Medication

Please remember to drop in any medication which includes inhalers and creams to the main office where you will be asked to complete a medical form. Please do not send it directly in with children in their school bags.

Nut Free School

Please be reminded that we are a Nut Free School due to several children having serious allergies to all nut forms. We kindly ask you to check all products coming into school for hidden nut ingredients or those produced in the same factories.

Email Communication

Please can we kindly ask that all urgent and time sensitive communication be phoned through to the school phone line 01525 872360.

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Office emails are checked intermittently throughout the day and Year Group emails are checked at the end of the school day. This is because it is important that we focus on the needs of our children when they are in school.

Should you require a response to your email, please rest assured that someone will be dealing with your query and will get back to you as soon as they can - we aim to reply within two school days.

Thank you for supporting us with our tweaks and amendments as we return to normal school routines. It has been a pleasure to meet and greet families at the beginning and at the end of the school day.

Yours sincerely

Colette Lamb
Headteacher



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