

JULY 2023

TODDINGTON ST. GEORGE C OF E SCHOOL



Welcome to July's and my final edition of our St. George's newsletter!

And so here we are! How can we be at the end of the year already? These last few weeks have been filled with such a huge amount of joy and laughter, from the wonderful Duckling Class Graduation ceremony to the Year 4 Glint of Gold performance and every moment in between I truly feel we have been lucky to see every child's light shine.

My chapter at Toddington St. George C of E School, has flown by and I have so many things to be grateful for.

Over the last few years, staff, parents and governors, have worked through change and improvements to the quality of education. This hasn't been without its challenges, but thankfully the hard work has been incredibly worthwhile as the school is now in a strong position - we are ambitious for your children. I'd like to share my thanks to all of those who have supported me and our leaders in this work.

I have loved working with a talented, dedicated and hardworking staff team, who unreservedly hold the children at the heart of everything we do. I have been supported by an excellent leadership team, Anna Heeley, Linda Tompkins and Hayley Sharpe, who supported my vision and worked tirelessly with me to make it happen.

Furthermore, I am so very grateful to all of our St. George's parents. Thankyou for supporting your child's education journey and also for your feedback, honesty and kindness.

Saving the most important to last, thank you to our very special sparks, our children. I am going to miss them all so very much. They are very special, and are wonderful ambassadors of everything our school stands for: Love, Respect, Perseverance, and Thankfulness.

The children make our job a privilege - they all have such bright futures ahead of them, and I wish them nothing but the very best.

With love and best wishes,

Colette Lamb
Headteacher

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from
Mrs Lamb

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School attendance
95%



LOVE



RESPECT



PERSEVERANCE



THANKFULNESS

Duckling Class



We have been making our own colour monsters after reading the book about "The Colour Monster". Out in our garden we have been picking and eating strawberries and have harvested some of the potatoes we have grown.



Reception

Project 'On the Beach'



We had a great time at our Fabulous Finish picnic, thank you for all for coming and the delicious snacks!.



It has been a lovely last few weeks with our Reception children. We have all had so much fun.



Getting to know our new year one teachers and visiting their classrooms .



Year 1

Year 1- Fabulous Finish-Old School Days



Year 2

The Children have enjoyed making a poster of their best bits of Year Two. Loads of memories were shared and fantastic drawings of Mrs Rivers.



Year 3



Music: Performing Samba to the rest of the school!



Tennis Festival



D&T: Exploring frames



Science: Investigating seed dispersal by collecting seeds around the field.



We had great fun dressing up as Romans and having a delicious banquet!



Year 4

Year 4 have had a very busy month with our amazing performance of 'A Glimt of Gold', a ukulele showcase and the Year 4 Leavers picnic. We have had a truly amazing end to the year.

Well done Year 4!



Staffing Update

With a heavy heart, I would like to share that Vicky Hydes and Janet Hicks will be leaving us at the end of the school year.

Vicky's work in the office team has transformed the organisation of huge events, running the diary, improving social media communication and newsletters and much much more. She always remains calm and has an infectious enthusiasm for her work, and so it has been nothing but a pleasure to work alongside her.

Janet has dedicated years of service to St. George's and has made a substantial contribution to our school. Linda and I would like to share our special and personal thanks to Janet for supporting us through our improvement work in Safeguarding and Send - we couldn't have done it without her, and we have loved working with her.

On behalf of St. George's we would like to wish Vicky and Janet all the very best in their next chapters.

Linda Tompkins Assistant Head and SENDCO is currently enjoying her maternity leave with baby Aria. She has been in school this week to celebrate with staff, and we look forward to her return to work in January 2024.

In September, we will have some new exciting additions to our wonderful staff team ...

Teaching Assistant Team: Sarah Pyatt, Gemma Louise Mead and Alison Glass.

Business Team we welcome Lynsey Froude and Stephanie Taylor.



Finally, after many years Amy Burrows is leaving our Midday Meals supervisory team and we will welcome Kayleigh Handford and Holly Pearce to the team supporting the children at lunchtime.

Our amazing PTA

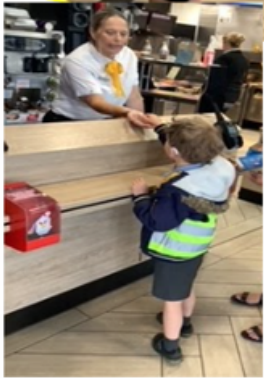
We have the best PTA and want to say a huge **THANKYOU** for all of their hardwork and dedication to the school. Their determination to raise funds for the school is unfailing. From the much loved movies and munchies events to amazing hamper raffles, pre-loved uniform to treat shops we are so lucky to have their support. However they do **NEED** more volunteers, if you can spare some time to join one of their event committees please get in touch - no matter how much or little time you can spare it will be so greatfully received - toddingtonpta@gmail.com



Hearing Inclusion Provision

Bringing learning to life!

Some of the children have been working hard in speech and language sessions in a McDonalds role play. So what better way to celebrate their success but visit a real McDonalds. The children ordered and paid themselves. We were very proud of their confidence.



The OPAL Project

Thank you so much for all the amazing donations we have received in the past few weeks. We can accept donations at any point in the year and we can never have enough!

We are particularly looking for an old canoe if anyone has one they no longer use! :)

Donations of small world toys like dinosaurs, animals, people figures, kitchen utensils, old helmets and sand toys like diggers, spades, buckets, etc. would also be so gratefully appreciated.



Language Lessons - La Jolie Ronde

We recently had our last French class for the term and the children from KS1 and KS2 enjoyed a French food tasting as well as receiving their Certificates for completing their book this school year. All the children have worked so well and made really great progress - I am so proud of each and every one of them!

Madame Ruth Humphries



Dates for your diary

Not that we want to wish the Summer away but here are some key dates for you

Friday 1st and Monday 4th September - school is closed for Inset Days

Term begins on Tuesday 5th September

Clubs will begin week beginning 11th September

Autumn Half Term 23rd - 27th October

Inset Day (School closed) Friday 24th November

Christmas Holidays 21st December - 3rd January inclusive

and finally - from the whole team at Toddington St George we hope all of our families have a wonderful summer, see you in September!

HELLO
SUMMER!

