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'Knowing each child, growing each child, in God's love'

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Christian Value: RESPECT

Dear Parents,

It has been wonderful to welcome all of the children back to school. A special welcome to our new children in Ash Class and to Miss Nicolaou our new teacher in Oak Class. We have all been so impressed with how well the children are adjusting to our new routines and being back in class full time.

We are busy supporting the children to access our full curriculum and to ensure they feel happy in school but we are also carefully assessing their needs and identifying any gaps in learning. We will be planning interventions and support for groups and individuals as required.



Our new monkey bars have been very popular on the playground.

It feels very strange for us as staff not to be able to speak to you all face to face like normal. Please do phone or email us if you have any questions or concerns. Our contacts are as follows:

Mrs Bridgman – <u>head@tonwell.herts.sch.uk</u> Miss Fitzgerald – <u>lisa.fitzgerald@tonwell.herts.sch.uk</u> Miss Nicolaou – <u>simone.nicolaou@tonwell.herts.sch.uk</u> Mrs Wagner – <u>veronica.wagner@tonwell.herts.sch.uk</u> Mrs Moorehead/Miss Gaze in the office – <u>admin@tonwell.herts.sch.uk</u>

My working days will continue to be Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. Miss Fitzgerald, our deputy head, is available every day.

I will be running parent forum on MS Teams on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September from 7.30-8pm. The focus will be our curriculum, plans for supporting children to 'catch up' and remote learning. Please email me if you would like to join the meeting and I will send a link to you.

Mrs Brídgman





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## **Curriculum Information and Newsletters**

Please see attached curriculum information newsletters from the teachers. All of our curriculum information can be found on our website under the 'Curriculum' tab.

### Roadworks in Tonwell Village

Please be aware that Ware Road in Tonwell is being resurfaced on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September. Please allow extra time for drop off and pick up as there may be some disruption caused.

# Safeguarding including Online Safety

Our children's safety and wellbeing is always our number one priority. Please be aware that our designated safeguarding leads are Mrs Bridgman and Miss Fitzgerald. Please contact them if you ever have any concerns. Our updated Child Protection policy can be found on our website.

Like all other schools in Hertfordshire, our school is part of Operation Encompass. This is a police and education early intervention safeguarding partnership which supports children and young people who experience Domestic Abuse. Operation Encompass means that the police will share information about Domestic Abuse incidents with our school prior to the start of the next school day when they have been called to a domestic incident. More information can be found at: <a href="https://www.operationencompass.org/">https://www.operationencompass.org/</a>

Making sure our children keep safe online is even more important than ever in current circumstances. Please read the Hertfordshire E-Safety Newsletter for parents (attached to Parentmail) for helpful tips and information.

#### COVID-19 and preparations for remote learning

Thank you for your support in following guidance from our risk assessment with no parents coming onto the school site unless it is an emergency. We encourage you all to follow social distancing and to wear a face covering if possible at drop off and pick up. We want to keep our school open and prevent any potential spread of the virus.

Staff are putting plans together to ensure we are able to switch to remote learning overnight, in the event of a partial or full school closure. Please would you complete this short Survey Monkey so we can take your views and suggestions into account when planning:

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/VS3S57C

#### Key Dates for autumn term:

Please note that these may be subject to change and some activities will be risk assessed nearer the time to check they can still go ahead.

Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	7.30pm Parent Forum via Microsoft Teams
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	2pm SEND Coffee Meeting via Microsoft Teams
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Start of Black History Month



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Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Harvest Worship for children (if we are able to invite parents, we will)
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Consultations (arrangements TBC)
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	INSET DAY
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	7.30pm Parent Forum via Microsoft Teams
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	BMX Growth Mindset day in school
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	2pm SEND Coffee Meeting via Microsoft Teams
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Artshed workshops in school
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET DAY
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Service for children (if we are able to invite parents, we will)
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	1.15pm End of Term