

# Tonwell St Mary's CE (VC) Primary School

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Headteacher: Mrs Sarah Bridgman

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Friday 19th March 2021

Dear all,

I have enjoyed visiting all classes this week to see the children's learning. It is lovely to see school getting back to normal with our usual high expectations for children's learning.

Children in Oak class have demonstrated good independence in their K'nex challenge this week. The virtual task was set by one of the STEM ambassador engineers to design a vehicle to travel on the surface of Mars. I was impressed by the children's creative ideas and their independence when working in groups.







Ash class have been practising their maths skills using the numicon. They have subitizing (trying to instantly recognise the number of dots on dice) and matching numbers.

Pine class have been developing their clay skills in art and design by practising rolling, cutting moulding and repeating patterns to make broaches in an Anglo-Saxon style.

I have been incredibly proud of children in Years 1-6 for the effort and resilience they have shown doing cross country running over the past couple of weeks. They have supported and encouraged each other to keep going when they have found it hard and every one of them has improved on their personal best.



We are so grateful for the continued support you give to the school as parents. Thank you to those of you who shared your feedback via the Ofsted Parent View questionnaire. I am pleased to share that the monitoring visit yesterday was very positive, successful and helpful. A letter from the HMI inspector will be shared after Easter.

A reminder that Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March is the end of term and children will finish at 1.15pm. There is an INSET day on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April so the first day back for children will be on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April.



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### Reading at home

Thank you to all of our parents for continuing to prioritise your children's reading over lockdown and using the school reading scheme books sent home in learning packs. Children will bring home their usual class reading books each week and we expect the home learning log to be completed with a record of your child's reading at least 5 times per week.

#### **Parking**

Please be considerate to our neighbours when parking your car at drop off and pick up. Always park on the opposite side of the road to the school to allow traffic to pass parked cars safely, and please do not block any of the residents' driveways.

#### **Symptoms**

If your child displays any symptoms of COVID-19 at home, do NOT send your child into school. They must be tested, which can be booked here: <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-acoronavirus-test">https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-acoronavirus-test</a>
If your child displays any symptoms at school, you will be called and be required to collect your child immediately. They will be kept isolated from others and must be taken for a test. The rest of the bubble will remain in school unless the unwell child tests positive. If a child tests positive, the whole bubble will need to self-isolate in line with government guidelines.

#### Kind regards,

Mrs Bridgman

### **Key Dates:**

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 1.15pm End of Term

**EASTER HOLIDAYS** 

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April INSET DAY

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April Children return to school Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April England does the Daily Mile

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May BANK HOLIDAY

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 7.15pm Parent Forum

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2pm SEND Coffee Afternoon

WB 17<sup>th</sup> May Feeling Good Week

WB 31<sup>st</sup> May Half Term
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June Parent Forum

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June SEND Coffee Afternoon Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July Secondary Transfer

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July Sports Day for children in school

Mon 19<sup>th</sup>/Tue 20<sup>th</sup> July Y5/6 Bikeability Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 1.15pm End of Term