



Tonwell St Mary's CE (VC) Primary School

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

Friday 10th September

Dear parents,

Welcome back to the autumn term! I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new children and their families. It has been a brilliant start back with children settling into their new classes and working hard. You will have received a curriculum newsletter sharing what your child will be learning. Copies of these can also be found on our website under 'curriculum'.

Our Christian value for the half term is PERSEVERANCE. Children have been looking at some amazing examples from the Tokyo Olympics, including Tom Daley and Matty Lee's gold medal (following 3 previous attempts by Daley) and Sifan Hassan (who was tripped in the 1500m qualifiers but got up and went on to win it <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/olympics/58053875>). We are excited to have a visit booked with athlete Montell Douglas later this month to inspire us with messages of Growth Mindset. She will also be leading sessions with each of our classes.

A big thank you to local charity Edfund, who have donated £1000 to the school to develop our Forest School curriculum and design technology cookery resources. We are introducing a new Forest School scheme called the Wild Passport, where children will learn skills in bushcraft, woodcraft, shelter, fire and rope and use tools such as saws, loppers and secateurs.

Kind regards,
Mrs Bridgman

Wraparound Care

Wraparound is open daily for long term and one off bookings. Please email wraparound@tonwell.herts.sch.uk. Wraparound will be closed on Tuesday 14th September for staff training.

Federation Update

Our governors will be attending the Parent Forum meeting on Tuesday 28th September to give a short update on the school's plans for federation and answer any questions you may have. The information will be available to all parents and any parents unable to attend the meeting will be able to send any questions they have to head@tonwell.herts.sch.uk.

Harvest

Children will be celebrating harvest with a special celebration worship time in school on Friday 1st October at 2.50pm. Providing we have not had any disruption due to Covid, we plan to invite families. I will confirm arrangements for this, including our safety measures, in the next newsletter.

EYFS Seesaw Training

Mrs Coleman will be running a training session in our new EYFS app 'Seesaw' on Wednesday 22nd September from 8.45am-9.15am. A separate letter has gone out to EYFS families.



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Woodland Trust Tree donation

We are very pleased to tell you that we have been gifted a community tree pack by the Woodland Trust, arriving in November, that the children will be helping to plant.

Key Dates

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 14th September

Wraparound closed for staff training

Wednesday 22 nd September	8.45am EYFS parents' training in Seesaw
Friday 24 th September	Growth Mindset athlete visit
Tuesday 28 th September	8.50am Parent Forum (governors visiting to share federation news)
Friday 1 st October	Start of Black History Month 8.50am SEND coffee morning Children's Harvest celebration
Monday 11 th October	Parent Consultations (arrangements TBC)
Friday 22 nd October	Oak class visit to Henry Moore Foundation
25 th Oct- 29 th Nov	HALF TERM
Monday 1 st November	INSET DAY
Tuesday 9 th November	8.50am Parent Forum
Friday 12 th November	Children in Need
Monday 15 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 26 th November	FOT Christmas Event
Friday 3 rd December	INSET DAY
Tuesday 14 th December	Christmas Service @ Holy Trinity (we hope!)
Thursday 16 th December	Y1-6 to Pantomime Whole school Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 21 st December	1.15pm End of Term