



Tonwell St Mary's CE (VC) Primary School

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

Friday 12th November

Dear parents,

I'm glad many of you enjoyed our autumn words pumpkin hunt over half term. A particular well done to Taylor, who persevered to try to find the missing pumpkin (which the wind had taken).

You will be aware that we have had the hall floor replaced and the project is almost complete. We hope to be able to invite parents in for celebration worship again soon.

Our history timeline has been installed in the library area. It is personalised to our school's curriculum showing all of the topics our children learn and is helping us all develop our knowledge of chronology.



The local parish council are donating a Christmas tree for the whole Tonwell and school community to enjoy. It will be situated at the back of the school car park and the children will be getting involved decorating it for the villagers.

Thank you to those of you who are following us on Instagram and liking our posts. It's lovely to be able to share the children's learning with you and promote our school. We also have a 'News' section on our website, where you can find monthly updates about each class.

Following my communication about having a positive case in school, please continue to follow government Covid advice and book a test if you have any symptoms. We will be continuing to ask any visitors or parents coming into the school building to wear face coverings.

The formal consultation period for any feedback to be given regarding the federation ends at midnight on 14th November. We will be holding a virtual parent forum meeting on Teams on Monday 22nd November to share the outcome of the consultation and next steps.

Kind regards,
Mrs Bridgman



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Coop Fund

We are delighted to have been chosen as a Co-op community fund for the next 12 months. Our cause number is 55334 and anyone with a Co-op membership card living within 15 miles of us can choose us to donate to. Please tell your family and friends!

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Local cause id: 55334

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Tonwell St Mary's is small, friendly school situated on the outskirts of Ware and Hertford. It has capacity for up to sixty four children from Nursery to Year 6.

They pride themselves on their ability to form strong relationships and to provide challenge and support for all of their children on an individual basis. They provide a nurturing environment where children are encouraged to achieve their best, learn from mistakes and develop a love of learning. They have lots of outdoor space, a nature area and woodland

School project

We want to support and teach pupils, their families and local residents to grow and cook healthy food. We hope to provide space to grow, host cookery sessions and send regular recipe newsletters.

This will positively impact their mental and physical wellbeing.



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Children in Need

Our school council have been busy planning fundraising for Children in Need. Children are welcome to wear non-uniform on Friday 19th November – please bring a £1 donation. We will also be selling cakes at the end of the school day for a donation. Mrs Moorehead is also selling Pudsey ears from the office for £2.50 each.

Speak Out, Stay Safe

Next week is national Anti-Bullying Week. We will be starting the week by inviting children to wear odd socks to symbolise our differences. This year's theme is 'One Kind Word' encouraging children to speak kindly to one another and helping them recognise what a positive difference saying something nice can make to someone's day. As part of the children's assemblies and in class learning, we will also be using some of the NSPCC's resources from their Speak out, stay safe campaign. Please see the separate letter with further information.

F.O.T. Christmas Fete

The Christmas Fete will take place on Friday 26th November from 2.30pm-4pm in the village hall. You are welcome to collect children early to attend the fete. Please come to the school office from 2.30pm. If you are unable to come earlier, normal collection arrangements will be in place at 3.15pm.

Dragon's Apprentice Project

Oak class are busy planning their Dragon's Apprentice project where they will be designing and making Christmas decorations made from natural materials from Forest School to raise money for the Hertford and District Foodbank. Children will help run stalls at the FOT Christmas Fete on 26th November and also at Asda, Ware on Sunday 5th December. More details will follow.

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.



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Monday 15 th November	Anti-Bullying Week (Monday 15 th ODD SOCK DAY)
Friday 19 th November	Children in Need non-uniform and cake sale
Monday 22 nd November	6pm Parent Forum federation meeting (via Teams)
Friday 26 th November	2.30pm-4pm FOT Christmas Event in the Village Hall
Friday 3 rd December	INSET DAY
Sunday 5 th December	Dragon's Apprentice gift stall in Asda, Ware
Tuesday 7 th December	Open the Book worship for children
WB 13 th December	Community Christmas Tree going up in school car park
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
Tuesday 5 th January	INSET DAY
Wednesday 6 th January	Children return to school