



Tonwell St Mary's CE (VC) Primary School

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

Friday 28th January

Dear parents,

It has been lovely to see the sun shining over the past week and our afternoons getting lighter. Good news that our new boiler works will be starting next week. The project will last for 24 weeks and there will be contractors in site. All contractors will have DBS checks and there is a risk assessment in place. We hope that this will be a great learning opportunity for our children with the company sharing talks in assembly and children having the chance to see some of the work as it is carried out.

Our EYFS children enjoyed a walk around Tonwell focussing on developing their early geographical skills and getting to know our local area. They took photos and made their own maps!



Last week we had two external visitors in school looking at our music provision. They visited children's lessons, spoke to staff and also interviewed some of the children. Our children benefit from having a specialist music teacher twice a half term and we use an interactive scheme called Charanga. Our visitors were impressed with children's engagement in lessons and their fantastic singing. We will be helping them to develop their musical vocabulary even further.

A reminder that our parent forum will take place on Tuesday 1st February at 8.45am in the hall (focus on federation updates), our SEND coffee afternoon will take place on Friday 4th February (focus on reading and phonics) at 2.15pm and that Miss Fitzgerald and Mrs Coleman will run a phonics workshop afterwards at 2.45pm for parents in Ash/Pine classes. We hope you can join us.

Kind regards,

Mrs Bridgman

Online Safety

Please see our esafety newsletter attached. This has up-to-date advice and information for parents about how to help your child keep safe online and many helpful links.



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Current Covid-19 Guidance

As you may be aware, COVID-19 infection rates are very high and the Omicron variant is spreading rapidly in our community. Guidance is continually being reviewed and updated. A reminder that if children have any covid symptoms they should not attend school and should get a PCR test as soon as possible. If a child is asymptomatic (does not have symptoms) and tests positive on a lateral flow test, they do not need a confirmatory PCR, they should begin their self-isolation.

Recently there has been a change in the self-isolation guidance. If you test positive, your self-isolation period includes the day your symptoms started (or the day you had the test, if you do not have symptoms). You can stop self-isolating after 5 days if you do a rapid lateral flow test on days 4 and 5 of your self-isolation period and:

- both tests are negative
- you did both tests at least 24 hours apart
- you do not have a high temperature

If you do a rapid lateral flow test on day 5 and test positive, wait 24 hours before you do the next test. You will still need two negative lateral flow tests 24 hours apart to end self-isolation. We thank you for your continued support.

Parent Consultations

Our parent consultations will take place on Monday 7th February from 3.30-5.30pm. Please complete and return the slip below to book a time for your 10-minute consultation with your child's class teacher. We are able to offer both telephone or face-to-face appointments.

Key Dates

Tuesday 1 st February	Music specialist lessons
Tuesday 1 st February	8.45am Parent Forum
Friday 4 th February	2.15pm SEND Coffee Afternoon
	2.45pm Phonics presentation for Ash/Pine parents
Monday 7 th February	3.30-5.30pm Parent Consultations
	Feeling Good Week
Tuesday 8 th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 11 th February	Celebration worship with parents
Monday 21 st February	French specialist lessons
Friday 25 th February	Oak class to sportshall event (letter and parentmail form sent)
Tuesday 1 st March	Faith Tour KS2 (letter and parentmail form sent)
Thursday 3 rd March	World Book Day
Friday 11 th March	Y4-6 to Tag Rugby (letter to follow)
WB 14 th March	Science Week
Friday 18 th March	Red Nose Day
Tuesday 22 nd March	8.45am Parent Forum
Friday 25 th March	2.30pm SEND Coffee Afternoon
Friday 1 st April	First day of formal federation with Thundridge
	School closes 1.15pm



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PARENT CONSULTATIONS – PLEASE RETURN TO SCHOOL OFFICE

Name of Child:

Please tick your preferred time below:

Time	Tick to show preferred time	Telephone or Face to Face
3.30-4.00		
4.00-4.30		
4.30-5.00		
5.00-5.30		