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



Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Dear parents,

Welcome back to the summer term! It has been lovely to have some sunshine this week and the children have really enjoyed seeing the new lambs in the field next to the playground.

The children have made a great start back in class with their lessons. You will receive a copy of our curriculum letters outlining key learning for this term. These are also published on our website.

Our new Christian value for the half term is 'PEACE'. The children have been reflecting on what makes them feel peaceful and will be exploring this theme through collective worship times.

I have been getting to grips with my new role working across the federation as Executive Headteacher both at Tonwell and at Thundridge. I will mainly be based at Tonwell on Tuesdays and Fridays, Thundridge Mondays and Thursdays with Wednesdays being more flexible. Although, in these early weeks, I will be visiting both schools most days and I am now available to support at Tonwell every day of the week.





Kind regards,

Mrs Bridgman

## **Key Dates**

26/4, 3/5, 17/5, 24/5, 7/5 Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April Wednesday 4th-11<sup>th</sup> May WB 9<sup>th</sup> May Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May

30<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July Y4-6 swimming @ Heathmount Y4-6 K'nex Challenge Scholastic book fair Y6 SATs Week 8.45am Parent Forum Y4-6 trip to Woodhall Park with Thundridge Decades Day Jubilee Celebration with Thundridge HALF TERM F.O.T. Summer Fair (Jubilee Theme!) Jubilee Occasional Day (school closed) Y4-6 to The Edge 9.15-10.30am Sports Day End of term (school closes 1.15pm)





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## Letter from the Chair of Governors

A Welcome from our new Chair of Governors, Kathy Dunnett.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have been part of the governing board at Tonwell for the last 3 years and as of April 2022 have become the Chair of Governors for 'The Thundridge & Tonwell St Marys Church of England Federation'.

I am really pleased that the communities of Thundridge & Tonwell St. Mary's have been courageous to support this new venture. By joining



together in a federation, we will certainly be stronger. Both schools I think, have a real 'family' feel and being connected in this way will certainly bring greater opportunities for the schools and of course our children.

Governors support the school in several key areas such as, progress and achievement, pupil welfare, finance and budgets, staff development and recruitment. Governors come from a wide variety of backgrounds, bringing different skills to the fore and we will be meeting regularly with Mrs Bridgman and staff. Ideally, we would have two parents or carers to join our board and be part of the team. If any of you would like to consider this, please do pop me an email <u>kathy.dunnett@tonwell.herts.sch.uk</u>, happy to have a chat over coffee.

I have been a governor for several years in Hertfordshire. My 3 boys are all grown up men now, but I am lucky enough to have 3 grandchildren, and enjoying supporting them with their schoolwork too! I have lived and worked in Hertfordshire for over 35 years and some of you may know me as your school nurse many years ago.

I am confident our federation is going to be very successful because I have seen first-hand just how much effort the staff go to ensure all children are happy and confident. In addition, the federation is incredibly fortunate to have such a close-knit community supporting with some amazing volunteering work also. As the old African proverb goes, *'It takes a village to raise a child'* and I believe it also takes a community to support schools and I'm proud to be part of the community that supports our federation.

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible over the coming year.

Kind regards,

Kathy Dunnett Chair of Governors