



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

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

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May

Dear parents,

We have had a busy fortnight in school. All of us really enjoyed having Bob and the volunteers from Holy Trinity in school for another Open the Book worship time. The children really love getting involved in the acting as the group retell Bible stories and bring them to life for the children.



Oak class have continued to make superb progress in their swimming lessons. This week, their session was followed by a visit to the Heathmount forest school for yoga and games. It was great to see the children's curiosity and independence as they explored different parts of the forest.





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Children in Ash class have loved learning about the traditional tale of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. They even made their own porridge carefully measuring out ingredients and enjoying eating it at the end!



Our music specialist, Katy, comes into school twice every half term. Her focus has been on teaching Oak class the recorder and Pine class the glockenspiel. Mrs White is hoping to organise specialist group or 1:1 lessons at school (run by Katy). Please email Mrs White if you are interested in finding out more information ([alex.white@tonwell.herts.sch.uk](mailto:alex.white@tonwell.herts.sch.uk)).

The government have just published a document for schools on pupil attendance. The guidance recognises that a good level of attendance is 'essential for pupils to get the most out of their school experience, including their attainment, wellbeing, and wider life chances. The pupils with the highest attainment at the end of Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 4 have higher rates of attendance over the key stage compared to those with the lowest attainment.' As your Headteacher, I will closely monitor children's punctuality and attendance and will work with you to make improvements if there are any issues.

We do have places available in our after school club. Mrs Lazzari and Ms Gooden will be organising art and craft on Tuesdays and will have other fun activities for free play on other nights. You are welcome to book ad hoc places by emailing [wraparound@tonwell.herts.sch.uk](mailto:wraparound@tonwell.herts.sch.uk).

I hope that you have found our transition to becoming a federation smooth and that you have not noticed any differences in our day-to-day practice. I have included our communications flow chart below so you know who which staff are best to contact with any queries you may have.

Kind regards,

Mrs Bridgman



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### Grants and Schemes

Our Governing Board are looking for members of our school community who might be able to spare some time to help us apply for grants and write bids for funding. You do not need to sign up as a Governor to do this and it could be done at a time that suits you. Please speak to Mrs Bridgman or contact our Chair of Governors via [admin@tonwell.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@tonwell.herts.sch.uk) if you are interested.

### Jubilee Celebration Day

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May, children will visit Thundridge School for a shared celebration assembly and Jubilee picnic. Children are invited to wear red, white and blue (or a combination, or one of these colours). A separate letter will follow.



### Key Dates

24/5, 7/6	Y4-6 swimming @ Heathmount
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Y4-6 trip to Woodhall Park with Thundridge (letter sent)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Decades Day Jubilee Celebration with Thundridge
30 <sup>th</sup> May – 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	HALF TERM
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	F.O.T. Summer Fair (Jubilee Theme!)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Jubilee Occasional Day (school closed)
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Y4-6 to The Edge (letter sent)
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	9.15-10.30am Sports Day
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Every1 In sports event (some Y4-6 children, letter to follow)
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Y4-6 to St Leonard's Church
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Seaside Trip (letter to follow)
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Bastille Day
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Chauncy Community Day
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	2.45pm Y6 Leavers' Assembly
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	End of term (school closes 1.15pm)



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### Tonwell St Mary's Parental Communication Flow-Chart

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<b>Related to:</b> Safeguarding	<b>Related to:</b> Your child's absence/appointments /medical information/ updates to your contact details	<b>Related to:</b> Your child's academic progress or support in class Your child's homework A classroom or lunchtime incident	<b>Related to:</b> Term dates, policies, curriculum information, events	<b>Related to:</b> Your child's special educational needs	<b>Related to:</b> Wraparound bookings
<b>Contact:</b> Designated safeguarding leads Mrs Bridgman Miss Fitzgerald Mrs Coleman	<b>Contact:</b> School office (Mon-Wed 8.30-3.00 and Thu-Fri 8.30-11.30)  Drop in  Phonecall  Email: <a href="mailto:admin@tonwell.herts.sch.uk">admin@tonwell.herts.sch.uk</a>	<b>Contact:</b> Class teacher  Conversation at pick up/face to face meeting  Email: <a href="mailto:chelsea.coleman@tonwell.herts.sch.uk">chelsea.coleman@tonwell.herts.sch.uk</a> <a href="mailto:lisa.fitzgerald@tonwell.herts.sch.uk">lisa.fitzgerald@tonwell.herts.sch.uk</a> <a href="mailto:simone.nicolaou@tonwell.herts.sch.uk">simone.nicolaou@tonwell.herts.sch.uk</a>	<b>Contact:</b> School website  <a href="http://www.tonwell.herts.sch.uk">www.tonwell.herts.sch.uk</a>  Newsletter fortnightly on Fridays	<b>Contact:</b> Deputy SENCo  Mrs Coleman	<b>Contact:</b> Mrs Lazzari/Ms Gooden  <a href="mailto:wraparound@tonwell.herts.sch.uk">wraparound@tonwell.herts.sch.uk</a>
<b>If your enquiry is of a more confidential or serious nature, please contact our Senior Leadership Team: Miss Fitzgerald (Deputy Headteacher), Mrs Coleman (EYFS Lead Teacher) or Mrs Bridgman (Executive Headteacher)</b>					