



Tonwell St Mary's CE (VC) Primary School

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

Friday 24th June

Dear parents,

An enormous thank you to the Friends of Tonwell for organising our summer fete and raising £550 for the school! A special thanks to those who planned, set up, tidied away, baked, made games and knitted. Well done to those who took part in our jubilee fancy dress –the costumes were fantastic.



It was lovely to welcome students from Amwell View school who came in to work with Ash and Pine classes. They taught the children all about the sport of boccia, which is a wheelchair target sport played at the paralympics.

I am very pleased to share that we are fully staffed for September and that classes will be as follows:

Ash class	Mrs Coleman (Nursery & Reception)
Pine class	Miss Fitzgerald (Years 1,2,3)
Oak class	Miss Nicolaou (Years 4,5,6)



We are preparing children for transition. All children will visit their new classes on Thursday 14th July from 9-10.45am. Miss Fitzgerald and Miss Nicolaou will be happy to meet with any parents of children new to their classes before the end of term. Please call the school office if you would like to book a time.



Parents are invited to view children's books on Friday 15th July between 2.45-3.15pm.

We are continuing to run our toddler group 'Tonwell Tots' over this half term open to all children from to school age. Mrs Harrison will be leading activities on the following dates between 2-3pm:

Tuesday 28th June, Tuesday 5th July, Tuesday 12th July

Please can all children wear PE kits to school on Friday 1st July for our sports day. Parents are welcome to attend from approximately 9.15am-10.30am.

Kind regards,

Mrs Bridgman



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F.O.T. Events

We will be selling ice creams on Friday 1st July and Friday 15th July straight after school (£1 each). Whole school Disco on 20th July 3.30pm-4.30pm. Save the date! Letter to follow.

PSHE

Children in Years 5 and 6 will be viewing Living and Growing DVDs related to puberty and reproduction over the next few weeks. Our Sex and relationships policy is available on the website under Parents/Policies and you are welcome to borrow the resource. Please speak to Mrs Bridgman if you have any questions.

Attendance

As a school we are aware that the last two years have been a very challenging time for us all. There have been times when children may not have been allowed to attend school due to having to isolate as a result of having Covid/being a close contact or they have been sent home as a result of being symptomatic. All of this has meant that our children's attendance in school has been affected very often through no fault of our own. We are all hoping that this period is well and truly behind us.

However, it is now more important than ever that all children attend school regularly. Children are still in the process of catching up on any missed learning and any missed school days only serves to exacerbate this situation and could lead to children falling further behind. Pupil absence also impacts on teaching routines and the learning of others in the same class.

Any child whose absence falls below 95% will be monitored and parents may receive a letter from the school inviting you to discuss ways in which we can support families and children to develop better attendance.

This chart demonstrates the amount of lost learning due to days absent from school. The school may take preventative action if attendance falls below 'Good' and legal action where attendance becomes a 'Cause for concern'.

	% Attendance	Attendance (days)	Days absent	Learning hours lost
Excellent	100%	190	0	0
Good	98%	186	2	10
Becoming unsatisfactory	95%	180.5	9.5	47.5
Cause for concern	90%	171	19	95



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Of course, we appreciate and understand that sometimes absence is out of parents' control and there may be times where children are not in school because they are too ill to attend. However, if any child is regularly absent through repeated illness then parents may be asked to provide medical evidence to support this.

Co-op Local Community Fund – NEW membership offer.

With just over 4 months of the funding partnership left between Tonwell School and the Co-op local community fund, we wanted to let you know about a new membership offer. Every penny you spend at the Co-op boosts funding for us.

When a new member joins the Co-op using the Co-op App https://www.coop.co.uk/coop-app?utm_source=Membership&utm_medium=relaunch_link&utm_campaign=coop_app from now until 12 July, they will receive a digital offer for £3 off, when they spend £10 or more in our food stores. Please select Tonwell School as your cause.

Parent Forum

Our Governing Board are reviewing our school's vision and values as we move forward as part of the federation. They would like to invite feedback from parents on the following questions:

What makes our school special?

What aims should we have for our children?

A separate form has been sent home with the newsletter for each family to share their ideas.

Key Dates

Friday 1 st July	9.15-10.30am Sports Day (parents welcome to attend) 3.15pm F.O.T. ice cream sale
Monday 4 th July	Every1 In sports event (some Y4-6 children, letter sent)
Thursday 7 th July	Y4-6 to St Leonard's Church (letter to follow)
Wednesday 13 th July	Seaside Trip (letter sent)
Thursday 14 th July	Bastille Day/Transition Day
Friday 15 th July	Chauncy Community Day (letter to follow) 3.15pm F.O.T. ice cream sale 2.45-3.15pm Parents welcome to view children's books in classrooms F.O.T. ice cream sale
Tuesday 19 th July	2.45pm Y6 Leavers' Assembly (Y6 parents welcome to attend)
Thursday 21 st July	End of term (school closes 1.15pm)
1 st /2 nd September	INSET DAYS
Monday 5 th September	Children return to school
24 th -28 th October	HALF TERM
Friday 2 nd December	INSET DAY
Wednesday 21 st December	Last day of term (school closes at 1.15pm)