



Tonwell St Mary's CE (VC) Primary School

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'CURIOSITY, COURAGE, COMPASSION'

Thursday 1st December 2022

Dear parents,

As we get ever closer to Christmas, the children's nativity songs can be heard echoing through the school. This is definitely one of the best times of year! We love hearing the children practising their Christmas show and we cannot wait to see the final performance.

It was lovely to see some of our families at the Holy Trinity Christingle service last weekend. We will be talking about the special time of advent in school and have many activities planned to celebrate. Volunteers from the church visit us every half term to lead an 'Open the Book' worship time where they retell a Bible story and get our children involved in acting it out. Bob and his team are back on 6th December to share the Christmas story.

Thank you to Miss Nicolaou for putting together guides for parents to explain our calculations policy. There is a short presentation for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division on our website in the following section: Parent Information/Parent Workshops.

We have exciting news that our school is planning to offer places to 2-year olds from January 2023 as part of our EYFS class. Initially, we will offer up to four places on a part-time basis for two mornings per week. The timetable will be carefully planned to ensure that adult-led learning for older children in the class is not impacted in any way. We think this will increase numbers and help to attract new families to our school. We would like to seek the views of our current families. Please contact Mrs Coleman by Thursday 5th January if you have any questions, suggestions or concerns.

Kind regards,

Mrs Bridgman

Christmas Jumper Day

We are supporting the East and North Hertfordshire Hospitals' Charity to raise money for patients and staff at the Lister, New QEII, Hertford County Hospitals and Mount Vernon Cancer Centre this Christmas! Please bring £1 and wear your Christmas jumper on Dec 14th, our Christmas dinner day.

A message from the F.O.T.

With the Christmas Fete fast approaching on the 9th December from 2.30pm - 4.15pm, please do come along and help us to raise money for our lovely school.

One of the raffle prizes we would like to offer this year is a Christmas hamper filled with all the wonderful festive non-perishable goodies. With this in mind, we are appealing to all parents/carers to kindly make a donation towards this. The items we are looking for but not limited to are as follows. If you are able to make a donation please could you let a member of

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the committee know so that it can be recorded. Committee Member are: Sophie, Zoe, Nicola, Katrina, Joanne

Christmas Pudding	Gravy	Wine/Prosecco
Cream/Custard	Stuffing	Christmas Cake/Stollen/Yule Time Log
Minces Pies	Selection of nuts (walnuts, peanuts etc)	Biscuits
Christmas table crackers	Chutneys	Crackers
Cheese Selection	Brandy Sauce	Chocolates
Dried Fruits	Brandy Butter	Cranberry Sauce

We are also seeking Tombola prizes and other raffles prizes, so if you or anyone/company that you know who would like to donate a prize please do contact them.

Examples of gifts:

Children's Raffle

New and unopened toys

Sweets

Chocolate

Stationary goods

Books

Adults' Raffle

Alcohol - wine, spirits, beers etc.

Gift Vouchers

Bath sets

Chocolates

Gift sets

Please can all donations be sent in to the school by the **6th Dec.**

Key Dates

Please note that it is possible there may be some changes.

Friday 2 nd December	INSET DAY
Friday 9 th December	FOT Christmas Fair 2.30pm-4.15pm
Tuesday 13 th December	1.30pm Christmas Service at Holy Trinity
Wednesday 14 th December	Christmas dinner and Christmas Jumper day.
Friday 16 th December	Whole School Panto Trip - Hoddesdon
Wednesday 21 st December	1.15pm End of Term
Thursday 5 th January	INSET DAY
Friday 6 th January	Children return to school