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'CURIOSITY, COURAGE, COMPASSION'

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear parents,

Happy New Year to you all! It has been lovely to welcome the children back and they have settled into their new learning well. Our curriculum newsletters for the term will be available on the website and will be sent home soon.

Our staff joined together with Thundridge school for a day of First Aid training on our INSET day. We have more joint professional development planned for staff, as well as some exciting trips for the children: a trip to Woodhall Park for Y1-3, a joint team for sportshall athletics, shared art day for feeling good week and science workshops together - please see our dates below and on the website.

Our sensory classroom is developing well. We have many new resources for the children to use and more to come.

Our Christian value for this half term is 'Compassion' and links to our main federation vision. Children will be exploring our linked Bible story of the Good Samaritan. We have already enjoyed a visit from our church volunteers for Open the Book acting out the wise men's visit to Jesus of part of learning about epiphany.

# Curiosity, Courage, Compassion

Thundridge and Tonwell St Mary's Church Schools' Federation

'A community learning together in God's love'

We aim to enable everyone in our school community to:



Kind regards,

Mrs Bridgman

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# **School Vacancy**

We currently have a vacancy for a school cleaner for 1.5 hours daily. Please see the Teach in Herts website if you or anyone you know might be interested. <u>https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view,cleaner\_79483.htm</u>

# **Safeguarding Reminders**

At our school safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility and our top priority as a school.

Who to contact should you have a concern:

If you are worried about a child's safety, please do not hesitate to contact any of the Designated Safeguarding Leads immediately. The following members of staff are part of the Safeguarding Team.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) for Safeguarding is **Mrs Sarah Bridgman** Our Designated Deputy Safeguarding Leads (DDSLs) are **Miss Lisa Fitzgerald** and **Mrs Chelsea Coleman.** 

Our Safeguarding Governor is Mrs Pat Furness.

If you feel your concern is urgent or if you have a safeguarding concern relating to events outside of school then members of the public can make anonymous referrals to Children's Services on 0300 123 4043.

# Hertford Library Book Club

Hertford Library are launching a Book Club for kids aged 7 to 11. There are two taster sessions for children on Saturday on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 11am- 12noon and 2pm – 3pm. Do join one of these FREE sessions with your child this weekend.

# **Key Dates**

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

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Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	No Afterschool Club
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Sir Oliver Heald MP visiting
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	8.45am Parent Forum
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	FOT meeting School Hall 2.45pm
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	3.30-5.30pm Parent Consultations
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Feeling Good Week
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	HALF TERM
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Sportshall Athletics (separate letters will be sent to children
	involved)
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	K'Nex Challenge Oak Class
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Open The Book Assembly
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Comic Relief
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	End of term (school closes at 1.15pm)

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