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'CURIOSITY, COURAGE, COMPASSION'

Friday 17th March 2023

Dear parents,

We have had fun sharing our jokes in class to celebrate Comic Relief. Thank you to school council members for planning this event and thank you for your charitable donations.

I had the pleasure of accompanying our Year 6s for part of their trip to St Martin's Church, Knebworth last week. The event is run annually by Bridge Builders Trust - a local Christian charity. During the Easter Journey visit, the children learned more about the teachings and miracles of Jesus and the events that happened in Holy Week. They visited 4 activity stations, with each one encouraging them to reflect. Our children showed great curiosity by asking and answering questions well and were a credit to our school.



We hosted a federation staff training session at Tonwell last week with a focus on reading fluency. Staff learned about ways to support children's learning in school and there were also some good tips that may be of interest to parents:

Reading little and often makes more impact than reading for one longer chunk less regularly (e.g. 10-15 minutes daily is better than 30 minutes once a week.

This is why we encourage you to read with your children at least 5 times per week.

Research shows that re-reading texts or 'deep reading' improves children's reading for when they encounter a new text.

This is why younger children may have the same reading book for a whole week or a few days.

There is some evidence to suggest that having subtitles up when children are watching TV can support reading!

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Here are some photos from World Book Day that I did not get chance to share before.



Kind regards,

Mrs Bridgman

Easter Assembly

We would like to invite families to a short Easter celebration assembly on Friday 31st March at 9am. The children will share some singing and Easter prayers.

EYFS Staffing

You will be aware that Mrs Coleman has been successfully appointed as Acting Deputy Head for summer term at Thundridge School. I am pleased to share that Mrs Katie Simpson and Mrs White will be teaching Ash class in Mrs Coleman's absence. Mrs White already works part-time in Ash class and Mrs Simpson is an experienced Early Years teacher who has done supply days at Tonwell for the past few years. Mrs Coleman will be visiting Tonwell and keeping in touch with the children regularly.

Key Dates

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

Thursday 23 rd March	Pine Class trip to Woodhall Park (letter sent)
WB 27 th March	Science Week
Thursday 30 th March	Science Workshops across Tonwell & Thundridge
Friday 31 st March	End of term (school closes at 1.15pm)
Monday 17 th April	INSET DAY
Tuesday 18 th April	Children return to school