

Tonwell St Mary's CE (VC) Primary School

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

Monday 13th September

Christian Value: Perseverance

Dear Parents,

It has been a pleasure to return to school and welcome the children back. Thank you for ensuring that they all returned to school in full uniform looking smart. Our pupils have all demonstrated our Christian value of perseverance over the past two weeks, trying hard with their learning in class.

Our children took part in an art enrichment day with a focus on growth mindset. They used the picture book 'Beautiful Oops' to inspire their work. The book celebrates making mistakes and shows how a mistake can turn into something beautiful. The children were reminded not to say 'I can't do it' but to say 'I can't do it.....YET!'.



Ruby (Y5)

I am holding a coffee afternoon for any parents of children with SEND on Friday 20th September from 2pm-2.45pm. Please join me in the hall if you are able to. Vaneessa Sudan from Spectrum Autism will be there to answer any questions you may have. The session is suitable for parents of children with any special educational need.

Mrs Bridgman

Attendance

Your children's attendance and punctuality at school are vital for their wellbeing and academic success. Please ensure your child arrives promptly for **8.45am each day**. Please see attached letter which details penalty notices for unauthorised absence. Hertfordshire County Council will issue penalty notices for 15 sessions of unauthorised absence. Please be reminded that each session is a half day. An unauthorised absence will also be given if your child arrives late after the registers close.



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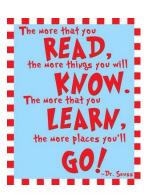
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Homework

You will all have seen the children's new home learning diaries for Year 1-6. Parents are expected to hear their child read, share a book with a child or read to their child for at least 10 minutes, five times per week and record this in their Home Learning book. Children have a set of spellings to learn for dictation to practise at least five times per week. Children must practise maths skills (counting, number bonds or times tables) at least 5 times per week. We have tried to simplify the children's homework and focus on the activities that will make a difference to their learning.



Staff will listen to children read in school time if this is not completed at home and we think that reading is really important for your child's learning across the curriculum.



Dates

These are some key dates for the first weeks of term. All dates will be available on our website.

Tuesday 17th September NSPCC Assemblies for children Wednesday 18th September KS2 Trip to Volker Wessels

Friday 20th September 2.00-2.45 Coffee Afternoon for Parents of Children with SEND

Tuesday 24th September Taize Service Trip (more information to follow)

25th-27th September Y4-6 School Journey to Kingswood

Tuesday 1st October 8.45am Parent Forum

Friday 4th October Celebration Harvest Worship Time (all parents invited)

Monday 7th October Road Safety (EYFS)/Scooterability (Y1/2)

Friday 18th September Celebration Worship Time (all parents invited)
Tuesday 22nd October 3.30-6.30pm Parent/Teacher Consultations

Friday 25th October INSET DAY – School Closed

W.B. 11th November Anti-Bullying Week

Tuesday 3rd December 1.30pm Whole School Visit to Pantomime

Tueday 10th December 1.30pm Whole School Nativity and Church Service @ Holy Trinity