



## Tonwell St Mary's CE (VC) Primary School

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

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Christian value: HONESTY

Dear all,

We have enjoyed a busy and spring like fortnight at school with lots of news to share with you. Our chicks have arrived in Ash class, where the children are doing a brilliant job of caring for them, as well as learning about how they grow and develop. The whole school has been excited to see the arrival of baby lambs in the field next door!



We were very sad to say goodbye to William and Edward, who have moved house and relocated but are pleased to welcome Rhemy and his family to the school community. I am sure you will make them feel welcome.

A group of our junior children have been competing against schools from across the county in the Year 5 maths challenge. They performed brilliantly in the initial heats scoring 146 points compared to the average of 121. We are waiting to hear whether they will make the finals. Well done Riley, Liam, Owen and Casey!

Tonwell joined thousands of other schools today to take part in 'England does the Daily Mile'. Our Y1-6 pupils all managed at least 4 laps of the large playing field and showed great resilience.



I will be holding Parent Forum meeting at 7.15pm on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May (with a focus on our recent Ofsted monitoring) and an SEND coffee afternoon at 2pm on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May (with a focus on dyslexia). Please email [head@tonwell.herts.sch.uk](mailto:head@tonwell.herts.sch.uk) to book a place.

### **Safeguarding**

We continue to share regular reminders with the children about how to keep safe online. Please see the attached esafety newsletter from Hertfordshire County Council. It has up-to-date information and valuable tips for parents and carers.



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Many of you will have seen national news about a website called 'Everyone's Invited' which invites anyone affected by sexual harassment, abuse or assault to share their experience anonymously. We all have a responsibility to safeguard the children and young people in our care and you can find our Child Protection policy on the school's website - parents/policies. We regularly remind children of their 'helping hand' which encourages them to name trusted adults they can speak to at home or at school if anything is worrying them. Staff also share NCPCC PANTS resources which helps children understand that their body belongs to them, and they should tell someone they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried. This website may also be of interest to parents and carers: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

### Staffing

Mrs Foster will be officially retiring at half term. She has been working in Oak class for the past four years and will be missed! I will be covering her teaching in Oak class and we will see the return of our sports coach who will be teaching athletics to Years 1-6 on Monday afternoons.

Kind regards,

*Mrs Bridgman*

### Key Dates:

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	7.15pm Parent Forum
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Music Specialist visit (Whole school)
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	2pm SEND Coffee Afternoon (focus on dyslexia)
WB 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Feeling Good Week (Forest School specialists running sessions on Monday and Friday)
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Herts Air Ambulance Assembly
WB 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half Term
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> – Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Scholastic Book Fair
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> /Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Y3-6 intensive swimming lessons
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Parent Forum
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	SEND Coffee Afternoon
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> /Tue 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Shakespeare workshops for more-able pupils in Y2-6
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Secondary Transfer
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	French Day in School (Bastille Day)
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Y4-6 to Edge Outdoor Activity Centre
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day for children in school
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> /Tue 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 Bikeability
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	1.15pm End of Term



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### **Term Dates for 2021/22**

#### **Autumn Term 2021**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December (pupils return to school on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September)

#### **Half Term**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October (pupils return on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November)

#### **Spring Term**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April (pupils return on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January)

#### **Half Term**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February

#### **Summer Term**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July (pupils return on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April and finish on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July)

#### **Half Term**

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

### **INSET DAYS**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April

### **Occasional Day**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July