



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

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Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Christian value: HONESTY

Dear all,

Despite the changeable weather, has been wonderful to enjoy an uninterrupted half term of learning in school. It is great to see the children engaged in their lessons across the school and getting back to a normal timetable. One of our local residents kindly sent this picture of a double rainbow above the school – a symbol of hope and many good things to come!



We are excited to have purchased £2000 worth of new books to support our children's reading. I would like to thank the Bengeo Charities for their kind donation which has helped us to invest. The new books will help our youngest children to have a range of stories, non-fiction and poems to develop their early reading skills. Books with a focus on science, geography and diversity have also been purchased for our older readers and for the EYFS classroom.

I was incredibly proud of all of our children during the recent 'Feeling Good Week'. They took part in Forest School activities linked to their personal development and our school vision 'choosing a lifestyle with healthy bodies and minds'. It was great to see them trying new experiences, such as the hammock and showing resilience when lighting their own fires. Thank you to school council for sharing healthy snacks all week.





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### Wraparound

A reminder that there will be no after school wraparound on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June due to staff training. Breakfast and after school clubs will continue to run as normal after half term. Please email [wraparound@tonwell.herts.sch.uk](mailto:wraparound@tonwell.herts.sch.uk) for any one-off bookings.

### Safeguarding

If your child develops symptoms or has a positive test result over half term, please inform [head@tonwell.herts.sch.uk](mailto:head@tonwell.herts.sch.uk) and [admin@tonwell.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@tonwell.herts.sch.uk)

### Uniform

Please check any jumpers/cardigans that your children bring home and return any to school if they have mistakenly brought home another child's. The changeable weather means that children take off their layers in the classroom and this can result in mix ups.

### Hertfordshire County Council have asked us to share the following update with you ahead of half-term.

Thank you all so much for playing your part and helping to keep case rates of Covid-19 low in Hertfordshire. During half-term, and as restrictions ease more generally, it's more important than ever that we follow current guidance to help keep each other safe and our nurseries, schools and colleges free from outbreaks.

Please do not send children back into education if they are sick or feel unwell. If you or children have symptoms you must self-isolate immediately and book a PCR test at: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

### Reminder of some of the latest guidance from 17 May:

6 people, or two households (each household can include a support bubble, if eligible) can now meet indoors and up to 30 people can gather outside

If you are meeting with family and friends, the government is asking that you personally consider the risks associated with COVID-19 when deciding on things like wearing face coverings and social distancing for both you and your children

Restaurants, pubs and cafes can reopen and so can indoor entertainment and attractions such as cinemas, bowling alleys, museums and children's indoor play areas. All of these services will have COVID-secure measures in place, please encourage your children to follow the rules when out and about

### Travelling within the UK

If you do go away, you should aim to do so safely. For instance, one of our close neighbours, Bedford, has a high number of cases and people are being advised to avoid travelling in and out of the area unless it is essential (for work or education).

You can find the latest travel guidance for England and the rest of the UK at:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do#travelling-within-the-uk-the-republic-of-ireland-and-the-channel-islands>



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### Travelling internationally from England

There are no longer any restrictions on leaving England to travel internationally, however to protect public health in the UK and the vaccine rollout, you should not travel to countries or territories on the red or amber lists. If you do need to travel to an Amber destination for an emergency, you must update any setting attended by your child(ren) and; All family members who have travelled must quarantine for 10 days at home upon their return and can only leave home to take a test. Paid for PCR tests must be completed by all those who have travelled aged 4 and above on day 2 and again on day 8 following your return. Please do not send children back to nursery, school or college without completing the mandatory quarantine period.

### Support for families

This is a challenging time for everyone, and we want you know that help and support is available for anyone who needs it in Hertfordshire. HertsHelp can provide free, confidential advice and practical help for things like food, essential bills and emotional support. Call 0300 123 4044, email [info@hertshelp.net](mailto:info@hertshelp.net) or visit [www.hertshelp.net](http://www.hertshelp.net)

We hope you enjoy half-term and remember – hands, face, space, fresh air and test. These key things will help to keep you and your loved ones safe.

Kind regards,

*Mrs Bridgman*

### **Key Dates:**

WB 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half Term
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	First Aid workshop for Y3-6
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
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Fire Safety talk for Y1-3
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

### **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**



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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