



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

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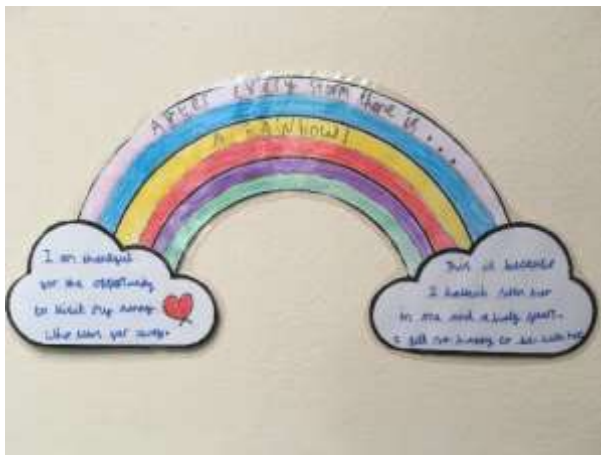
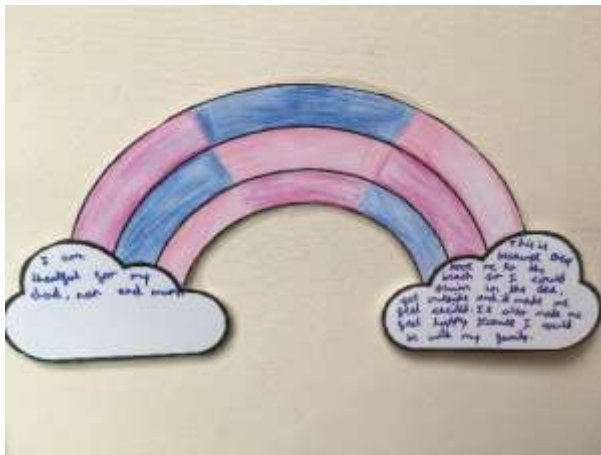
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Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Christian value: THANKFULNESS

Dear all,

We have been thinking about our new Christian value of thankfulness this week, and with the beautiful weather and fun learning opportunities we have much to be thankful for. Here are some of the juniors' reflections:



We are very pleased and thankful to have been able to purchase brand new interactive panels for every classroom in the school. These will be used every day to enhance teaching and learning for all children.



Our recent Ofsted monitoring report will be published online next week. I have attached a copy for your information. We are very proud of the progress that the school has made and the very positive report.

Kind regards,

Mrs Bridgman



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### **Staffing and Transition**

We are also thankful to be able to share that we are fully staffed for September 2021. We will be sad to say goodbye to Mrs Wagner, who originally joined us to cover maternity leave and then kindly agreed to stay with us until the end of this academic year. We will be delighted to welcome Mrs Coleman as our new EYFS Lead Teacher from September. Our class organisation will be as follows:

Ash (N/R) – Mrs Coleman

Pine (Y1,2,3) – Miss Fitzgerald

Oak (Y4,5,6) – Miss Nicolaou

Our transition day will be on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July and all children will have chance to visit their new classes for the afternoon. Mrs Coleman will be in school on that day. Reception and Year 3 children will have more regular visits to their new classrooms this half term. Children going into nursery or reception will receive an extra letter explaining transition arrangements and introducing Mrs Coleman.

### **Federation News**

Our governing board met earlier this week to formally agree to explore federation with Thundridge School. A working party of governors has been set up and they will meet with representatives from Thundridge later this month to begin to discuss ways the schools can work together more closely in the future. In the short term, this is likely to involve shared trips and activities with children from both schools and shared training for staff. Stakeholder views on the formal process are likely to be sought in autumn term.

### **Friends of Tonwell Ice cream Sale and Village Treasure Hunt**

The F.O.T. will be selling lollies and ice creams after school on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June. All items will be £1 and there will be no change available. Please wear face masks and keep to social distancing.

They are also organising an ice cream themed treasure hunt around the village with 20 hidden ice creams to find. The treasure hunt sheets will be sent home with your child next Friday and you will have until Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June to take part. Each completed entry will go into a raffle draw to win some great summer prizes! We will also be inviting local residents to take part in the hunt.

### **Relationships and Sex Education**

As part of our PSHE lessons this half term, staff will be teaching relationships education and statutory aspects of the science curriculum, including growing, changing and body parts in Y1/2 and puberty in Year 5/6. Year 6 will also take part in non-statutory sex education, for which parents have the right to withdraw their children. Like many other primary schools, we use Channel 4's Living and Growing DVDs. Our relationships and sex education policy is available on our website Parents/Policies. If you have any questions or would like to discuss these lessons, please contact Mrs Bridgman at school.



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### Esafety

This helpful poster shows age restrictions for some popular social media sites. We hope it will be particularly helpful for those of you with older children.



### Key Dates:

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	7.30pm Parent Forum
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	2pm 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

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



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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