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

Friday 8th October

Dear parents,

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Harvest celebration – I am sure you will agree that the children's singing was beautiful and their prayers thoughtful. We would like to invite parents and carers to our worship time at 2.50pm on Friday 22nd October.

We welcomed Reverend Thompson into school earlier this week to help Pine class learn even more about harvest time. He explained how Harvest Festival is celebrated in the church. The children asked many questions and showed respectful listening.

Thank you to those of you who attended our Federation parent forum or sent questions. The planning includes some important changes to our governance and leadership in school. The full presentation can be found on our website About Us/Federation and is also attached to the newsletter. The formal consultation period is open until 14th November and paperwork to express your views can also be found on the website.

Our consultation evening is on Monday. You will be able to visit the classrooms to see your child's books. Your ten-minute meeting with the teacher will be in the main hall. Please enter and exit via the main entrance. We look forward to seeing you.

Kind regards,
Mrs Bridgman

SEND coffee morning

We had a focus on Growth Mindset and children's self-esteem at the recent SEND coffee morning. We talk about Growth Mindset with the children every day. This web page gives a helpful explanation of what Growth Mindset means and how you can use this approach at home: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/help-your-child-try-new-things>

We also looked at some tips from the Young Minds website about building self-esteem: <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/media/ck4pwzq3/self-esteem-updated-june-2020.pdf>

TA post

We have a vacancy for a part time teaching assistant/midday supervisory assistant from 9am-12.45pm daily starting after half term. More details can be found at:

<https://www.teachinherts.com/>

Please share with anyone you know who might be interested in the role.

Instagram

Thank you to those of you who have started following and liking our new Instagram page. You can find us at TonwellStMarys.



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Esafety

As you know, online safety is incredibly important for our children and is ever-changing. Please see the attached Local Authority esafety newsletter for this term. A couple of key messages and websites include: Childline has launched 'Report Remove', a service that allows children and young people under 18 to report and get removed from the internet, a nude image or video of themselves that might have been shared online. Parent Zone offers advice and support to parents and carers to help children be safer online, develop resilience to cope with online challenges and help educate them for their digital futures.

'50 things to do before you are five' app

Hertfordshire County Council is delighted to announce the launch of the **free** Hertfordshire '50 things to do before you are five' app. The app provides a library of home learning activities that are either free or very low cost to families in Hertfordshire.

The app includes links to local services and places to visit. The activities have been designed to support families and focus on developing important early language skills. Development of children's language is critical to closing attainment gaps and maximising opportunities for children to learn and thrive. Across Hertfordshire, schools and settings are working hard to close gaps and reduce inequalities, more so now than ever. This app will provide another tool for schools and parents to use to support learning at home.

Key Dates

Please note that these may be subject to change and some activities will be risk assessed nearer the time to check they can still go ahead.

Monday 11th October	3.30-5.30pm Parent Consultations
Tuesday 12 th October	Open the Book worship time for children
Thursday 14 th October	Nasal flu vaccinations R-Y6
Friday 22 nd October	Oak class visit to Henry Moore Foundation (am only)
Friday 22 nd October	2.50pm Celebration Worship with parents invited
25 th Oct- 29 th October	HALF TERM
22 nd Oct-2 nd Nov	Village Autumn Pumpkin Hunt (more details to come)
Monday 1 st November	INSET DAY
Tuesday 9 th November	8.50am Parent Forum
Wednesday 10 th November	8.45am phonics workshop EYFS
Friday 12 th November	Children in Need
Monday 15 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 22 nd November	6pm Parent Forum federation meeting
Friday 26 th November	FOT Christmas Event
Friday 3 rd December	INSET DAY
Tuesday 7 th December	Open the Book worship for children
Tuesday 14 th December	Christmas Service @ Holy Trinity (we hope!)
Thursday 16 th December	Y1-6 to Pantomime
	Whole school Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 21 st December	1.15pm End of Term