



Tonwell St Mary's CE (VC) Primary School

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'CURIOSITY, COURAGE, COMPASSION'

Thursday 19th October 2023

Dear parents,

Thank you for joining us for parent consultations this week. It was lovely to see and hear how proud you are of the children's learning.

Thank you also to those of you who were able to join us for the public consultation meeting on Monday evening. Your support continues to be greatly appreciated.

The whole school enjoyed having a visit from our local PCSO in assembly last week. PC Glen talked about his job and gave demonstrations of his kit. Children asked some thoughtful questions.

I hope you all have a restful and fun half term. Children return on Monday 30th October.

Kind regards,

Mrs Bridgman

PTA Chair Report Annual AGM Friday 13th October 2023

Welcome everyone and thank you for attending this year's AGM.

Summary of the year

Looking back on the fundraising year 2022-2023 it started out challenging with a whole new PTA Team, and working out the new relationships.

It was amazing that following the end of Covid we have been able to return to face to face events with the first being a summer school disco, which was a success and the children seemed to really love it. Following this, as a team we have managed to run a number of events including Summer, Easter and Christmas events.

For a small school we have been very pleased with the amount raised at each event, which wouldn't have been possible if it hadn't have been for members of the PTA and their families offering their time and hard earned money to help with purchases that have been required to make the event a success. So a big thank you to all of you for that.

The PTA have set up a new email account to enable us to have a social media presence, which we believe really helped engage with the local community- this was evident at the Easter event where we had a lot of non Tonwell village families/ pupils present.

FACEBOOK: Tonwell St Mary's PTA - Please give us a follow and share.

We have also used this account to help promote the school in recent months and feel that it has made the school more visible and raised its profile.

The funds raised have been used to provide the children with the opportunity to attend various trips and

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events as well as helping the children to part of the King's coronations by providing them with a keep sake coronation coin.

The Treasurer report from Katrina will provide a financial breakdown of the year.

Starting balance

£2745.54

Payments made out

Coronation coin

£129.62

Yr6 Hoody

£103.33

Willows Farm

£375.00

Final Balance

£2137.59

We also have £400 cash to be paid into the account and a kind donation from Katherine and Andy Calvert of £100 following the charity football match held in July.

Objectives.

For anyone who may be attending their first AGM, I thought it would be worth highlighting a few key bits of information.

The objectives of our school PTA is to organise fundraising events and activities where possible and make these as much fun as possible for the children and to involve as many people as we can.

All funds raised and spent are for the benefit of the school.

As parents, carers, grandparents, teachers, etc. of the children at the school, we all automatically become members of the PTA and anyone can volunteer to help the PTA at any time no matter how big or small the task and how little free time you may have.

Committee.

We have an elected committee of Trustees who manage all aspects of the PTA and these positions are crucial and once again are volunteer roles. The current committee:

Chair - Zoe Dormer

Vice Chair - Sophie Longstaff

Secretary - Nicola Constantinou

Treasurer - Katrina Cooper

Vice Treasurer- Vacant

As Joanne Lewis has stepped down from the role of vice treasurer this position is now open, so if you would like to nominate yourself for this role please make it known.

We would also like to introduce a new role to the committee - Social media Co-ordinator. Again if anyone would be interested in this role please do let us know

For the PTA to continue 2 out of the following roles (Secretary, Treasurer and Chair) must be filled.

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We are still looking for other members to come forward to become a trustee to help form the committee and work on shaping the future of the school PTA. Also we continue to welcome ideas from members new and old who are also willing to help implement them, and in doing so, support our school. If you do have any suggestions, these can be made at PTA meetings, by PTA email, by email to Mr's Bridgeman or by speaking to a committee member in the playground.

I would like to take few moments to extend some thank yous

Firstly, thank you to the members of the committee who have managed to pull together despite all the commitments they all have. It has been hard but we have done the best we can and I am proud to work alongside you all.

Further to the committee, we would like to thank all the teaching and office staff who also assist the PTA whenever needed as this too is on top on their day to day commitments. The support and enthusiasm is much appreciated. Thank you to Mrs Bridgman who has allowed us to run with our ideas and give the children some fun activities to take part in during the school day.

It goes without saying, that without all the PTA helpers, who generously give time, lend equipment, sponsor, donate and contribute, there would be no PTA events and therefore, we look forward to being able to get back to event planning for 2023-2024 and hopefully beyond this if HCC allows us.

We would also like to say a big thank you to IGI fitting crew for the donation of the new school signs- we really appreciate it!

I hope this year that the PTA will continue to gain more support and build upon what we have previously achieved and to give the children what they so rightly deserve!

Look forward to seeing you all at this year's events

Kind regards

Zoe Dormer

Police Community Officer Visit

The children enjoyed the visit from the Officers and the Police were impressed with the insightful questions asked. They said that the children were 'great fun'



Is my child too ill for school?

It is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above. **To find out more please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>**

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Key Dates

Friday 20 th October	INSET day – school closed
Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th Oct	Half Term
Monday 30 th October	Life Long Ago plus Baby Dinosaur Visit workshop in school
Tuesday 14 th November	Open the Book assembly 11.45am
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need (non-uniform for £1 donation)
Thursday 23 rd November	Planetarium workshop in school
Friday 1 st December	Occasional Day – school closed
Monday 4 th December	Oak Class at the Every1in Sports festival (letter to follow)
Tuesday 12 th December	Nativity at Holy Trinity 1.30pm (letter to follow)
Tuesday 12 th December	Open the Book assembly 11.45am
Tuesday 19 th December	Pantomime at Spotlight Theatre 1.15pm (letter to follow)
Wednesday 20 th December	End of term 1.15pm