



Tonwell St Mary's CE (VC) Primary School

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'CURIOSITY, COURAGE, COMPASSION'

Friday 8th September 2023

Dear parents,

It has been a bright start to the term both with the sunny weather outside and the children's excitement and hard work in classes. I have enjoyed visiting children in classrooms and at lunchtime this week, seeing the children settling back in and focused on their new learning.

Next week, we are lucky to be having a visit from gymnast Steve Frew. Steve is a Commonwealth athlete who will be giving talks and workshops for all children. Please could children wear PE kit on Tuesday (as well as on their PE days).

Kind regards,

Sarah Bridgman

A message from HCC regarding RAAC

You may well have seen in the news that some schools have been affected by the presence of RAAC in their buildings. RAAC, or Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete, is a lightweight form of concrete which was used in the past in schools and other building construction. After some time and in some circumstances this concrete can collapse.

I wanted to write to reassure that buildings on Tonwell St Mary's School site which were constructed within the period of 1959 and 1989, which is when RAAC was most used, have already been surveyed by building surveyors appointed by the County Council and no RAAC was found. However, the Department for Education (DfE) has recently changed its guidance to education settings on the management of RAAC to take a more precautionary approach, increasing the age bracket from 1950 to 1995. Therefore to guard against any possibility, however remote, that RAAC was used in any part of the school within those new dates, the County Council is arranging to have additional reassurance checks carried out in the near future. We have no reason to believe RAAC was used in this school, but nonetheless a survey is taking place to confirm this.

School Nursing service

The service accepts referrals for children and young people requiring support for mild mental health, emotional and wellbeing concerns including anxiety, low mood, anger, behaviour, self-esteem, stress, and sleep issues. The service will also accept referrals for a range of other health issues such as healthy eating, substance misuse, sexual health and toileting issues. Referrals can be made by professionals, families or by young people themselves. Referrals can be made online through the following link:

<https://www.hct.nhs.uk/our-services/school-nursing>



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Key Dates

Tuesday 12 th September	Open the Book assembly 11.45am
Tuesday 12 th September	Steve Frew Commonwealth athlete visit pm
Tuesday 26 th September	Pine class attending A602 celebration event (letter to follow)
Thursday 28 th September	School photographer 9am (siblings welcome)
Thursday 5 th October	Whole school trip to Woodhall Estate (letter to follow)
Tuesday 10 th October	Open the Book assembly 11.45am
Monday 16 th October	Parent's evening 3.30pm-5.30pm
Friday 20 th October	INSET day – school closed
Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th Oct	Half Term
Tuesday 14 th November	Open the Book assembly 11.45am
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need
Friday 1 st December	Occasional Day – school closed
Tuesday 12 th December	Nativity at Holy Trinity pm
Tuesday 12 th December	Open the Book assembly 11.45am
Tuesday 19 th December	Pantomime at Spotlight Theatre 1.15pm
Wednesday 20 th December	End of term 1.15pm