



Tonwell St Mary's CE (VC) Primary School

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Dear Parents,

I hope you have all enjoyed a relaxing and sunny half term. Our Year 6 children had great fun celebrating finishing their SATs tests with a trampolining party at Airspace.



I would like to welcome Jessica and her family to our school. Jessica joined EYFS earlier this week and has settled into life at Tonwell brilliantly.

A big thank you to parents who joined me for the Parent Forum meeting before half term – your feedback is always very helpful. Please take time to read the minutes included in the newsletter.

Kind regards,

S Bridgman

Mrs Bridgman

After School Club

Just a reminder that our After School Club is starting on Monday 12th June every day from 3.15pm-5.00pm. We would welcome any spare or old board games you may be able to donate. Please send them into the school office.

Governor News

The Governors are pleased to be able to confirm that our current class structure will continue from September 2017.

The school Governing Body is seeking a new parent governor as a valued member of the team. Being a Governor is a very important role and we feel sure that there are parents prepared to give their time and commitment to help us to continue to improve the school's performance.

If you are interested, then please contact Mrs Bridgman or Diana Howarth who will be pleased to explain more about the role of governors.

If there are two or more candidates then we will be holding a parent governor election later in the term.

Diana Howarth

Chair of Governors

Summer Fete

Thank you for all the donations today for our biggest fundraiser of the year. We will be setting up from 10am on Saturday 17th June, and the fun starts at 1pm. Keep the date free and please sell as many raffle tickets as possible even if you cannot attend on the day.

Parent Forum Feedback

Actions from previous meeting:

ACTION: Mrs Bridgman to talk to staff to ensure reading records are checked and signed each week (complete)

ACTION: Teachers will ensure tests are taken and marked in the children's spelling books that go home with new spellings each week (complete)

Progress towards OFSTED targets

- HMI report was discussed

Vision for the school

- The children have decided our vision will be 'Knowing each child, growing each child, in God's love', which was chosen by the children.

Plans for transition for September 2017

- Each class will have a ½ day session with their new teacher in July
- New nursery children will come for a number of 'Stay and Play' sessions
- New reception children have been staying at school for lunch and will have the opportunity to stay for a full day towards the end of term
- Parents will be able to meet the new teacher at our open evening on Thursday 13th July (3.30-4.30 or 6pm-7pm)
- Parents will be able to find out more about age related objectives and curriculum information at 'Meet the Teacher' information sessions in September.

KS2 school journey 2017

- Provisionally booked for October 2017 to Kingswood – please return forms asap
- Cheaper time of year and shorter length to make it as accessible as possible for families
- We plan to book at this time of year moving forward

KS2 Swimming

- We discussed arrangements for KS2 swimming: an intensive course of 4 weeks of 45 minute lessons at the pool and in school training on water safety from Mrs Townsend. Feedback will be sought from parents and children.
- Parents made a variety of comments regarding swimming including:
 - Having swimming from KS1 helps children to learn this important life skill from an early age
 - Some children have private lessons and are already competent swimmers. Some parents may not want to pay/have them miss curriculum time for extra swimming at school
 - There has been some concern in the past about the quality of teaching in lessons and size of groups
 - Cost (roughly £6 for transport and £2.50 for lesson) may be too expensive for some parents if they have to pay for a whole term or year every year

Action: Mrs Bridgman to gather feedback from children and parents about intensive swimming lessons and plan for 2017/18

- **AOB**
 - Parents asked about numbers for September 2017. We are expecting 7 children in nursery over the year, 4 children in reception and up to 4 other new children joining older year groups.
 - The After School Club will run from 3.15pm-5pm Monday to Friday from 12th June. Teachers will still be running some free after school clubs. Children who attend teacher led clubs can go to the After School Club from 4.15-5.