



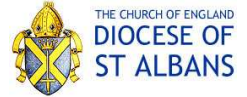
## Tonwell St Mary's CE (VC) Primary School

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

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017

Dear parents,

Our rehearsals for the church service and nativity are well under way. We have many exciting Christmas activities planned for the next couple of weeks. Please see the dates reminder below.



A huge well done to children from school council raised a fantastic total of £104 for Children in Need with sales of Pudsey ears and the cake bake. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.

Thank you to those of you who attended parent forum or sent feedback. I have included the minutes at the end of the newsletter.

Kind regards,

*Mrs Bridgman*

### Wraparound Bookings

Due to our wraparound after school care becoming more popular, we have a new system in place for bookings. Please email any regular or one-off bookings to: [wraparound@tonwell.herts.sch.uk](mailto:wraparound@tonwell.herts.sch.uk).

### Nursery Admissions

Admissions for nursery places for September 2018 are now open. Applications need to be made directly to the school, rather than via the local authority. This is a new system for all schools. The closing date for applications is Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February. Our admissions policy can be found on our website and application forms are available from the school office or online. We have had growing interest in our nursery places. If you have a child who is due to join us in September or if you know of anyone who may like a place, please collect a form from the school office.

### Attendance

We are aiming to keep all of our children's attendance above 96%. There is a direct link between attendance and your child's progress in school. I am aware that as the weather changes, there are various bugs going round. If your child is just a little 'under the weather', please send them to school – we will always contact you if they are not ok. We would ask that you contact the school office before 9am if your child is unwell and going to be absent from school.

### Christmas Dates Reminder

#### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

Christingle Service 4pm at Holy Trinity Church, Bengoe. All welcome.

A family service in aid of The Children's Society. Please bring a donation for their work.

#### **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

Pantomime visit – please collect your child from Hertford Theatre at 4pm.

#### **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas Bazaar 1pm until 3pm at Tonwell School. All welcome.

#### **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

Whole school nativity practice at Holy Trinity.

#### **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

Whole school attending Nativity at Holy Trinity Church. Please collect your child from school at 1.15pm. Nursery children who are collected at 12.15 will need to be brought to the church for 1.30pm. Parents, carers and family are welcome to watch. Children to be collected by parents/carers from the church at 3.15pm.





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<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas jumper day. If you would like to make a donation to Save the Children the school will pass the donation on to the charity on your behalf.
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Dinner day. Art, Design and Technology day. No Afterschool club (wraparound).
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	School finishes at 2pm. No Afterschool club (wraparound).

### Parent Forum – 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017

#### **Actions from previous meeting:**

##### **ACTION: Mrs Bridgman to book swimming for Summer 2018**

Six 45 minute lessons are booked for KS2 for the second half of Summer Term. This will be at Hartham Pool. There are five children from Little Munden School attending with us. This will be a good opportunity for children to meet other Year 6s and for us to share the cost of transport.

##### **ACTION: Mrs Bridgman to arrange peripatetic music lessons**

Piano lessons are now available on Wednesday afternoons. Children are really enjoying it. Shared lessons are available to Y2-6. Younger children can pay for private lessons if they wish. Contact details are available through the school office.

- **Links to other schools (Duncombe/other small schools)**

School is linked to three other similar schools through the Small Schools Network. This gives staff the opportunity to visit other similar settings and share good practice. We also share training with other schools e.g. teachers are going to Lemsford School next week for training in developing writing.

Mrs Bridgman met with the Headteacher at Duncombe School and there are plans to share training and possibly borrow their school minibus for trips.

- **Growth of pupil numbers**

Our school is growing and we now have 42 children on roll. This will help with the sustainability of our school for the future. More children are expected to join in January 2018. A parent asked how our numbers compare to other local small schools. Mrs Bridgman is aware of two other similar local schools with numbers on roll of approximately 50 children.

- **Nursery admissions for September 2018**

Nursery admissions will now be made directly to the school for September 2018. The admissions policy is on our website and forms to complete for applications are available from the school office. Admissions are now open and will close on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018.