



Tonwell St Mary's CE (VC) Primary School

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

Friday 23rd February 2018

Dear parents,

Children have enjoyed taking part in 'Feeling Good Week' learning about ways to achieve our school aim of 'choosing a lifestyle with healthy bodies and minds'. We have been promoting awareness of mental health in a child friendly way. Classes took part in a yoga session where they learned relaxation techniques, a fun dance session where they learned about how exercise can release feel good chemicals in the brain and tried healthy playtime snacks prepared by the school council. The yoga teacher commented on our children's excellent focus and attitude during session.



Congratulations to children who performed on stage at Hertford Theatre last night to 'We go Together' from the musical Grease. We are very proud of you! A big thanks to Kristie Louise Dance School for helping us to choreograph the dance.

Kind regards,

Mrs Bridgman

Attendance Raffle

We are introducing a fortnightly children's raffle to promote good attendance across the school. We recognise that children do suffer with bugs and sickness at this time of year and do not wish to penalise any child for genuine illness. Therefore every two weeks, children who are above 96% or have shown a significant improvement in their attendance will have their names drawn from the raffle in celebration assembly for a small prize.

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 1st March. We have a poet visiting the school to work with all classes. **Please can children bring in their favourite poem to share with their class.**

Dates

Wednesday 28 th February	Y6 to Crucial Crew
Thursday 1 st March	World Book Day with a visiting poet
Friday 2 nd March	Celebration Assembly with parents 2.50pm
Sunday 11 th March	Y4-6 Royal Albert Hall Performance (separate letter to follow)
12 th -16 th March	Science Week
Friday 16 th March	Y5/6 KS2 Football Tournament (separate letter to follow)
Tuesday 20 th March	Parent Forum 8.45am
Tuesday 20 th March	Y5/6 to All Saints Church for Easter Experience (separate letter to follow)
Thursday 22 nd March	Y5/6 Rugby Tournament (separate letter to follow)
Friday 23 rd March	Sports Relief – School Council Event (TBC)
Friday 23 rd March	Celebration Assembly with parents 2.50pm
Thursday 29 th March	Last day of term – school closes at 2pm



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Parent Survey

		<i>strongly agree</i>	<i>agree</i>	<i>disagree</i>	<i>strongly disagree</i>	<i>don't know</i>
1.	My child enjoys school.	21	4			
2.	I am kept informed about my child's progress.	18	7			
3.	I feel that my child is safe and well cared for at school.	25				
4.	The school makes sure that behaviour is good.	20	5			
5.	The school is well led and managed.	23	2			
6.	My child is taught well at this school.	21	4			
7.	The school seeks the views of parents/carers and takes account of their suggestions and concerns.	19	6			
8.	Communication with parents is good	19	6			
9.	I would recommend this school to another parent.	Yes 25		No		

Thank you to all of you who gave feedback via our parent questionnaire before half term. Your supportive and positive comments are highly appreciated. I am very pleased that all parents agreed that they would recommend our school to other parents.

Thank you also for your feedback on improvements we could make. As a result of your comments we will be implementing the following actions:

- Continuing to promote our school in the local community and increasing our numbers
- Introducing fortnightly attendance raffle to celebrate excellent or improved attendance
- Taking part in large competitive sports events: football, tag rugby, district athletics, kwik cricket
- Continuing to watch and discuss newsround in junior classes daily to keep children up to date with current affairs
- Ensuring that any phone messages are checked before the end of each school day