



Tonwell St Mary's CE (VC) Primary School

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Newsletter - Monday 5th September

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to you all! I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new children and staff and hope you have enjoyed a fun and restful summer holiday.

I am excited and proud to be taking on the role of Headteacher of Tonwell St Mary's and wish to form strong partnerships with all members of the school community. Most importantly, I am looking forward to meeting the children and helping them to enjoy all the new learning we have planned for this term and 'aim high' in the academic year ahead.

My fortnightly newsletter will aim to provide you with information, reminders and celebrations of all aspects of school life at Tonwell St Mary's. It will be published on a Friday and I hope you will find it useful. This term, I will be working all day Monday and Friday and on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

Kind regards,

Mrs Bridgman

Meet the teachers and Headteacher

I hope you will be able to join us on Monday 19th September from 3.30pm – 4.15pm to find out more about what the children will be learning and how you can help at home. For those parents with daytime work commitments, I will be available from 6.30pm-7.00pm to share information from the meetings. All handouts will be made available on the school website. (Please see reply slip at end of newsletter)

Christian Value

As a whole school community we will reflect on one core Christian value each half term and where appropriate incorporate it across the curriculum, in collective worship and in our everyday activities. Our value for this half term is "RESPECT" and the related Bible verse the children will learn about is '*Love your neighbour as yourself*' *Matthew 22 v 39*. Please talk to your child about our value at home and encourage them to recognise how it relates to their day to day life.

Esafety

The Autumn 2016 version of the Local Authority esafety newsletter is available. It is written for parents and provides updates on topical issues, for example children's use of Pokémon Go. You can find it using the following link:

<http://www.thegrid.org.uk/eservices/safety/news/newsletters/>

Swimming

Swimming lessons have not been arranged for the Autumn Term. I will be reviewing the timetabling of swimming lessons. As a qualified swimming teacher and keen swimmer myself, I view swimming as an essential life skill and will consult with you through Parent Forum later this term.



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Initial 2016 dates for your diary:

September

- 9th 2.50pm Celebration Assembly (parents invited)
19th 3.30pm-4.15pm Meet your child's new teacher/new headteacher
6.30pm-7pm Meet the new headteacher (for those who cannot make 3.30pm)
22nd Individual photos
23rd 2.50pm Celebration Assembly (parents invited)

October

- 3rd 2pm Harvest Service at St Alban's Cathedral (separate letter will follow)
7th 2.50pm Harvest Celebration Assembly (parents invited)
18th Parents' Evening
20th Parents' Evening
21st INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED
24th-28th HALF TERM

November

- 4th 2.50pm Celebration Assembly (parents invited)
14th Anti-Bullying Week
18th Celebration Assembly (parents invited) and Children in Need

December

- 2nd 2.50pm Celebration Assembly (parents invited)
6th 1.30pm Hertford Pantomime
21st END OF TERM School closes at 2pm

TERM DATES 2017:

Thursday 5 th January	Start of Spring Term
Friday 10 th February	INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED
13 th -17 th February	HALF TERM
Friday 31 st March	End of Spring Term
Tuesday 18 th April	INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED
Wednesday 19 th April	Start of Summer Term
29 th May-2 nd June	HALF TERM
Friday 21 st July	End of Summer Term
Monday 24 th July	OCCASIONAL DAY SCHOOL CLOSED

PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE

I will / will not be attending the meet the teacher/Headteacher meeting on Monday 19th September.

Please tick:	3.30pm-4.15pm		6.30pm-7.00pm	
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Name of child/children: