

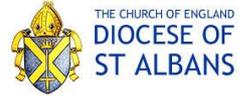


# Tonwell St Mary's CE (VC) Primary School

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Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018

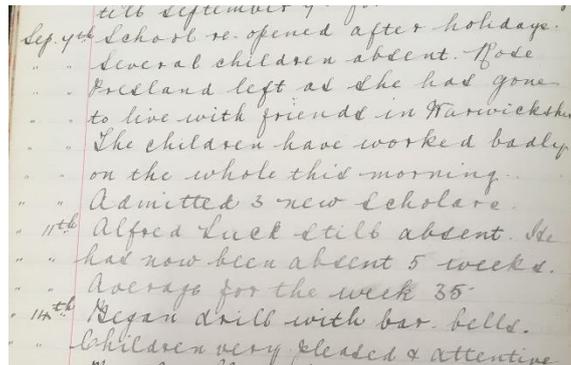
Dear Parents,

We have enjoyed a brilliant start to the new academic year. Your children have returned to school with positive attitudes, kind behaviour and inquisitive minds. The whole school was inspired by the visit from Paralympic Footballer Alistair Patrick-Heselton yesterday. I hope the children will use his messages about being resilient and keeping on trying despite facing challenges in their own learning this year.

Our new Interim Headteacher, Mrs Keddie, has begun visiting the school and preparing to cover my maternity leave. She will be attending the Parent Forum meeting on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September. Her official start will be on 1<sup>st</sup> October to allow handover time between us

Many of you will be aware that our school is 160 years old this September. Children from Y1-6 will be taking part in a Victorian Schools experience in the hall next Tuesday. We will also be celebrating by opening the school on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September from 2.45pm-4pm for families and members of the community to view the school, see extracts from the Victorian log-book and enjoy tea and cake. I hope you will be able to join us.

*Mrs Bridgman*



## **1896**

*7<sup>th</sup> September*

School re-opened after holidays. Several children absent. Rose Pressland left as she has gone to live with friends in Warwickshire. The children have worked badly on the whole this morning. Admitted 3 new scholars.

*11<sup>th</sup>*

Alfred Luck still absent. He has now been absent for 5 weeks. Average for the week 35.

*14<sup>th</sup>*

Began drill with bar bells. Children very pleased and attentive.

## **Volunteers in School**

We would very much like to welcome volunteers to work with the children and support the school. If you are able to offer your time, please speak to Mrs Moorehead or Mrs Bridgman so that we can check you have the necessary DBS check. All volunteers (including those who have helped previously) will need to attend a safeguarding update with Mrs Bridgman before coming into school. This will be to update you on changes to 'Keeping Children Safe in Education 2018'.

## **Attendance**

Please be reminded of our new Attendance Policy <http://www.tonwell.herts.sch.uk/page-school-policies-60/>. Your child's attendance and punctuality at school is extremely important for their learning and wellbeing. Children should arrive by 8.45am to meet their class teacher. School must be notified by 9.15am if a child is absent for every day of any absence. In line with changes to safeguarding guidance, school will follow up with emergency contacts or a police welfare check if no contact is made about a child's absence by the end of lunchtime on the first day of absence.

## **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



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is "RESPECT" and the related Bible verse the children will learn about is 'Love your neighbour as yourself' Matthew 22 v 39. It will also fit in with this year's Anti-Bullying Week theme of 'Choose Respect', which children will explore later in the term. Please talk to your child about our value at home and encourage them to recognise how it relates to their day to day life.

### Meet the Teacher

I hope you will be able to join us on Monday 10th September from 3.20pm – 3.50pm to find out more about what the children will be learning and how you can help at home. Information will be made available on the school website.

### 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open Afternoon

Parents are invited to join us from 2.45pm – 4pm on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September. You are welcome to collect your child from the hall at 2.45pm to tour the school or you can collect them from the playground as usual at 3.15pm. There will be an opportunity to view the school and have tea and cake.

### Dates for Autumn Term

Please note that some dates may be subject to change. All dates are available on our website:

<http://www.tonwell.herts.sch.uk/events-calendar/>

Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> September	3.20pm-3.50pm Meet the Teacher
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Victorian Schools Experience for Y1-6
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> September	2.45pm-4.00pm 160 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations – School Open to families and Community
17 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> September	Y4-6 School Journey to PGL Suffolk
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> September	After School Clubs Start
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> September	8.45am Parent Forum – all welcome
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> September	2.50pm Celebration Assembly with parents/Macmillan Coffee and Cake
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	10.30am Y1-6 at St Albans Cathedral Harvest Service - all welcome
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual Photos
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Celebration Assembly with parents and Harvest Songs
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> October	4pm-6.30pm Parent Consultations
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET DAY – School Closed
29 <sup>th</sup> Oct-2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Half Term
W.B. 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> November	2.15pm-3.15pm Parent Workshops for maths and English
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> November	8.45am Parent Forum
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Celebration Assembly with parents
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30pm Whole School Nativity and Carols at Holy Trinity
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> December	End of Term – School Closes at 1.15pm

### After School Clubs

We are pleased to be able to offer a range of clubs free of charge. Clubs will start from **Monday 24th September**. Please complete and return the slip at the end of the newsletter. Please assume your child has a place unless you are informed otherwise. There may be occasions when clubs have to be cancelled. Please check newsletters for further information.

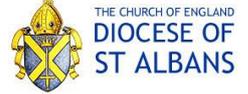


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### PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE

I would like my child to attend the following clubs:

Monday	<b>Multisports</b> 3.15-4.15 (Y2-6)	Sports Coach	
Tuesday	<b>Art/DT</b> 3.15-4.15 (Y1-6) limit of 20 children	Mrs Robinson-Moore	We will ask for a contribution of £5 per child for the term to buy resources
Wednesday	<b>Games</b> 3.15-4.15 (YR, Y1, Y2)	Miss Fitzgerald	
Wednesday	<b>Computing</b> 3.15-4.15 (Y3-6)	Mrs Barnes	

Name of child:

Signed:

For after school clubs my child will be picked up by: