



Tonwell St Mary's CE (VC) Primary School

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Headteacher: Mrs Sarah Bridgman



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Friday 5th October 2018

Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome to Mrs Keddie, our Interim Headteacher, who joined the school this week. She has enjoyed spending time in classes getting to know our children and accompanied Years 1-6 to St Albans Cathedral for their Harvest Service. I will be on maternity leave from next week and, all being well, look forward to visiting the children with my new addition after half term.

I would like to thank the Friends of Tonwell and our families for the fantastic fundraising that happens at our school. F.O.T. have kindly given over £2000 to fund new IT equipment in school. In addition to this, representatives from the Woodhall Charitable Trust have also agreed to make a donation towards this equipment.



Mrs Bridgman

Special Educational Needs (SEN) Contacts

Mrs Keddie and Miss Fitzgerald will be sharing responsibility for SEN in my absence. If you have any concerns or questions, please speak to one of them.

Parent Forum – September 2018

Thank you to all of you who attended our recent Parent Forum meeting. Please see the minutes listed below. These can also be found on our website in the 'Parents' section.

- **Welcome to new Interim Headteacher – Mrs Keddie**

Mrs Keddie introduced herself. She has a breadth of experience as a Headteacher in different schools, including one large school in Ware and other small schools – most recently Puller Memorial School. She has been in contact with Mrs Bridgman since September 2016 as a fellow Headteacher and is aware of the school's recent history.

Mrs Keddie will be working for two days per week (Monday pm/Tuesday all day/Friday pm) but has flexibility to be available at other times if needed. The teaching part of Mrs Bridgman's maternity is being covered by Mrs Gotham, who is teaching Y5/6 on Friday mornings.

Mrs Keddie has already had several induction meetings. She has attended the full governor meeting, a meeting with the Local Authority Advisor, safeguarding training, the school's INSET day in September, as well as meeting with Mrs Bridgman.

- **School Development Priorities for 2018-2019**

Mrs Bridgman set out the school's main priorities for improvement for this academic year.

Objective 1: To improve outcomes for pupils in mathematics by:

- Ensuring challenge for all abilities, especially the more-able
- Embedding 'Essential Maths' and introducing mixed-age planning

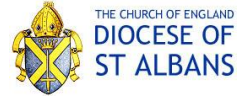


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- Providing continuing professional development for the teacher new to the school

Objective 2: To improve leadership and management by:

- Embedding the cycle of self-evaluation for subject leaders introduced over the last 18 months to enable them to confidently monitor and explain the impact of their actions
- Improving attendance figures ensuring attendance is rigorously monitored by the Governing Body and that impact of individual actions are evaluated regularly to inform next steps
- Ensure the effective induction of the Interim Acting Headteacher

Objective 3: To improve the quality of teaching and learning by:

- Using assessment for learning (AfL) effectively to be responsive to pupils' needs

Objective 4: To develop the school's Christian character by:

- Embedding the new Hertfordshire RE syllabus
- Further developing children's involvement in planning and leading worship

There was no other business.

Dates Reminder

Thurs 11 th October	Individual Photos (siblings are welcome to be in photos)
Fri 12 th October	2.50pm Celebration Assembly with parents and Harvest Songs
Thurs 25 th October	4pm-6.30pm Parent Consultations
Fri 26 th October	INSET DAY – School Closed

Parent Consultations

Our consultation evenings are Thursday 25th October (4.00pm-6.30pm) . Please complete and return the slip below to book a time to see your child's teacher. You will receive a slip to confirm the time allocated for your 10 minute appointment. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any difficulties attending at these times and we will try our best to book another appointment.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS – PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Please tick the time that is most convenient and we will try to accommodate you.

Name of child:

Class:

Thursday 25 th October	
4.00-4.30	
4.30-5.00	
5.00-5.30	
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