



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

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Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019

*Value of the term : Honesty*

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all of you who were able to attend the Parent Forum meeting earlier in the week. Your time and suggestions are greatly appreciated. I have added the minutes to this newsletter for all parents. Please remember that you are welcome to send any comments or questions to the meeting, even if you are unable to attend yourself.

I have been made aware of a safeguarding issue concerning some of our children. It has come to my attention that some have been playing an online game called 'Fortnite' at home. Online safety is paramount and I would like to make parents aware of the following information:

- Fortnite is PEGI rated as '12' and therefore not suitable for children under this age
- The PEGI rating of '12' is due to 'frequent scenes of violence'
- Children are at risk of being exposed to swearing and offensive language in voice and on screen text chat

I would also like to draw all parents' attention to the termly esafety newsletter, which gives tips and advice on the most up-to-date online safety matters. <https://www.thegrid.org.uk/eservices/safety/news/newsletters/>

Kind regards,

*Mrs Bridgman*

### **Wraparound Care**

Our breakfast and after school club provision was discussed at our recent Parent Forum meeting. We are currently trying to increase the number of children attending. I would be grateful for any feedback on the following:

What changes would make the wraparound provision more appealing/attractive to your family?

What are your views on the suggestions made at Parent Forum (see minutes)?

Please email [head@tonwell.herts.sch.uk](mailto:head@tonwell.herts.sch.uk), phone or speak to me directly.

### **Parent Governor Position**

The Governors are seeking a representative of the parents who will contribute to the life of the school by being part of the Governing Body.

If you wish to have more information, please contact Mrs Moorehead who will be pleased to give you details of the role.

### **Friends of Tonwell**

Save the date : Summer Fayre is on June 15th from 1pm -4pm.

Thank you for the donations of crockery for the crockery smash that we have had so far – please keep them coming! Please let us know of any businesses we can ask for raffle prizes. Nearer the time, we will need donations of homemade cakes and biscuits. The stalls list will be available next week. Please sign up in the office. All help is greatly appreciated.



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### **Parents' Forum**

*10 parents in attendance with Mrs Bridgman*

- **Actions following on from Ofsted**

There is a Rapid Short Term Action Plan in place with the following priorities:

Aim 1. Improve pupil progress of any pupils who are underachieving or who might be at risk of underachieving so that by July 2019 the gap has closed by at least two points progress.

Aim 2. Pupils' writing across the curriculum is consistently of a high quality

Aim 3. Pupils enjoy reading, read widely, with fluency and comprehension appropriate to their age

Aim 4. Prepare children for transition to the next yeargroup

Staff and Governors are developing the Long Term Action Plan ready for September 2019. This term External Reviews for Governance and Pupil Premium will be undertaken and recommendations/advice put into place.

- **Wraparound Care and Extra-Curricular**

Wraparound care currently runs from 7.45-8.45 for breakfast club and from 3.15-5.00 for after school club every day. Current charges are £3 per day for breakfast club and £6 per day for after school club.

The wraparound provision is very attractive to new families to the school and is essential for some working families.

It currently runs at a financial loss and the school subsidises it.

Parents discussed ways to make the care more affordable/usable for parents e.g. sibling discount.

One parent asked what happens in wraparound. Mrs Bridgman explained it can be outdoor games, board games, crafts, computing, homework or reading.

Mrs Bridgman explained that one option might be to have wraparound staff running extra-curricular clubs as part of wraparound for a small charge. Teachers usually run these clubs for free but there is increasing pressure on teachers' time and it would be better for their focus to be on developing teaching and learning. A parent pointed out that it 'seems crazy to have two paid members of staff with one or two children in wraparound, while an unpaid member of staff has a large group in games club'.

Mrs Bridgman will ask for the views of the wider school community.

- **Parent Governor Role**

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor to join us at the school. Please speak to Mrs Bridgman or Diana Howarth (Chair of Governors)