



Tonwell St Mary's CE (VC) Primary School

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Friday 28th June

Christian Value: Thankfulness

Dear Parents,

It has been a very busy couple of week in school.

I would like to start with a massive 'THANK YOU' to the Friends of Tonwell and to everyone who supported our Summer Fair. The final total raised was £787.00. The money raised helps to support learning resources, for example 8 of our new laptops this year and trips, for example the whole school pantomime visit and day at the seaside.



Well done to our school council for organising our 'Get Colourful' fundraiser for the Evelina Children's Hospital in London. A special mention to Riley for running the cake sale. The final amount raised was £102.40 .

Our junior children enjoyed a talk from the East Herts Archaeology Society as part of their Romans topic. They invited a couple of our children to visit a Roman dig in Sacombe. They were able to see part of a Roman road and reported back to the rest of the class.



Mrs Bridgman

Warmer Weather

Please make sure your child has a named water bottle, sun cream and sun hat or cap in school. This is especially important as the weather becomes warmer and on Mondays/Thursdays when children have PE lessons.

Parent Forum

Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting or sent comments and questions to me.

Actions from last meeting:

- There will be changes to Wraparound and extra-curricular clubs from September 2019. Wraparound staff will be leading more of our after school clubs. This means that there will be a small charge for children staying for after school clubs (e.g. art/board games) and then a further small charge for children staying until 5pm for Wraparound. There will be a sibling discount available.



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Staffing

- There will be no changes to EYFS and KS1 staffing in September 2019
- There will be a new teacher in KS2 – Mrs Rebecca Higgins. She will be supported by staff already working at the school: Mrs Tracy (part-time teacher) and Mrs Townsend (part-time Teaching Assistant).
- The KS2 timetable will be similar but with one teacher overseeing the planning
- We have taken lessons learned from other good/outstanding small schools and from OFSTED when planning our KS2 timetable for September.

Homework

- Please see attached draft Homework Policy for September 2019. This was discussed at the meeting.
- Based on research (vocabulary gap, cognitive science/recalling facts)
- Our aim is for it to be less complicated for parents and allows them to focus on skills which make a difference
- There will be optional open-ended activities and visits included but within curriculum letters
- One parent asked how long each year group will be expected to do homework. This will be clarified in the final policy and it will build up as children go through the school.
- One parent asked how long will be given to complete homework. Homework will be set and checked on the same day each week. Therefore, children will have one whole week to complete homework, allowing some flexibility at home.

Actions:

Mrs Bridgman to share draft homework policy with all parents for their feedback.

Mrs Bridgman to share information about approach to supporting children's behaviour at the next meeting.



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Attendance

As you know, we strongly encourage good attendance as this directly impacts your child's learning. The table below illustrates the loss of learning time.

Percentage attendance	Actual attendance (days)	Whole days absent	Learning hours lost
100%	190	0	0
99%	188	2	10
98%	186	4	20
97%	184	6	30
96%	182.5	7.5	37.5
95%	180.5	9.5	47.5
94%	177	13	65
92%	175	15	75
90%	171	19	95
Below 90%	169	21	105
89% and below	167 and below	23	115+

Term Dates

Tuesdays until 9 th July	KS2 Swimming (8.45am)
1 st July	KS2 to Aerozone Trip All Day (Letter to follow)
10 th July	KS2 Cluster Sports at Stapleford
11 th July	Secondary Transfer and Children to new classes Open afternoon (3.30-4.30pm)
12 th July	Chauncy Community Day (Letter to follow)
16 th July	KS2 trip to St Leonard's Church (Letter to follow)
19 th July	Whole School Trip to Walton-on-the-Naze (Letter to follow)
22 nd July	Y6 Leavers' Assembly (9am)
23 rd July	End of Term (school closes at 1.15pm)

Wednesday 4th September Children return to school

2019/2020 term dates are available on the website.