



Tonwell St Mary's CE (VC) Primary School

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Friday 31st January 2020

Christian Value: Friendship

Dear Parents,

Children in the juniors joined other schools from the local area as they took part in the Sports Partnership multiskills festival at Wodson Park. We are always so proud to take our children on trips and to events. Once again, staff commented on how well our children 'lived out' our school vision of 'developing resilience' and 'being friendly and respectful to all'. Well done Oak Class!

School council have reintroduced our Monday Mile with Coach Jack. Even in the cold winter weather, the children have really impressed me with their determination to beat their own personal best and with the support they show to other children to keep on going and try their hardest.

Our teachers have been busy too. We are involved in a professional development project called Lesson Study, where our staff link with teachers in another school to plan lessons together, observe each others' practice and give feedback to make improvements. Teachers have enjoyed visiting another local small school and sharing best practice.

Our times tables workshop for parents was well attended. Thank you to Miss Fitzgerald and Mrs Higgins for sharing how we teach this aspect of maths. The presentation is available on our website – parents/parent workshops – for anyone who was unable to join us.

We look forward to welcoming you to our parent consultation evening on Tuesday 11th February. Please return the form at the end of the newsletter. Representatives from our Governing Body will be at school to gather your feedback in our parent survey and also our draft Relationships, Sex and Health Education policy, which will be available for your comments. Our new Early Years teacher, Mrs Wagner, will also be attending so that she can get to know the families of her new class.

Mrs Bridgman

Positive Behaviour Parent Workshop

We will be hosting a course run by the DSPL team 'Let's Talk about Positive Behaviour' parent workshop. The workshop will be run by Sarah McNeill from the Outreach Team on Friday 20th March from 9.15am-12.15pm. We have a few spaces left. Please contact the school office if you would like a place.

Parents' Forum

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the meeting or gave feedback. Please see the minutes below. All notes from minutes are available on our website.

Agenda:

- **Relationships Education**



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- Mrs Bridgman shared feedback from training she attended on new Relationships Education, which will become statutory from September 2020.
- Most of the statutory expectations are already taught in school as part of our PSHE curriculum. Mrs Bridgman plans to consult with parents by sharing a draft policy for Relationships and Sex Education and giving opportunities for feedback, including through parent forum.
- The following link sets out the detail of what will be taught.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education/relationships-education-primary>

• **Parent Workshops**

- School ran a Times Tables workshop on Friday 24th January suitable for all parents at 2.45pm
- School is hosting a Promoting Positive Behaviour workshop for parents run by the DSPL team on Friday 20th March from 9.15-12.15pm.
- Please contact school if you have any other suggestions for parent training/workshops.

• **Reading**

- Mrs Bridgman shared feedback from our Reading 'Deep Dive'. Ofsted will use a 'Deep Dive' approach when inspecting schools. This involves visiting lessons, speaking to parents, staff and children. We had a mock 'Deep Dive' in reading at school. The feedback was generally positive.
- We will be working on:
Promoting reading for enjoyment in class and at home.
Encouraging parents to read with their children at home (even when they are able to read fluently) Preparing and sharing recommended book lists with parents.
Applying for funding to improve our resources so that books are better matched to children's phonics ability.

Friends of Tonwell

We had a busy meeting at the Punch House public house last week, planning all the dates of the events for 2020! The first one is the quiz on March 14th- more details to follow.

We need new members to join in and help raise funds for the school. We pay for coaches to events, resources for the classrooms and for workshops to enhance the children's learning. The next meeting is on Tuesday 25th February at the Punch House public house on Ware High Street at 7.30pm. Do come and join us. Many hands make light work!

Dates

These are some key dates for this term:

Spring Term 2020

W.B. 10 th February	Feeling Good Week ('Mindful Magic' sessions for all children)
Tuesday 11 th February	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 11 th February	3.30-6.30pm PARENT CONSULTATIONS
17 th -21 st February	HALF TERM



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Tuesday 25 th February	Drama workshop in school for EY/KS1
Wednesday 26 th February	8.00pm-8.45pm Dance Festival for KS2 at Hertford Theatre
Friday 28 th February	2.50pm Celebration worship with parents
Monday 2 nd March	KS2 K'nex Challenge
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day (children will be invited to dress up as a book character)
Sunday 8 th March	Royal Albert Hall Concert for Y4-6
Tuesday 10 th March	8.45am Parent Forum
Friday 13 th March	2.50pm Celebration with parents
Saturday 14 th March	7.00pm Fundraising Quiz
Friday 20 th March	'Let's Talk about Positive Behaviour' parent workshop
Wednesday 25 th March	KS2 to All Saints Church for Easter Experience
Friday 3 rd April	End of Term – School Closes 1.15pm
Saturday 20 th June	1.00pm Summer Fete
Friday 27 th November	3.00pm Christmas Bazaar

Parent Consultations

Our parent consultation evening is Tuesday 11th February from 3.30pm-6.30pm (Mrs Higgins will be available from 2.30pm). 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 – TUESDAY 11th FEBRUARY –
PLEASE RETURN TO SCHOOL OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY 5th FEBRUARY**

Name of child:

Class:

Please indicate your preference for timings:

2.30-3.00pm (KS2 only)	
3.00-3.30pm (KS2 only)	
3.30-4.00pm	
4.00-4.30pm	
4.30-5.00pm	
5.00-5.30pm	
5.30-6.00pm	
6.00-6.30pm	