



Tonwell St Mary's CE (VC) Primary School

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'Knowing each child, growing each child, in God's love'

Friday 6th March 2020

Christian Focus: God in this Place

Dear Parents,

We have had so many wonderful activities and trips happening in school over the past two weeks. Children in Ash and Pine classes took part in a very interactive drama workshop just after half term.

I was so proud to accompany our junior children to the Dance Festival to perform at Hertford Theatre last week. Our children showed their creativity and sense of humour with their 'Prince John' dance. A huge thanks to Kristie Louise Dance Academy for helping the children choreograph and prepare for the dance.



Our Year 6 children visited Morgan's School earlier this week to join children from other local primaries for 'Crucial Crew'. This PSHE workshop educates children about personal safety and encourages them to become role models for younger pupils in demonstrating safe behaviour. Children took part in activities with representatives from a range of agencies, including the police and fire service.



Thank you to Mrs Higgins for organising such a fun day for children to celebrate World Book Day. It was great to see so many of you join us for the breakfast booky read before school. The whole school enjoyed meeting local author, Alice Hemmings, learning about how she gets ideas, plans and writes her books.

Well done to all of Oak class for competing in the K'nex challenge. Pairs worked together to make a design with gears using K'nex equipment. Congratulations to Lucy and Summer who won the challenge at our school. Their design will be up against other local schools in the coming weeks.

Our whole school is involved in a project with other church schools within the Diocese of St Albans called 'God in this Place' for lent. Children are involved in specially planned worship times focussed on themes from the Bible story of Jacob's Ladder from Genesis 28. This week, we children are reflecting on the impact Jacob's dream had on his journey through life and the children's own journey through life and how experiences have shaped them to be the person they are today.

Our next Parent Forum meeting is on Tuesday 10th March from 8.45am. The main focus will be on our draft Relationships Policy. You are all welcome to attend or send any questions/comments to head@tonwell.herts.sch.uk. Just a reminder that minutes from these meetings are sent out via our newsletter and are available on our website Parents/Parent Forum.



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Please keep shopping at Asda in Ware who are supporting our school through their community fund. If we have the most tokens, we will get a donation of £500 for the school.

Finally, I know many of you will be concerned about issues relating to Coronavirus. As a school, we follow advice from HCC, which is updated daily. The following link give the latest FAQs for schools published by the Department of Education:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19#what-to-do-if-a-case-of-covid-19-pupil-student-or-staff-is-suspected-in-your-childcare-or-education-setting>

We continue to ensure that children are regularly and thoroughly washing their hands, using tissues and following basic hygiene in school.

Mrs Bridgman

Parent Survey

Thank you for your response to our parent survey. The results are overwhelmingly positive with 100% of parents saying they would recommend our school. You all listed numerous aspects that you like and value about our school. These are just a few of the many examples:

Support given to individual children and attention they are given.

Teachers are always available and help in any way they can.

My child is known as an individual.

Staff are kind and encourage my child to make progress.

Small classes and 1:1 interaction.

Teachers always take time to discuss any concerns.

Open, friendly, honest, caring – I can raise any concerns and I know we are listened to.

Small classes, individualised learning, lovely environment and atmosphere.

School as a whole is wonderful. Teachers, TAs and varied visitors make this a school I am very happy for my child to learn in.

Parents gave some suggestions for how we could improve our school even further. Here are some of the ideas:

Y5/6 football team (but I understand this is tricky).

Even more time outside (if possible).

Maybe direct email communication between teachers and parents to let us know if there are things we need to work on.

Nothing: the support my child receives is amazing.

More Monday Miles.

Specialist art and music teaching.



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TONWELL QUIZ

Thank you to those of you who have already said you taking part in the quiz on Saturday 14th March. The chip shop has extended the deadline until Monday 9th March. Please purchase tickets via parentmail this weekend. We have 3 tables left!

Dates

These are some key dates for the rest of this term:

Spring Term 2020

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
Thursday 26 th March	KS2 Tag Rugby Festival
Friday 3 rd April	End of Term – School Closes 1.15pm
Friday 12 th June	9-11am Parent First Aid Course (TBC)
Friday 12 th June	11.15am KS2 First Aid Course
Saturday 20 th June	1.00pm Summer Fete
Friday 27 th November	3.00pm Christmas Bazaar