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

Friday 26th February 2021

Dear parents,

I am so happy to be able to confirm that all children will be able to return to school full time from Monday 8th March. Whilst we are very pleased to be able to welcome everyone back to class, we are also aware that the pandemic is far from over and want to ensure that the safety of everyone in our school community is our top priority. We are in the process of updating our risk assessments in line with the latest guidance and I will share a separate letter outlining procedures next week ready for the children's return.

Curriculum

The curriculum for the final three weeks of term will focus on English and maths as normal every morning, and also on aspects of the wider curriculum that have been more difficult to learn from home such as the Pine Class art and design topic on clay and the Oak class design technology K'nex Challenge. We will also be supporting the children's wellbeing and allowing opportunities to socialise with their friends. The catch-up plans that were in place before lockdown will continue with Mrs White doing extra hours to support with the younger children and Mrs Foster in Oak class. After school catch up sessions for maths for older children will start again after Easter. Class teachers will share their usual curriculum newsletters with you at the start of summer term.

Pupil and Parent Surveys

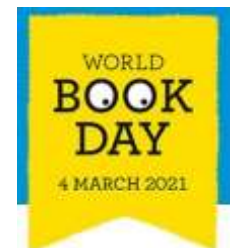
The governors and leadership team are always looking for ways to evaluate what the school is doing well and areas for improvement. Thank you to those of you who have already sent your feedback. We would be grateful to hear from even more of you. Links to the parent and pupil surveys are below.

Pupil survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZHNRDJ8>

Parent survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Z6FJQX6>

World Book Day

It is World Book Day next Thursday 4th March. The children will have some activities in school and as part of their remote learning linked to this. I would love it if the children are able to show or tell me about a favourite book as part of celebration worship next week.



Red Nose Day

We will be celebrating Red Nose Day on Friday 19th March by encouraging everyone to come to school either with crazy hair or ready to share a joke. Rather than collecting money on site, we encourage you to make a small donation online if you are able to.

Spring Skipping Challenge

The local school sports partnership has organised an inter school skipping challenge. There are two separate categories:

How many skips can you do in two minutes?

How much can you improve your skipping? Count your number of skips on day 1, practise for 4 days and then count your number of skips on day 5. You can email your child's results to head@tonwell.herts.sch.uk by Friday 12th February for entry into the competition.

Kind regards,
Mrs Bridgman