



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

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Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear all,

It has been a pleasure to welcome all of our children back to school and to hear the buzz of them playing and learning together. Our junior children have lived out our value of showing God's love by decorating the classroom and front entrance to welcome back their friends – thank you to Riley for suggesting this.



Staff have continued our usual high expectations for learning in the classroom and the children returning have adjusted back from remote learning to normal timetables incredibly well. Our curriculum over the next couple of weeks will focus in particular on reading, English and maths, as well as other wider curriculum subjects such as design and technology, clay work in art and practical science which have been more challenging to teach remotely. Oak class have really enjoyed the virtual K'nex Challenge using their skills of designing, making and evaluating for DT. Thank you to those of you who joined the parent forum meeting. I have attached the presentation for your information and will be adding minutes to the website.

### **Reading at home**

Thank you to all of our parents for continuing to prioritise your children's reading over lockdown and using the school reading scheme books sent home in learning packs. Children will bring home their usual class reading books each week and we expect the home learning log to be completed with a record of your child's reading at least 5 times per week.

### **Rapid Lateral Flow Testing for Households with School Age Children**

A reminder that the government are also offering free home tests to families of school age children. We would strongly advise you to take up this offer. You have the choice to get tested at a local test site, by collecting a home test kit from a test site or by ordering a home test kit online. **You can collect tests from Hertford County Hall car park between 1-7pm daily. You do not need an appointment or ID, just turn up.** Alternatively, you can order your tests at:

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

Please see the attached letter from Hertfordshire Public Health team.



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### Attendance and Punctuality

Normal expectations for attendance came back into force from 8<sup>th</sup> March. All children are expected to attend daily. Our start times are 8.45am (Ash/Pine) and 8.50am (Oak). Punctuality is always important but even more so now. If your child is late, this impacts on their learning time but also on the planned logistics of staggered starts and puts others at risk.

### Wraparound Care

Wraparound is open every day for the usual hours from 8<sup>th</sup> March. Please book and pay for your child's place in advance as we cannot accept cash payments. We do have spaces available. Please contact [wraparound@tonwell.herts.sch.uk](mailto:wraparound@tonwell.herts.sch.uk) for bookings.

### Symptoms

If your child displays any symptoms of COVID-19 at home, do NOT send your child into school. They must be tested, which can be booked here: <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-acoronavirus-test>

If your child displays any symptoms at school, you will be called and be required to collect your child immediately. They will be kept isolated from others and must be taken for a test. The rest of the bubble will remain in school unless the unwell child tests positive. If a child tests positive, the whole bubble will need to self-isolate in line with government guidelines.

Kind regards,

*Mrs Bridgman*

### Key Dates:

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July

Comic Relief Crazy Hair/Bring a Joke to Share

1.15pm End of Term

INSET DAY

Children return to school

1.15pm End of Term