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

Tuesday 20th July 2021

Christian value: THANKFULNESS

Dear all,

I cannot quite believe that it will be the end of term tomorrow! In what has been another extraordinary year, I would like to thank you all for your ongoing support. I am hopeful that the new academic year will be more predictable and feel more normal for us all. I will write to you before the start of next term to update you with any key information you need to be aware of.

It brought me great joy to be able to organise some of our usual trips and activities last week. The whole school came together to celebrate Bastille Day. We enjoyed a French picnic, followed by mini French lessons led by our older children. Some of our governors were visiting and able to hear our children's language skills first hand. Très bien!

Years 4-6 visited The Edge for a day of outdoor adventurous activities, including orienteering and climbing. It was wonderful to see their resilience when conquering the climbing and their level of independence and teamwork when navigating the lakes finding clues. Well done Oak class!

We were also pleased to be able to hold our sports day on Friday with children taking part in a round robin of events, such as javelin throwing, football shoot out and hockey dribbling, as well as competitive flat races. As always, our older children supported the younger ones by demonstrating and helping them with each event. Thank you again to Mrs Lewis for capturing such beautiful images to share with parents.



Thank you to the Friends of Tonwell for organising our raffle, ice cream sale and ice cream treasure hunt. They have raised nearly £200 for the school. Finally, a reminder that the children finish at 1.15pm tomorrow and I wish you all a safe and happy summer holiday.

Kind regards,

Mrs Bridgman



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Uniform

The shops will soon be filled with Back to School sales. We appreciate that over the past year, it has sometimes been difficult to get to the shops. From September our usual expectations for uniform will apply. This includes the expectation for children to wear black school shoes with their uniform. We anticipate that we will continue to ask children to wear PE kits to school in autumn term.

Please see the reminder below:

Winter Uniform: Grey skirt / trousers / pinafore, White shirt / polo shirt, Burgundy sweatshirt /jumper /cardigan / fleece

Summer Uniform As the winter uniform or grey shorts/ cornflower blue and white dress

Clothing needs to be purchased from Kids Connection in Hertford – only second-hand clothing and hats are kept in school.

All children need a change of clothing for P.E. (Burgundy shorts and light blue Tonwell t- shirt) and spare plimsolls or trainers, children also wear black joggers and sweatshirts for winter games.

All clothing should be clearly marked with the child's name.

Children should wear black school shoes. Trainers are only allowed on PE days.

A message from Herts County Council

Hertfordshire County Council have asked us to share the following update with you ahead of the end of term.

Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, we would like to thank you for the efforts and sacrifices you have made to keep your nursery and school communities safe over the past 16 months. As we head into the summer holidays, we'd like to remind you of some of the ways we can all enjoy a safe summer together.

While people will be excited at the prospect of restrictions being lifted on 19 July, others will be fearful or apprehensive. Remember, rules around self-isolation of close contacts for under 18's do not change until 16 August 2021. We all need to be kind to each other as we move into this next phase.

Covid-19 won't end when the rules change, in fact cases are rising and we need to keep being sensible. It's important to recognise that everyone's circumstances are different and what feels comfortable to one person might not feel that way to another. Let's keep looking out for one another and recognise that we're all going to be moving forward at our own pace.

What you can do to keep yourself and others safe

Get vaccinated

Vaccinations are now available for everyone aged over 18 who is eligible, you don't need a GP and often don't even need to book an appointment. Visit <https://covid.healthierfuture.org.uk/> for local sites and regular pop ups. If you or children have medical conditions, please speak to your GP about your Covid-19 vaccination.

Keep testing



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Regular rapid testing, including for those who are vaccinated, for everyone in year 7 and above (tests are not designed for use on children younger than this) can make a big difference, as most people don't know they're infected until they have infected others. You can order or collect free rapid tests locally, visit www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/rapidtest for more information. If you have symptoms get a PCR test and self-isolate.

Look out for one another

Give people space, wear face coverings in crowded indoor areas, keep your windows and doors open when you have people round, wash and/or sanitise hands. These measures have kept us safe and will keep us safe still.

By looking out for one another we can help us keep infections low. There are many people needing healthcare for non Covid-19 reasons who have been waiting for some time. If Covid-19 cases continue to rise, people will have to wait longer for hospital and health care so let's try to stop that by working together.

We hope you all enjoy a safe and happy summer!

Hertfordshire County Council

Term Dates for 2021/22

Autumn Term 2021

Wednesday 1st September – Tuesday 21st December (pupils return to school on Thursday 2nd September)

Half Term

Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October (pupils return on Tuesday 2nd November)

Spring Term

Wednesday 5th January – Friday 1st April (pupils return on Thursday 6th January)

Half Term

Monday 14th February – Friday 18th February

Summer Term

Tuesday 19th April – Friday 22nd July (pupils return on Wednesday 20th April and finish on Thursday 21st July)

Half Term

Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June

INSET DAYS

Wednesday 1st September

Monday 1st November

Friday 3rd December

Wednesday 5th January

Tuesday 19th April

Occasional Day

Friday 22nd July