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## Tilston Parochial CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

### Tilston School is Top Class!

In case you haven't heard, I'd like to share more good news for the school. As you know, a team of our Year 6 pupils travelled up to BBC Scotland last weekend to take part in a new CBBC quiz show called 'Top Class'. The children won their heat on Saturday against a school from Hampstead



Heath, then followed this up by defeating a team from East Kilbride in Sunday's quarter final. Our hearts were in our mouths during the semi-final as the team narrowly defeated the Delamere Academy, Cheshire in the dying seconds of the quick fire buzzer round.

This took them to Tuesday's final which was yet another opportunity for our pupils to demonstrate their superb team spirit, dazzling subject knowledge and great resilience when under pressure. The team was pitted against a primary school from Sutton Coldfield and without spoiling the show for you, all I can say is that we did not leave Glasgow feeling disappointed!

I'd like to thank the children for making us all feel so proud (including those who took part in the process but didn't represent the school on the day) and to their dedicated parents who stuck around for four days to offer support and encouragement. The four shows will form part of the second series of Top Class; we are expecting it to air early next year and I'll let you know when it's coming up.

### Royal Garden Party: 10<sup>th</sup> June



To celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, we will be having a **Royal Garden Party** in the school grounds on **Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> June**. The children will be making sandwiches and drinks in school but we would like them to bring in cakes from home. Children may come to school on the day wearing **red, white** and **blue**. Parents are very welcome to join the children at the end of the school day from 3.15 pm for refreshments.

## Holiday Homework: Design a Crown



We would like all the children to design a crown which can be worn at the Garden Party. Using the card strip provided today, please encourage your child to make their own royal creation and bring this in by **10<sup>th</sup> June**. Thank you.

## Family Writing Challenge

We are setting the families of Tilston School another writing challenge after it was so well supported in the last few years. This year's task is to write a letter to the queen. Your letter could include birthday wishes, your thoughts about her life and achievements, questions you would like to ask her and perhaps what you would do if you were a king or queen. Letters do not need to be long (ideally just one side of A4) and should not exceed 300 words. They can be handwritten or typed and written individually or presented as a family effort.

Our judging panel will then pick a selection of winners from each of the four classes and one letter will be chosen to receive the prestigious William Clowes Trophy. The closing date for entries is **9<sup>th</sup> June** and we hope to announce the winners at the Garden Party the following day. Good luck!

### LUNCH MENU for week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Monday	Meatballs or jacket potato with cheese
Tuesday	Sweet potato curry with naan bread or jacket potato with tuna
Wednesday	Roast dinner
Thursday	Spanish beefy rice or macaroni cheese
Friday	Pizza and chips or fish and chips



## Hall Fundraising and Planning Permission



Our next hall fundraising event will be a **Sportathon** activity day on **20<sup>th</sup> June** which will incorporate a number of activities including making fruit kebabs and smoothies in the morning. In the afternoon, there will be 4 sponsored sports stations including zumba, boxercise, an assault course and football drills. Parents are invited to come along and either watch the children or take part themselves! Refreshments will be on sale and sponsor forms are on their way home today.





Our knitted owls and rabbits are continuing to sell well and have already made **£380** towards our fundraising appeal. Thank you to everyone involved in supporting us so far including Mrs Roden (for knitting the rabbits) and Mrs Tindle (for organising the knitting and regular supply of owls!)

This morning, the school received confirmation that planning permission for the building project has been approved which is great news.

## Personal Development

This week, we have been looking out for children who **do not give up**. Well done to the following children who have carried on, even when their first attempts have been unsuccessful. Perhaps you could talk to your child at home about something that you had to stick at before you were successful.

### STARS OF THE WEEK

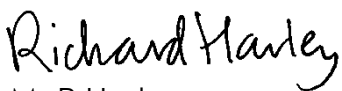
 YR	<b>Logan:</b> for persevering with his handwriting 
Y1	<b>Erin:</b> for persisting, not giving up and finally conquering tricky money problems
Y2	<b>Sophie J:</b> for working hard all week, even when things were tricky!
Y3	<b>Dylan:</b> for showing great determination and resilience
Y4	<b>Holli:</b> for always showing perseverance when things get tough
Y5	<b>Ben:</b> for working hard and not giving up
 Y6	<b>Beau:</b> for not giving up when creating beautiful drawings 

## Extra-Curricular Clubs

Our staff-led clubs will continue to run straight after the Whit break for 4 sessions during the weeks beginning: **6<sup>th</sup> June, 13<sup>th</sup> June, 20<sup>th</sup> June and 27<sup>th</sup> June**). Our **dance** club for pupils in **KS2** will continue on **Mondays** while fencing for Years 1 to 4 will switch to **athletics** on **Tuesdays**. If your child has been part of fencing, he/she will automatically be added to the athletics list (please let us know if he/she would prefer not to take part).

School closes today for half term and re-opens on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> June. I look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Yours sincerely



Mr R Harley