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Dear Parents and Carers

Diary Dates

Dates and events for the year are attached to this newsletter so you can see what is happening each month. Hopefully the information provided will help you plan your own work and home commitments alongside forthcoming school events.

Parent Committee Meeting: 21st September at 7.00 pm

I would like to invite you all to our first Parent Committee meeting of the new school year. The meetings will be running once a half term and are open to all parents from the school. Do come along if you can as it's a great opportunity to have your say about what goes on at Tilston and to get talking to one another (and the school!) It's always good for us to receive your feedback. The meeting will start at **7.00 pm** and will run for no longer than an hour. We will discuss any issues, ideas or suggestions which are brought along on the night. If you can't make it, feel free to email any comments or ideas you have: head@tilston.cheshire.sch.uk

Data Collection and General Consent

If you haven't already done so, please return your Data Collection and General Consent sheets. Since we sent these out last week, we have been notified that we need to ask two additional questions to all parents about their children. I'd be grateful if you could complete and return the slip at the end of this newsletter with details of your child's **nationality** and **country of birth**. Many thanks for your help.

Meet the Teachers

Our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions will take place next week straight after school. If you are available, it would be helpful to stay around for these informative introductions and if you have any questions to ask, there will be an opportunity to speak to the staff. The sessions will run as follows:

Date and Time	Class/Year Groups	Teacher/s
Mon 19 th Sept @ 3.30 pm	Robins Y1/2	Mrs Bryan/Mrs Davidson
Tue 20 th Sept @ 3.30 pm	Kestrels Y5/6	Mrs Corlett
Thu 22 nd Sept @ 3.30 pm	Wrens Nursery/Rec	Mrs Edwards
Fri 23 rd Sept @ 3.30 pm	House Martins Y3/4	Mrs Callister/Mrs Davidson

Ladies' Pamper Evening at the Cock O' Barton: 26th September 6.00 – 9.00 pm

The TSA will be hosting a Ladies' Pamper Evening on Monday, 26th September.

Treatments are being offered by the Secret Spa between 6.00 and 9.00 pm; they will include manicures, pedicures, facials and massages. There will also be a number of luxury stalls offering clothes, jewellery, gifts and chocolate. Everyone is welcome so please encourage your mums, aunties, neighbours and friends to join us! Tickets are £10.00, which includes a reception drink and will be available to purchase from the TSA after school on Tuesday 20th and Friday 23rd September.



Building Work

If you want to follow the progress of our building work, we have now set up a gallery on the [school website](#) (scroll down to the bottom of our homepage). We will update the gallery with new images each week so you can see what is going on at the back of school.

Macmillan Coffee Morning: 30th September



We will be running a **MACMILLAN** Coffee Morning on **FRIDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER** and, as usual, the Children's Committee will be organising the event. The morning will be set up for around **9.30 am** and if you are able to stay around for a cake and drink, it would be great to see you. Your child can come into school wearing their own clothes for **£1** (this could include something **GREEN!**) We would also welcome donations of cakes and biscuits on the day. Thank you for your support.

Personal Development

Within our curriculum, we are keen to promote the children's personal development and we are continuing to use eight 'essential' characteristics which we will focus on throughout the year.

Our eight learning objectives for personal development are as follows:

- 1) To try new things
- 2) To work hard
- 3) To concentrate
- 4) To push oneself
- 5) To imagine
- 6) To improve
- 7) To understand others
- 8) To not give up

**WORK
HARD**

Each week, we will help the children practise and balance the use of one of these traits and we will award our 'Stars of the Week' to those we feel have excelled in each area. This week's focus has been **working hard** and we have been thinking about the benefits of putting in lots of effort. We have reflected on the expression '*hard work pays off*' and the following children have been recognised for taking this on board:

STARS OF THE WEEK

YR	Hugo: for working hard in Letters and Sounds
Y1	Laura: for pushing herself to read some tricky words
Y2	Iris: for working hard to solve a tricky maths challenge
Y3	Lucy: for working really hard in all areas
Y4	Charlie: for contributing brilliantly in all subjects
Y5	Cameron: for persevering with some challenging maths problems
Y6	Laura: for working hard to improve her maths skills

School-Run Zumba!

You may remember Mandy Clare's excellent Zumba sessions during last term's Sportathon fundraising event. Mandy is now setting up a new class to cater for anyone on the school run on Wednesday mornings. The first session will run on **Wednesday, 21st September** at **9.00 am** at **Tilston War Memorial Hall**. This new, friendly class is suitable for men and women of any age. If you would like further information, please contact Mandy on 07511 229453 or mandy_dancekatalyst@yahoo.co.uk

School Lunch

You can still pay for school lunches using our online payment system. Please let Mrs Farmer know if you need a password reminder. Here is next week's menu:

Lunch Menu for week beginning 19th September 2016	
Monday	Pasta with tomato & herb sauce or jacket potato with cheese and beans or tuna mayo
Tuesday	Steak pie with veg or jacket potato with cheese and beans or tuna mayo
Wednesday	Roast dinner
Thursday	Chicken curry with rice & naan bread or jacket potato with cheese and beans or tuna mayo
Friday	Fish and chips or pizza

I hope you all have a great weekend!

Yours sincerely

Mr R Harley

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Name/s of child/ren Year group/s:

Country of birth

Nationality

Signed Parent/Guardian