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## Tilston Parochial CE Primary School

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23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016

Dear Parents and Carers

### Parent Committee

I would like to thank the parents who attended our first committee meeting of the year. We talked through the new homework programme for the school and discussed a number of topics including the building project, lunch times and after school clubs. Those who came along were keen for us to arrange an opportunity for families to share old wellies and trainers to save parents needing to buy these brand new. We have arranged a **Welly and Trainer Swap Shop** which will take place after school on **Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> September**. If you have any old wellies or trainers, please bring them along and swap them for another pair (or buy a pair for £1). Zoe Davies will also be running our second hand uniform shop alongside the wellies, so there may be an opportunity to pick up a few items of clothing.

The next committee meeting will take place on **Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> November** at **6.30 pm**. It would be great if we could have at least 2 parents representing each of our four classes. If you are willing to commit to one meeting per half term, please complete the slip at the end of this letter. Remember, this is **your** child's school and this a great opportunity to have your say in what goes on at Tilston. Thanks in advance for your support.

### Macmillan Coffee Morning: 30<sup>th</sup> September



Our **MACMILLAN** Coffee Morning will run next week on **FRIDAY, 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**. 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 help.



### Building Work

The building work is continuing and this week saw the arrival of the bricks for the new hall. Don't forget, you can follow the progress of the project by looking at the gallery on the [school website](http://www.tilston.cheshire.sch.uk).

## Homework

During this week's 'Meet the Teacher' sessions, the teaching staff have talked through our new homework programme which will run on a two week cycle. We have adapted the homework we are setting in response to your feedback from last year and I hope the new programme works well. Do let us have your feedback (you could always bring it along to the next committee meeting!)

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Week 1	Reading Mathletics Sound wallets	Reading Spellodrome Mathletics	Reading Spellodrome Mathletics SPAG book	Reading Spellodrome Mathletics	Reading Spellodrome Mathletics SPAG book
Week 2	Reading Spellodrome Sound wallets	Reading Spellodrome Maths workbook	Reading Spellodrome Maths workbook	Reading Spellodrome Maths workbook	Reading Spellodrome Maths workbook
+ optional topic/literacy for the term					

## Personal Development

This week, we have been looking for children who can **imagine**. We are encouraging everyone to use their creative skills and to spend time developing their ideas, while also showing enthusiasm for those put forward by others. We have talked about the challenge of getting things 'wrong'. Perhaps you could talk to your child about a time when you got something wrong initially and how you worked through this. Well done to the following children who have taken these ideas on board:

### ★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

★ YR	<b>William C:</b> for creating imaginative models in the block area	★
Y1	<b>Evie:</b> for retelling the story of Goldilocks with lots of exciting language	
Y2	<b>Ruby:</b> for wonderful, creative contributions to a character description	
Y3	<b>Hermione:</b> for super, imaginative contributions to our class	
Y4	<b>Keziah:</b> for being creative and imaginative in drama and prayer writing	
Y5	<b>Josh:</b> for asking questions to develop ideas in writing	
★ Y6	<b>Louis:</b> for generating ideas in writing	★

## Applications for School Places (September 2017)

The application process is now open for parents who wish to apply for primary and secondary school places for the next academic year. If you are applying for a **Reception** place, the closing date is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2017**. Applications for **Year 7** close on **31<sup>st</sup> October 2016**. All applications can be made online at [www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions) If you know of any families with children ready to start school next year, do point them in our direction and we will be delighted to show them around!

<b>Lunch Menu for week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016</b>	
Monday	Sausage (or Quorn sausage) with mash & veg or jacket potato with cheese and beans
Tuesday	Pasta Bolognese with veg or jacket potato with cheese and tuna
Wednesday	Roast dinner
Thursday	Chunky beef stew with crusty bread or jacket potato with cheese and beans
Friday	Fish and chips or omelette and chips

### After School Clubs

While the hall is out of action, we are not able to offer our usual range of after school clubs. There will still be a few extra-curricular activities on the go this term and if your child is interested in taking part in a club, please complete the request form and return it to school as soon as possible. The clubs will begin next week and will run during the weeks beginning: **26<sup>th</sup> September, 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 10<sup>th</sup> October, 24<sup>th</sup> October, 7<sup>th</sup> November, 14<sup>th</sup> November, 21<sup>st</sup> November and 28<sup>th</sup> November**. Please note that staff clubs will **not** run during the week beginning **17<sup>th</sup> October** as Parents' Evenings are taking place at that time. The clubs on offer are as follows:

Day	Club	Age Group	Time
<b>Monday</b>	Choir	Y3 – Y6	Lunchtime
<b>Tuesday</b>	iPad	Y4 – Y6	3.15 – 4.00 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Infant Board Games	YR – Y2	3.15 – 4.00 pm
	Junior Board games	Y3 – Y6	3.15 – 4.00 pm

We would welcome the support of a few older pupils to help support the younger children at our Infant Board Games club. If your child is in **Year 6** and would like to help, please let us know on your reply slip. Thanks.

I am very grateful to the staff for committing their time to offer this additional extra-curricular provision. We expect the same level of commitment from the children and we will be disappointed if children do not attend a full course of club sessions. If your child does need to miss a session, **you must inform the school in writing beforehand**. Thank you for your cooperation.

Have a great weekend!

Yours sincerely

*Richard Harley*

Mr R Harley

**PARENT COMMITTEE: EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

I am interested in representing my child's class on the school's Parent Committee.

Your name .....

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

Signed .....

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**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

Name of child ..... Year group .....

Please tick (✓) to indicate your child's choice/s:

<b>Club</b>	<b>Age Group</b>	<b>✓</b>
Choir	Y3 – Y6	<input type="checkbox"/>
iPad	Y4 – Y6	<input type="checkbox"/>
Infant Board Games	YR – Y2	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Year 6 Helper</i>	Y6	<input type="checkbox"/>
Junior Board games	Y3 – Y6	<input type="checkbox"/>

I would like my child to attend staff-led clubs and will make arrangements for him/her to be collected from school at the end of the club (if appropriate).

I will ensure my child takes part in all the sessions.

Signed ..... Parent/Guardian