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Dear Parents and Carers

Baby Berry

I'm delighted to share some wonderful news with you. Mr and Mrs Berry are proud to announce the safe arrival of their baby girl, Robyn, who was born on 8th October. All is well in the Berry household and the new addition to the family is settling in at home now. I'm sure that Mrs Berry will do her best to get into school some time soon so we can all meet the new arrival.



Parents' Evenings

Appointment slips for next week's Parents' Evenings should be with you by the end of the day (please let us know straight away if you haven't been given a slot). The evenings will run on **Wednesday** and **Thursday** and space will be a little tighter than usual! This means that we will not be able to provide our normal crèche facility in the hall. Please do feel free to bring your child along with you to the appointment. Class teachers will be based in their usual classrooms and the After School Club will run in the nursery on both these days (please use the side gate and back door if you are picking up). There will be no access to the Reception class via Year 1/2 so please use the Bluebell Nursery entrance if you are visiting Mrs Edwards. Thank you.

Harvest Service

Our Harvest Service last week was thoroughly enjoyable and featured a lovely mix of speaking, performance poetry, singing and reflection. It's always a pleasure to see the children leading a service and remembering those who manage to cope with hardship and difficulties both nearby and further afield. Your gift boxes were fantastic and our Year 5/6 pupils had a great afternoon delivering them to local residents on Monday. As usual, we have been inundated with letters and cards of thanks from our neighbours in the village and it really does make a difference to their day when they receive a gift and a smile from the children! We have donated surplus tins and packets to the Whitchurch Foodbank. Thanks again for your generosity; it is very much appreciated.

Family Ceilidh and Harvest Supper

There was really good support from the school at the Family Ceilidh on Saturday and a great night was had by all. I'd like to thank you for coming along to this event and for helping St Mary's Church raise over £800 for our hall. It was so nice to see our children and their parents enjoying themselves alongside the residents of the village and I'm very grateful to Julie, Reverend Jane and the rest of the team for thinking of the school when they organised this special event.

Fundraising

In other good news, our '[Lakes in a Day](#)' adventurers, Simon Richardson and Barry Williams successfully completed their 50 mile run at the weekend. Together they have added a significant amount of money to our school hall fund which will help us to buy essential items of kit including furniture, staging and lockers. The Tilston School Association is due to make a £1000 donation to the fund from the money raised at the Summer Fair in July and our grand total now stands at a whopping £14 056! We are well on our way to ensuring we can provide the best possible resources for the children of the school.

Lunch Menu for week beginning 17th October 2016	
Monday	Sausage (or Quorn sausage) with mash & veg or jacket potato with cheese and beans
Tuesday	Pasta Bolognese with veg or macaroni cheese with veg and bread
Wednesday	Roast dinner
Thursday	Chunky beef stew or jacket potato with cheese and beans
Friday	Fish and chips or omelette and chips

Parent Committee

We now have representatives from all of our year groups on our Parent Committee and I'd like to thank the following 'volunteers' for committing their time to this focus group: Adele Barry, Claire Allwood, Amanda Mae Barr, Mark Harnden, Kirsty Edgington, Laura Gibson and Jan Vandewalle. The next meeting takes place on **Thursday, 24th November at 6.30 pm**. If there are any matters arising in school or if you have a suggestion to help us improve, please feel free to come along to the meeting, speak to a member of staff beforehand or have a word with the parent representing your child's class.

Personal Development

This week, we have been looking out for children who **do not give up**. Successful people have bad luck, setbacks and failures but they find a way around these problems. Perhaps you could talk to your child about a time when you faced a setback and how you bounced back from this. Well done to the following children for demonstrating resilience and determination across a number of areas:

★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

YR	John: for never giving up when work gets tough
Y1	Grace: for always trying to use exciting vocabulary to make her writing interesting
Y2	Erin: for always striving for perfection within her writing
Y3	Jessica: for not giving up on tasks even when they are tricky
Y4	Georgie: for trying hard to achieve her goals in maths
Y5	Alexa: for showing determination with maths
Y6	Grace: for seeing possibilities and opportunities to develop her learning across the curriculum

Sad News

I'm afraid that this week's newsletter ends with some very sad news. You may be aware that Mrs Wendy Dutton, our lovely school cook, has been absent this term. She has been caring for her husband, Jim, who has been very ill for a number of months. Unfortunately, Jim passed away this week. Wendy and her family are in our thoughts and prayers at this very sad time.

Yours sincerely

Richard Harley

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Tea is always a good idea

Your TSA mums will be opening the Tilston Park Pavillion again next

Thursday 20th October, 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Please come along with the children and enjoy a free cuppa whilst the little people have a play in the park.

Weather Permitting! a little light rainfall - we will be there , raincoats on! but in the case of a typically British downpour we may have to postpone..!