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Dear Parents and Carers

We have reached the end of a long and busy half term and I'm sure the children will be glad of a rest next week. There has certainly been a lot to celebrate in the school over the last eight weeks...

School Hall and New Y1/2 Classroom

The foundations for the school hall and new Year 1/2 classroom are now clear to see and we are expecting work to begin above ground level in the coming weeks. Don't forget you can follow the progress of the building work by looking at the gallery on the school website. I wonder if you can 'spot the difference' in these photographs...



Fundraising: Thank You

We began our fundraising efforts in December to enable us to kit out the hall with the equipment we would like for the children. The support from the school has been incredible and you, your children and your families have already contributed a great deal of time, energy and money. Support has been equally impressive from the wider community and the school is so grateful to residents of the village, former parents and members of St Mary's Church for running events and attending school functions. The latest fundraising event, which was organised by Simon Richardson and Barry Williams, raised **£846** and both dads would like to thank those of you who sponsored them in their 'Lakes in a Day' Ultra Run. Our grand total now stands at **£18 840** which is a remarkable effort in just 10 months!

At this point, I would like to acknowledge and thank all the other people and groups who have contributed to this total: **Tilston Wakes Committee**, the **School House Trustees**, **Mrs Hassall** (tractor raffle), **Tilston School Association** (Christmas and Summer Fairs), **Mrs Tindle** and team (knitted owls), **Mrs Roden** (knitted rabbits), **Mrs Buckeridge** and friends

(70s and 80s Boogie Night), **Matilda Kehoe** (friendship bracelets), **Tilston School Staff** (Chilli & Quiz Night and Sportathon), **Caroline Arnold** and friends (coffee morning), **Mrs Blake** and **Mrs Tindle** (Deva Divas Triathlon), **Parent Committee** (welly swap), **Year 5/6 pupils** (Fiver Challenge), **St Mary's Church** (Family Ceilidh), **Amanda Barr** and friends (Apple Pressing) and various individual donations from parents and residents. Thanks again to everyone involved for continuing to support the school.

Fundraising: How Will the Money be Used?

You will probably be keen to know how the money will be spent and how much more the school is hoping to raise before the work is complete. Prior to the plans being drawn up, staff and governors met to identify what they hoped to achieve for the school if the building project were to go ahead. Once we had been given the green light, we set about speaking to the children and together a 'wish list' was created.

The money we have raised so far will already cover the following items on this list: **dining tables, dining benches, visitors' chairs and trolleys, PE mats and trolley, gymnastic benches, wall bars/frame** and an **interactive TV**. Other items left for us to fundraise include the following: **staging** (£6000), a whole school **commemorative piece of art work** (£1000) and **lockers/storage units** for the Y1/2, Y3/4 and Y5/6 cloakrooms (£2500). This means that ideally our continued fundraising would come as close as possible to £10 000. I'm sure that this is achievable and that with the continued support of the school and wider communities, we will get there by the end of the academic year.

DRAMA CLUB: FREE TASTER SESSION

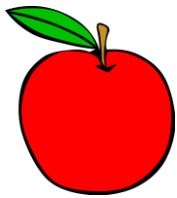
A new after-school drama club for **Years 4 to 6** will be starting in the New Year. Workshops will take place in the War Memorial Hall every Wednesday afternoon from 11th January. You can pick up the term dates, get information, and sign up for the project at a **FREE** taster session on Wednesday, 23rd November. From January, workshops will cost £5 to attend (though this taster session is **FREE**). The project leader is Ellen Edwin-Scott (Martha and Evelyn's Mum) who was the Young Company Director at London's Unicorn Theatre, the UK's leading theatre for children and young people, from 2010 to 2015. To book your place, talk to Ellen at the school gate, call (01829) 250 117 or email ellenedwinscott@yahoo.co.uk

Sports News with Mrs Huxtable



It has been a very busy half term for sport! We started the year in early September with the Year 5/6 rugby competition which was closely followed by the Year 3/4 tag rugby festival. Both teams did well and showed the Tilston team spirit of not giving up. We played each game with enthusiasm and some great tries were scored! We then had the cross-country competition at the start of October and an amazing 42 children took part from Years 1 to 6! Tilston came an impressive third overall, beating some of the much bigger schools. A special mention must go to Toby Clark who came 2nd in his age group and Finlay Williams who came 3rd in his. We reached the semi-finals

of the Y5/6 hockey last week and finished off this half term with a small schools hockey tournament at Deeside Ramblers yesterday. A team of fantastic Year 6s got through to the semi-final, but were narrowly beaten in extra time. One game saw us beat the opposition 6-0!



Autumn FUN-raising

Many thanks to Amanda Barr for providing a lovely opportunity for the children to visit the [Tilston Community Orchard](#) to press apples yesterday. Thank you for your kind donations of apples, bottles and coins, and also to Moya Watson and Ellen & Jude Edwin-Scott who provided hands-on support.

Personal Development

To get really good at something, we all know there are no shortcuts and accomplishment is all about practice and hard work. This week, we have been reminding the children of the benefits of **working hard** and looking out for those who enjoy the results of putting in the effort in order to succeed:

★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

YR	Harry: for working hard in all areas of his work
Y1	Glyn: for working hard in his maths group
Y2	Charlotte: for working hard in all areas of her work
Y3	Matilda: for working hard to help others
Y4	Bridget: for working really hard on her maths presentation
Y5	Jasmine: for having fun whilst working hard and encouraging others
Y6	Ben: for working hard and understanding the benefits of effort and commitment



Reminder for Wellies and Coats

Please remember to send in a pair of wellies for your child if he/she wants to use the school field and woodland area during break times. If your child hasn't been bringing in an outdoor coat for school, please do encourage this next half term. Thanks.

Lunch Menu for week beginning 7th November 2016

Monday	Tomato pasta or jacket potato with cheese and beans.
Tuesday	Steak pie with potatoes and gravy or jacket potato with cheese/tuna
Wednesday	Roast dinner
Thursday	Quorn stir fry with noodles or jacket potato with cheese and beans
Friday	Fish and chips or omelette and chips

School closes today for the half term break and re-opens on **Monday, 7th November**. I hope the children have an enjoyable and safe break from school and I look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Yours sincerely

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