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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term. This is always a very busy period of the school year and we have lots to look forward to between now and Christmas. **Grace** and **Ben** from our Children's Committee will begin this newsletter with some information about Children in Need:

Children in Need: 18th November



On 18th November, our school will be supporting **Children in Need**. For the day, your children can come in something spotty or yellow or as something beginning with an S (for example, sporty clothes, silver or stripy). With the choice of clothing, we would appreciate it if you bring in a donation to go to Children in Need (maybe a pound). On the day, we are planning to set up a bake sale so we would like it if you brought in homemade or bought cakes for the day. Would it be OK for your child to bring in 50p to buy a cake? We would like to ask if any adults are free for an hour at the start of the day to help with spotty face painting! If you can help, please let the school know. We hope your children are excited for the day! [From the Children's Committee](#) 😊

KS2 Poetry Evening: 30th November at 6.00 pm

After the success of last year's Poetry Evening, we will be running another one later this month. The evening will provide an opportunity for the children in **Key Stage 2** to showcase their public speaking and performance skills. I'm sure you will be keen to support your child and I look forward to seeing you on the night. We would be grateful if the children could arrive at **5.45 pm** at **Tilston War Memorial Hall**.

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 ellenedwincott@yahoo.co.uk

Y1 to Y6 Visit to the New Vic Theatre: 13th December

We have arranged our usual visit to the New Vic Theatre at Newcastle-under-Lyme for children from Years 1 to 6. This year's performance will be '[The Snow Queen](#)' and the visit will take place on **Tuesday, 13th December**. We always enjoy the performances at the New Vic and I'm sure that this year's will be another brilliant experience for the children. We will have an early lunch on the day of the visit and we are aiming to arrive back at school around **6.00 pm**. The school is requesting a voluntary contribution of **£10** to enable the visit to go ahead. The Tilston School Association has kindly offered to fund the cost of the transport which is very much appreciated by the school. Please complete and return the permission slip at the end of this week's newsletter as soon as possible. Payments can be made in cash, by cheque or via our online payment system [School Money](#). Thank you.

Personal Development

This week's focus has been **concentrating** and we have considered ways in which we can 'tune in' to what is important and block out distractions. Perhaps you could talk at home about the methods you use to help you stay focused. The following children have impressed us this week:

★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

★ YR	William B: for concentrating hard in <i>Letters and Sounds</i>	★
Y1	Fraser: for concentrating well in literacy	
Y2	Sam: for improved concentration in all areas of his work	
Y3	Isabella: for improved concentration this week	
Y4	Molly W: for concentrating well in all lessons	
Y5	Cara: for concentrating fully at all times	
★ Y6	Elliot: for improving his concentration	★

Parent Committee Meeting: 24th November

We now have parent representatives for all of the year groups in school and I look forward to meeting with them for our next **Parent Committee** meeting on **Thursday, 24th November** at **6.30 pm**. All other parents are welcome to attend and it is a useful opportunity to find out more about how the school operates and to provide us with vital feedback. 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. The reps are as follows: Adele Barry (YR/3/4), Claire Allwood (Y1/3), Amanda Mae Barr (Y2), Mark Harnden (Y3/4), Kirsty Edgington (Y1/2), Laura Gibson (Y5), Emma Brown (Y5) and Jan Vandewalle (Y3/6).



Request for Jam Jars

One of our families is making gifts for this year's Christmas Fair using jam jars and sweets. We would appreciate any spare jam jars being sent into school in the next week or two to help the family. Thank you.

Lunch Menu for week beginning 14th November 2016	
Monday	Sausage, mash, gravy and vegetables or jacket potato with cheese and beans
Tuesday	Beef pasta Bolognese and vegetables or jacket potato with cheese and tuna
Wednesday	Roast dinner
Thursday	Chunky beef stew with vegetables and bread or jacket potato with cheese and beans
Friday	Fish and chips or omelette and chips

I hope you all have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely

Richard Harley

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NEW VIC THEATRE VISIT: 13th DECEMBER 2016 (Y1-Y6 ONLY)

Name of child Class

- I give permission for my child to go to the New Vic Theatre
- I enclose a donation of £10 (cheques payable to Cheshire West and Chester please)
- I have paid online via [School Money](#)

Signed