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## Tilston Parochial CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers



### Happy New Year!

In this first newsletter of 2017, I'd like to start by wishing you all a Happy New Year. I hope you managed to have a rest over the festive period and that you got to spend some quality time with your families and friends. On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank you for the many cards, gifts and good wishes that were sent into school before the Christmas break. We very much appreciate your generosity and kindness.

### Winter Weather

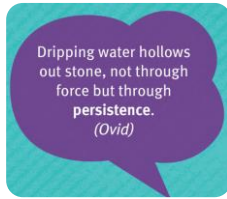
A number of weather warnings have been in place this week and it is useful to outline the school's procedure for dealing with the winter conditions. In the event of a significant amount of snow arriving, we will always try to keep the school open if it is safe to do so. Should this not be possible, we will contact you as soon as we can via our text messaging service. We will also post an update on the homepage of the [school website](#) and through [Dee FM 106.3](#).

We would appreciate your help in equipping your child for outdoor break and lunchtimes through the winter period. Some children are coming into school without a warm coat (particularly in KS2) and this can result in a reluctance to brave the outdoors! We would like all the children in the school to benefit from a good run around and some fresh air during their time outside the classroom. If your child has a pair of wellies, do encourage him/her to bring them in so that he/she also has the option of playing in the woodland area and on the school field. Scarves, gloves and hats are useful to have in school, too (please make sure these are clearly labelled with your child's name).

### Parent Committee Meeting: 18<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30 pm

The first meeting in 2017 for our Parent Committee will take place at **6.30 pm** on **Wednesday** next week. I look forward to seeing you all there and hope you have lots of things to discuss! Please remember that **all** parents and carers are very welcome to come along to share their ideas and suggestions.

## Collective Worship



This term's theme for Collective Worship is **PERSEVERANCE**. Together, we will be exploring different aspects of this theme each week.

Perhaps you could talk to your child about how to achieve a challenge in small stages, a little at a time. Maybe you could share some of the strategies you have used when things have gone wrong or your first attempts have been unsuccessful. *Which line in the acrostic poem do you and your child think best describes perseverance?*

## Perseverance is....

**P**ressing on  
**E**ager to continue  
**R**unning the race  
**S**ticking with things  
**E**ncouraging each other to keep going  
**V**aluing the support of others  
**E**yes fixed on the target  
**R**eaching a goal over time  
**A**iming to complete the task  
**N**ot giving up  
**C**ommitment to keep going  
**E**nding up where you want to be

## After School Clubs

While the hall continues to be out of action, we are not able to offer our full range of after school clubs. However, there will still be some extra-curricular activities on the go this term and if your child is interested in taking part, please complete the request form and return it to school as soon as possible. The clubs will run during the weeks beginning: **23<sup>rd</sup>**

**January, 30<sup>th</sup> January, 6<sup>th</sup> February, 13<sup>th</sup> February, 27<sup>th</sup> February, 6<sup>th</sup> March 20<sup>th</sup> March and 27<sup>th</sup> March.**

Day	Club	Age Group	Time
<b>Monday</b>	EYFS/KS1 Song and Dance	YR, Y1 & Y2	3.15 – <b>4.15</b> pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	KS2 Performing Arts*	Y3 – Y6	3.15 – <b>4.30</b> pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Year 6 Revision Workshop	Y6 only	3.15 – <b>4.30</b> pm
	Football	Y4 & Y5	3.15 – <b>4.15</b> pm

Mr Jay Tindle has kindly offered to run football club for pupils in Years 4 and 5 on Thursdays and I'd like to express my thanks to him for doing this for the school. Football will start running on **9<sup>th</sup> February**. I am also very grateful to the staff for committing their time to offer this additional extra-curricular provision.

\* Please note that information about KS2 Performing Arts was given out before Christmas and this club will start **next week**. Information about Trekkers has also been sent out already and this club will start on **Wednesday** next week.

The school expects children to commit to their chosen club/s for the duration of the term. If your child does need to miss a session, **please inform us in writing beforehand**. Thank you for your cooperation.

## KS2 Christingle

Donations made at last term's KS2 Christingle Service raised **£103.37** which has been sent off to The Children's Society. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this charity.

<b>Lunch Menu for week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017</b>	
Monday	Cheese & tomato pizza, wedges and beans or peas or jacket potato with tuna and cheese
Tuesday	Spaghetti Bolognese with crusty garlic bread or jacket potato with cheese
Wednesday	Roast dinner
Thursday	Sweet and sour chicken with rice or jacket potato with cheese
Friday	Fish and chips or sausage and chips

### Personal Development

This week, we have been looking out for children who **work hard**. Well done to the following pupils for showing they understand the benefits of effort and commitment.

## **Stars of the Week**

<b>YR</b>	<b>Evelyn:</b> for perseverance with her letter formation
<b>Y1</b>	<b>Max:</b> for working hard to find words that rhyme
<b>Y2</b>	<b>Hattie Hassall:</b> for working hard in her writing and making it stand out for the reader
<b>Y3</b>	<b>James:</b> for working hard in literacy all week
<b>Y4</b>	<b>Molly P:</b> for showing perseverance and determination when swimming
<b>Y5</b>	<b>Theo:</b> for working hard with the help of others
<b>Y6</b>	<b>Denis:</b> for enjoying working hard in a range of activities

I hope you all have a brilliant weekend.

Yours sincerely

*Richard Harley*

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### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

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

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

Club	Age Group	✓
Song and Dance	YR, Y1 & Y2	<input type="checkbox"/>
KS2 Performing Arts	Y3 – Y6	<input type="checkbox"/>
Year 6 Revision	Y6	<input type="checkbox"/>
Football	Y4 & Y5	<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.

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

Signed ..... Parent/Carer