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## Tilston Parochial CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

### Start of the School Day

I appreciate that we are approaching the end of term and some children are finding it a bit trickier to get up in the mornings, however I would like to remind you that the school opens at **8.40 am**. We allow a staggered start to the day and staff provide an early morning task for the children to complete up until registration at **8.55 am**. We find it really helps the children to settle if they arrive in time to complete this activity and then they are ready and alert to start their day. Some families are regularly dashing through the school gates as the register is about to be taken and this does not give the children enough time to get themselves settled and prepared for the day ahead. It is particularly noticeable in the EYFS and Year 1/2 classes at the current time. Please do support us by making sure your child is in school **on time** so that the staff can provide the best possible start to his/her day. Thank you.

### End of the School Day

Can I also remind you that the school day ends at **3.15 pm**? We regularly have children waiting around in the entrance hall until 3.30 pm (or even later). The staff have lots of work to complete once the children have been picked up so please do arrive on time. Thank you for your cooperation in these matters; I'm sure we will see improvements after the Easter break.

### Building Work Update

The school kitchen has now been handed back to the school; this means that we can say goodbye to 'Mrs D's Deli Bar' and hello to the return of hot dinners. I'd like to thank Mrs Dutton for coping so well without a kitchen and for the effort involved in dashing between Tilston and Farndon preparing sandwiches, wraps, biscuits and cakes. Thanks to you all for your patience during these final stages of the building project.

I am confident that everything will be running smoothly when the school re-opens after the Easter break and I will be out on the playground to show your child which entrance he/she will need to use to get into the building. Here is the lunch menu for the first week back:

## **Lunch** Menu for week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Monday	EASTER MONDAY
Tuesday	Sausage and mash or pasta in tomato sauce
Wednesday	Roast dinner
Thursday	Beef stew or jacket potato with cheese and beans
Friday	Fish and chips or jacket potato with tuna

### **Family Spring Bingo: Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> April**



The Tilston School Association's Spring Bingo will run on the first **Friday** of the summer term. Please note that this event will now take place **in school** not at the village hall. The evening will run from **6.00 until 8.00 pm** and it would be great to see lots of you joining us for our first event in the new hall (and even better for our fundraising!) The TSA will also need volunteers on the night; please speak to Louise O'Neill, Mary Richardson or Sarah Berisa if you think you can help.

### **Easter Service**

Thank you for joining us for our Easter Service yesterday. I hope you enjoyed sharing the Easter story with us. I thought the children sang, performed and read brilliantly and, as ever, it was fantastic to see so many parents, grandparents and friends of the school in St Mary's Church.



### **Red Nose Day**

The school raised **£167.93** on **Red Nose Day** which is very impressive. Thank you for supporting the Children's Committee. The Nick Grimshaw sweepstake winner was Lisa Williams who correctly guessed that the Radio 1 DJ's favourite song was 'I'm a Sneezy Lover'! Lisa won the £10 cash prize but insisted it was donated to the school's hall fundraising account. Thank you!



### **New Arts Festival Launches in May**

The Sandstone Ridge Festival is a new arts and community festival celebrating Cheshire's artists and performers with music, theatre, art exhibitions, author talks and poetry. It launches for the first time this year from 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> May. Further information can be found online at [www.sandstoneridgefestival.co.uk](http://www.sandstoneridgefestival.co.uk) or on the attached poster.

### **Personal Development**

This week, our focus for personal development is **push yourself**. There are lots of ways that our pupils can push themselves including getting on with things they don't feel like doing, having a go at something when they think they might fail and trying an activity that others may not have done first. Well done to the following children for giving things a go and finding ways to push past fears and doubts:

## Stars of the Week

<b>YR</b>	<b>Harry:</b> for taking on the challenge of creating his own spaceship independently
<b>Y1</b>	<b>Corey:</b> for pushing himself to write a lovely diary
<b>Y2</b>	<b>Erin:</b> for pushing herself to overcome challenges
<b>Y3</b>	<b>Holly:</b> for pushing herself in maths
<b>Y4</b>	<b>Charlie:</b> for pushing himself to complete his work
<b>Y5</b>	<b>Mya:</b> for keeping trying after a first attempt
<b>Y6</b>	<b>Charlie:</b> for reflecting on how pushing past doubts leads to a more positive outlook



### **Top Class: Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April at 5.00 pm**

There appears to be no stopping the Tilston Team on the CBBC quiz show, 'Top Class'. The children have now reached the semi-final stage and their next show will be aired on **Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April at 5.00 pm**. It was lovely to have so many of you joining us in school to watch this week's show along with Alice, Daisy, Jacob, Sophie and Tiggy.

Wishing you all peace, love and happiness this Easter. I look forward to seeing you all when school re-opens on **Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> April**.

Yours sincerely

*Richard Harley*

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