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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome Back!

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break and that you were able to spend some quality family time together. The school term got off to a fantastic start this week with the handover of our new school hall. The children had their first collective worship and lunchtime in there on Wednesday and it was very exciting for us all. If you haven't seen them already, we have captured the children's first moments in the new hall on two videos. They can be viewed on the school website by scrolling down to the bottom of the homepage and clicking on The New Hall [blog](#) and [gallery](#).

Family Spring Bingo: Friday, 21st April



The Tilston School Association's Spring Bingo will run **TONIGHT** in school from **6.00 until 8.00 pm**. This is a family event, the first in the new school hall, so please do come along and support it. Your support will help with our continued fundraising efforts as we look to purchase new furniture and staging for the hall. Thank you.

Mrs Callister

Our Year 3/4 children have been taught all week by Mrs Davidson as Mrs Callister is unable to be with us for at least a couple of weeks. She has written to parents of the Year 3/4 children to explain that her son is unwell and that she needs to be with him in the short term. This has been a very difficult decision for her to make and, while I hope she won't be away from Tilston for too long, the school is supporting her in taking the time out she needs to care for her son.

While Mrs Callister is away from school, Mrs Davidson has kindly agreed to step in to cover the extra days. This means that Mrs Davidson will not be teaching her usual Friday with our Year 1/2 children. From next week, Mrs Jill Lowman will teach the Year 1/2 class on **Fridays**. Mrs Lowman knows our school very well and has worked here on many occasions; I'm sure the children will love working with her. At this stage, I am unable to confirm how long Mrs Callister will be absent from school but I will do my utmost to keep you informed of any developments and to minimise any impact on the children's learning. Thank you in advance for your understanding.



Top Class Semi-Final: Wednesday 26th April at 5.00 pm

Don't forget to keep following the school's progress on the CBBC quiz show, Top Class. Our semi-final battle against local school, Delamere Academy, will be aired on **Wednesday** next week. We would love to see you for the show so if you do want to come along and watch it with friends and family in school, you are very welcome to do so. There was a great atmosphere for the last show and Jacob, Alice, Sophie, Daisy and Tiggy all came along to share it with us. Good luck to the Tilston Team; I have a feeling that this might be a close one...

Parent Committee Meeting: Wednesday, 26th April at 6.30 pm

Our next Parent Committee meeting will take place on Wednesday next week. We had a great turnout last time and I hope to see lots of you for the next meeting. We will have lots to follow up from the last meeting including plans for the official opening of the new school hall. As usual, **everyone** is very welcome to attend.

After School Clubs

Our staff-led clubs for the summer term will begin running during the week beginning 1st May. The clubs on offer this term are as follows:

Day	Club	Age Group	Time
Monday	KS2 Performing Arts	Y3 – Y6	3.15 – 4.30 pm
Tuesday	Rounders	Y3 – Y6	3.15 – 4.15 pm
	Dance	YR, Y1 & Y2	3.15 – 4.15 pm
Thursday	Year 6 Revision Workshop	Y6 only	3.15 – 4.30 pm
	Football	Y3, Y4 & Y5	3.15 – 4.15 pm

Clubs will run for 8 sessions during the weeks beginning **1st May, 8th May, 15th May, 22nd May, 5th June, 12th June, 19th June** and **26th June**.

Please note the following pieces of information about the clubs:

- **Football Club** will be run by Mr Jay Tindle who has kindly agreed to give up his time for the school. I'd like to thank him for volunteering to run this club for us once again.
- Information about **KS2 Performing Arts** has already been sent out by Mrs Davidson and this club will start running from **next week** on **Mondays**.
- **Year 6 Revision Workshop** has already started running on **Thursdays** and will run up to and including **4th May**.
- 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 so that we can make a note on our club registers. Thank you for your cooperation.

Personal Development

This week, our focus for personal development is **imagine**. Well done to the following children for developing their own ideas, showing enthusiasm for the suggestions of others and acting on what they imagine:

Stars of the Week

YR	William C: for using his imagination in his poetry writing
Y1	Evie: for using her imagination to retell a story
Y2	Hattie Hunter: for using her imagination to tell a story
Y3	Tilly: for using wonderful imagination in her adventure story
Y4	Angus: for writing such an imaginative story
Y5	Oliver C: for generating lots of ideas during our WW2 day
Y6	Alex: for enjoying having new ideas due to his focused work



500 Words Competition

The school regularly takes part in BBC Radio 2's short story competition, '500 Words'. We have just received notification from the organisers that two of our Year 5 pupils, Joseph Haigh and Freya Denny, have reached round 2 of the competition. The competition received 131,798 entries and only 5,000 go to the Reading Agency for the second round of judging, so Joseph and Freya have done extremely well. Congratulations to them both!

Lunch Menu for week beginning 24th April 2017	
Monday	Cheese & tomato pizza with potatoes and veg or jacket with cheese & beans
Tuesday	Pasta Bolognese or jacket with tuna
Wednesday	Roast dinner
Thursday	Chicken korma and naan bread or jacket and cheese
Friday	Fish and chips or hot cheese & ham baguette

Have a great weekend!

Yours sincerely

Richard Harley

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AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS: REPLY SLIP

Name of child Year group

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

Club	Age Group	✓
KS2 Performing Arts	Y3 – Y6	
Dance	YR, Y1 & Y2	
Rounders	Y3 – Y6	
Football	Y3, Y4 & Y5	

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