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Dear Parents and Carers



HALL OPENING on SATURDAY, 22nd JULY

Following discussions between parents, the school and the Tilston Playing Field Association, I am delighted to inform you that the date for the official opening of our new school hall has been set for **Saturday, 22nd July**. The opening will be a joint event which will run alongside the TPFA's 'School's Out Party'. This is a very exciting opportunity for the school and the TPFA to work together in the village and I hope you will all find time in your busy schedules to come along. We will be running a celebration event and some stalls in the school from around **4.00 pm** and there will be a bar, BBQ and disco on the Playing Field afterwards. We will need lots of you to help us on the day to make sure we put on something really special. If you have any contacts who can help with entertainment, food or refreshments, please let us know. Further news will follow in the months leading up to the big day but please do make a note of the date now. Thank you!



Parent Committee and Yard Sale: Friday, 19th May

Our Parent Committee met again this week and discussed lots of aspects of school life including homework, after school clubs, fundraising, school visits and the school website. Points raised by the committee are followed up in our staff meetings and we do our best to take on board the ideas suggested while also addressing any concerns. The parents are very keen for us to run a 'Yard Sale' fundraiser where families can bring along unwanted items of clothing, shoes, books, toys and games and sell these out on the playground (or 'yard'!) This will run after school on **Friday, 19th May** so you have a couple of weeks to have a clear out and get your gear ready for the sale. Maybe it's time for a spring clean over the Bank Holiday weekend!

Family Spring Bingo

Thanks to the families who support the Family Bingo on Friday last week. It was great to see the hall being used for an event for the first time and the evening was lots of fun. The TSA raised £225 which will really help us with our current fundraising drive. The school is hoping that fundraising over the next few terms will help to buy staging and new furniture for the hall. I'd like to thank the team who worked so hard to make this event a success and, of course, Mrs Weaver for being such a wonderful bingo caller!

Mrs Callister

I've written to parents of children in the Year 3/4 class this week to explain that Mrs Callister will not be returning to school this half term. She has requested leave of absence to care for her son and this will run until the Whit break. Mrs Davidson has kindly stepped in and will cover most of Mrs Callister's teaching days. We have asked Mrs Jill Lowman to teach in the Year 1/2 class on Fridays this half term and she has started with us today. We look forward to seeing Mrs Callister back in school as soon as possible and hope that her son is well again soon. Thank you once again for your understanding.

Lunch Menu for week beginning 1st May 2017

Monday	May Day Bank Holiday
Tuesday	Pasta with tomato sauce, veg & crusty bread or jacket with cheese & beans
Wednesday	Roast dinner
Thursday	Chicken curry with rice and naan or jacket with tuna mayo and salad
Friday	Fish, chips and mushy peas or jacket cheese & beans



Top Class Final: Wednesday 3rd May at 5.30 pm

Even though I knew the outcome of this week's semi-final show against Delamere Academy, I was still on the edge of my seat watching **Daisy, Alice, Jacob** and **Sophie** in action. The Tilston team has now reached the **FINAL** of the show and will face their last battle as they attempt to be crowned 'the smartest class in Britain'. Will they do it? Will I manage to score any points in the Test the Teacher round? All will be revealed on **Wednesday** at **5.30 pm**. It would be great to see you again if you want to watch the show in school with us. I'm sure the team will be joining us one more time so do come along if you can. In the meantime, I'm sure you'll have great fun looking at the [Top 10 Top Class Teacher Moments](#) on the BBC website.

Personal Development

This week, our focus for personal development is **improve**. Well done to the following children who have taken their own small steps to greatness:

Stars of the Week

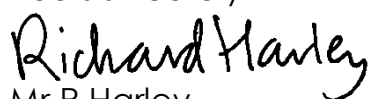
YR	Hugo: for improvement in his tricky word spelling
Y1	Logan: for his improved phonic work
Y2	Sam: for improved concentration with his maths
Y3	Erin: for improved skills and concentration when sketching
Y4	Reuben: for improved concentration when sketching
Y5	Freya: for clearly identifying her own strengths and how to improve
Y6	Louis: for identifying his strengths with revision and targeting areas to improve

Staff-led Clubs, Drama Club and Trekkers

Drama club, which is run by Ellen Edwin-Scott, starts again on Wednesday next week and will be in the new school hall. There are two places available and if your child is interested in taking part, please speak to Ellen on the playground or email her at ellenedwinscott@yahoo.co.uk Staff-led clubs start next week and if you have completed and returned the request slip, please assume your child has a place unless you hear from the school. Trekkers has now finished for the year and will start up again in the autumn term if we can find some parent volunteers to help. If you think you could offer an hour of support after school on a Wednesday, please let the school know. Thank you.

Have a brilliant Bank Holiday weekend! See you all again on Tuesday.

Yours sincerely



Mr R Harley

Diary Dates for the Summer Term	
MAY 2017	
8/5/2017	Y6 pupils complete end of KS2 tests (all week)
15/5/2017	Y2 pupils complete end of KS1 tests (all week)
19/5/2017	Yard Sale after school
24/5/2017	Stay & Play at Bluebell Nursery 10 – 11.30am
25/5/2017	Break up for Whit half term
26/5/2017	INSET day 5
JUNE 2017	
08/6/2017	Tempest photography to take Rec & Y6 vista photos
12/6/2017	Y1 Phonics Screening Check Week
15/6/2017	Y5/6 visit to Stockton Hall Farm Parent Committee Meeting 6.30 pm
22/6/2017	Y6 Languages Day at BHHS
23/6/2017	Helpers' Tea 2.00 pm
28/6/2017	Stay & Play at Bluebell Nursery 10 – 11.30am
JULY 2017	
3/7/2017	YR/Y1 Transition Meeting 3.00 pm
5/7/2017	Y6 at Chester Cathedral Leavers' Service
7/7/2017	Sports Day and Summer Fair 1.30 pm
10/7/2017	Reception Intake Evening 6.30 pm
11/7/2017	A Night at the Musicals 2.00 pm and 6.30 pm
12/7/2017	Arts Celebration Evening at BHHS 5.30 – 8.00 pm
14/7/2017	Y5 Curriculum Day with BHHS Annual reports out to parents
18/7/2017	Y6 Intake Day at BHHS
19/7/2017	Stay & Play at Bluebell Nursery 10 – 11.30am Parents' Evening to discuss annual reports
22/7/2017	Grand Opening of new hall and School's Out Party
24/7/2017	Y6 Leavers' Service at St Mary's Church 6.30 pm
25/7/2017	Last day of the school term