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Dear Parents and Carers



Top Class Champions!

I hope you enjoyed watching the school's appearance in the [Top Class](#) final on Wednesday. It was great to see so many of you joining us in school to enjoy this memorable event. Well done to **Daisy, Alice, Jacob** and **Sophie** for performing so consistently over the four shows and for being crowned Top Class champions. Their victory over Little Sutton Primary School in Sutton Coldfield was a delight to watch. It was lovely to welcome them back to Tilston School once again and to see them reunited with the winners' trophy. Well done, Team Tilston! We are all very proud of your achievements on the show.

30 Hours Free Childcare for Nursery Pupils

You may already be aware that the number of free hours available to nursery children will increase from 15 to 30 in September. If you have a child approaching or at nursery age, you can go online to check your eligibility for 30 hours free childcare. You can do this by following the link below:

www.childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/par/app/applynow

Please note that your child must be at least 2 years and 39 weeks old before you complete this check. If you require any further guidance, please speak to either Mrs Farmer or Mrs Edwards. If you are planning to increase your child's nursery hours in the next academic year, please do let the school know as soon as possible. Thank you.

Spellodrome and Spelling Homework

Spellodrome

We have had a mixed response from parents regarding the use of the Spellodrome resource for homework. While many of you like the on-screen element of the site, others feel that their children would benefit from writing their spellings out each week on paper. I have spoken to the staff about this and they are more than happy for you to encourage your child to write out his/her spellings if you so wish. We will leave it up to you to decide what you feel is best. If you require any further guidance about spelling homework, please speak to your child's class teacher/s.



Yard Sale: Friday, 19th May

Don't forget to have a clear out for the Yard Sale in school on **Friday, 19th May**. Please start collecting unwanted items of clothing, shoes, books, toys and games for the sale. Thank you.

Lunch Menu for week beginning 8th May 2017	
Monday	Sausage & mash or jacket potato with cheese
Tuesday	Beef pasta Bolognese or jacket potato with tuna/cheese
Wednesday	Roast dinner
Thursday	Beef stew with crusty bread or jacket potato with cheese & beans
Friday	Fish & chips or cheese & tomato baguette with side salad

End of Key Stage 2 Tests

We are all wishing our Year 6 pupils the best of luck as they take their 'SATs' tests next week. The children have worked hard throughout the year and we know they will be ready to give their best. The school will be running a **breakfast club** for them from **Monday to Thursday at 8.15 am**. We find that this helps to give the children a positive start to the day so they feel relaxed and focused for their tests. We would appreciate the Year 6 children being able to get to bed at a good time so they are well-rested! Thank you.

Personal Development

This week, we have been looking for children who **understand others**. For our younger children, this may include showing an awareness of who is talking and beginning to listen to other people's point of view. As we move through the school, our older pupils are working towards listening to others before sharing their own ideas and changing their behaviours to suit different situations. Well done to the following children who have excelled this week:

🌟 Stars of the Week 🌟

YR	Harriet: for always taking other people's feelings into consideration
Y1	Joseph H: for listening to others and sharing ideas
Y2	Erin: for listening and taking on board others' opinions in group work
Y3	Tilly: for always being so caring and understanding towards others
Y4	Teddy: for always taking the time to understand the thoughts and feelings of others
Y5	Alexa: for listening first to others before trying to be understood
Y6	Emily: for listening to others and showing her full attention

I hope you all have a restful weekend and that the good weather continues.

Yours sincerely

Richard Harley
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