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## Tilston Parochial CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

### Feedback from Parents

We value the feedback we receive from parents and we often hear what you think about the school through the informal conversations that take place with staff. We also have a well-established Parent Committee and the meetings of this group provide useful opportunities to discuss current issues and ideas. Many of you also completed Parent Questionnaires last term and I thought it would be useful to share the main findings from these.

We had **45** completed questionnaires returned and here is a summary of the responses:

	<b>% strongly agree/agree</b>
My child is happy at this school.	<b>100</b>
My child feels safe at this school.	<b>100</b>
My child makes good progress at this school.	<b>100</b>
My child is well looked after at this school.	<b>100</b>
My child is taught well at this school.	<b>100</b>
My child receives appropriate homework for his/her age.	<b>100</b>
This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	<b>100</b>
This school deals effectively with bullying.	<b>100</b>
This school is well led and managed.	<b>100</b>
This school responds well to any concerns I raise.	<b>100</b>
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress.	<b>100</b>
Would you recommend this school to another parent?	<b>Yes 100</b>

There was overwhelming support for the school in the questionnaires returned to us and there were many positive comments and words of thanks. I'd like to thank you for this; it's good to know you are happy with what we do at Tilston School. A number of you provided areas which you felt could be developed further in the school and this feedback is invaluable as we make plans for the next academic year. Your suggestions included:

- providing a wider range of clubs/asking pupils for input
- expanding and furthering the school's sporting activities
- teaching children about the benefits of exercise and health
- promoting health and wellbeing through the curriculum
- developing more opportunities for pupils to compete
- providing opportunities for sport and exercise for less 'sporty' pupils
- developing further the music curriculum
- encouraging the development of life skills/independence

Later in the term, the children will complete their own questionnaires and we will look to develop the school's priorities for 2017-2018 based on the feedback we have collated from all our stakeholders. Thank you once again for your feedback and please do speak to us in person if you feel there is an aspect of the school that you feel is in need of attention. Our Parent Committee meetings are a useful way for you to find out more about how the school is run and talk through school improvement ideas. Our next meeting will take place on **Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> June** at **6.30 pm** and you are all very welcome to attend.



### **Yard Sale: Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> May**

Our Yard Sale is taking place on **Friday** next week and we would welcome any contributions of good quality **books, clothes, toys** and **games**. Please bring any items on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday (morning) so that we have time to sort through them. We would welcome any offers of help from 2.00 pm on Friday so if you are free and would like to support us, please let me know. This is a fundraiser for our new school hall and we are trying to raise funds to pay for staging; any contributions towards the Yard Sale would be gratefully received. If you're able to, please come along with your children from **3.15 pm** on Friday with a few pounds to spend. Thank you.

<b>Lunch Menu for week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017</b>	
Monday	Cheese & tomato pizza or jacket potato with cheese
Tuesday	Spaghetti Bolognese with crusty bread or jacket potato with tuna and salad
Wednesday	Roast dinner
Thursday	<b>American Theme Day</b> Hot dog, fries, beans or sweetcorn or jacket potato with cheese and beans American style choc muffin Milk shake or juice
Friday	Chicken korma with rice or jacket with tuna or cheese

### **Personal Development**

This week, we have been looking for pupils who **don't give up**. Well done to the following children who have demonstrated perseverance, resilience and determination:



## Stars of the Week



<b>YR</b>	<b>Izaak:</b> for staying on task in his diary writing
<b>Y1</b>	<b>Eve:</b> for not giving up on her phonics work
<b>Y2</b>	<b>Alice:</b> for not giving up when maths problems were tricky
<b>Y3</b>	<b>Imogen:</b> for persevering in maths and not giving up
<b>Y4</b>	<b>Ella:</b> for never giving up when tasks seem a little difficult
<b>Y5</b>	<b>Cara:</b> for seeing possibilities and opportunities to be really creative when writing
<b>Y6</b>	<b>All of Year 6:</b> for showing a determination to keep going during SATs week

### **Hall Opening Event and School's Out Party: Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

As you already know, the official opening event for the school hall will take place on **Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 4.00 pm** and we are currently working with the Tilston Playing Field Association (TPFA) on a joint celebration for the day. A short, informal planning meeting will be taking place on **Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> May at 9.00 am**. If you'd like to get involved and have ideas or contacts which would help the school out, please come along.

### **Donation from the Earl of Chester's Fund**

The school has received a generous donation of £500 from the Trustees of the Earl of Chester's Fund. This is wonderful news for the school and takes our fundraising total to **£20 710!**

Have a great weekend!

Yours sincerely

*Richard Harley*

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