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Dear Parents and Carers

Staffing Update for Next Half Term

I will start this week's newsletter with an update on staffing for the final half term of the school year. Unfortunately, Mrs Callister is not able to return to Tilston School straight after the Whit break. We will be welcoming back Mrs Emily Berry who is returning from her maternity leave and she will teach our Year 3/4 class during the second half of the week while Mrs Callister is away. Mrs Davidson will continue to teach the children during the first half of the week.

While we are all sad not to have Mrs Callister with us for now, I am confident that Mrs Berry will quickly settle back into school life and it will be brilliant to have her re-joining the teaching team! She taught our Year 4 cohort last year and I know she is very excited to be working with and getting to know the Year 3 group. Mrs Davidson and Mrs Berry have already met to plan for next half term and I know that they are both very committed to ensuring that our Year 3/4 children have an exciting and enjoyable half term.

I would also like to confirm that Mrs Jill Lowman will continue to work with the Year 1/2 class on Fridays alongside Mrs Bryan, who will continue with her usual Monday to Thursday teaching commitment.

Staffing for 2017-2018

I am now in a position to confirm our longer term staffing arrangements for the 2017-2018 academic year. There will be some changes in school and our staffing from September will be as follows:

Wrens	Bluebell Nursery Reception	Mrs P Edwards
Robins	Year 1/2	Mrs C Bryan (Mon-Thur) Mrs E Berry (Fri)
House Martins	Year 3/4	Mrs M Hughes (Mon-Wed) Mrs J Callister (Wed-Fri)
Kestrels	Year 5/6	Mrs R Corlett

An exciting opportunity has arisen for Mrs Davidson and her family and they are relocating to Benitachell in Spain from September. This is wonderful news for the Davidson family, however it is also very sad for the Tilston team. We will miss Mrs Davidson's energy, dedication and positivity, not to mention all the extra work she has undertaken with the Year 3/4 class, the school choir and the performing arts. We wish the Davidson family all the very best as they begin this exciting adventure after the summer break.

Our team next year will include the return of two familiar faces. Mrs Berry will reduce her teaching timetable to one day from September and will move into our Year 1/2 class on Fridays. In Year 3/4, we will welcome Mrs Michelle Hughes onto the teaching staff. Mrs Hughes worked in our school last year as part of her PGCE training and we are delighted to have appointed her to our staff team. She will work in the Year 3/4 class alongside Mrs Callister.

Over the next few weeks, we will be reviewing our provision of teaching assistant hours and staff will be allocated to each of the four classes as appropriate. There is additional news regarding staffing and I would be grateful if you could read the attached letter from Mr Tom Stephenson, the school's Chair of Governors.



Christian Aid Big Brekkie and Yard Sale

This week's Big Brekkie and bake sale were really well supported and it was lovely to see so many families having breakfast together in school. In total, **£131.81** was donated to Christian Aid which is fantastic! Well done to the children in Years 5 and 6 for organising this for us. In other fundraising news, last week's Yard Sale raised **£175!** I'd like to thank the super

team of parents, led by Laura Gibson, for working so well together to put this on and to all the families of the school for donating items and supporting the event on the day. Thank you, everyone!

Lunch Menu for week beginning 5th June 2017	
Monday	Cheese & tomato pizza or fish & sauté potatoes
Tuesday	Pasta in tomato sauce or jacket potato with cheese
Wednesday	Roast dinner
Thursday	Sausage & mash or jacket potato with tuna and cheese
Friday	Fish & chips or jacket potato with cheese & beans

Break Time Snacks

Pupils in the EYFS and Y1/2 classes will continue to have a fruit snack at break time. Toast and juice will be available to children from Years 3 to 6 from Mrs Dutton for 50p. If your child would like to buy toast, please ensure that he/she brings in payment on the day to hand into the school kitchen.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Our staff-led clubs will continue to run straight after the Whit break for **4** sessions during the weeks beginning: **5th June, 12th June, 19th June** and **26th June**.

Personal Development

This week, we have been looking out for children who **work hard**. Well done to the following pupils for showing us all that hard work pays off:

Stars of the Week

YR	Martha: for working hard in her reading
Y1	Max: for always working hard to achieve his best
Y2	Oli: for working hard to improve his written work
Y3	Hermione: for being a superstar and working hard all week
Y4	Laura: for always working hard in all areas of the curriculum
Y5	Jack: for having fun working hard
Y6	Ben: for enjoying working hard in a range of activities

Tilston School Association (TSA) News: Summer Fair on Friday, 7th July



This year's Summer Fair will be on 7th July and once again, we will keep our fingers crossed for some beautiful summer weather; well at least for no rain! There will be the favourite jam jar stall so please keep any jam jars which the TSA will help to fill. Also, if anyone would like to donate any raffle prizes, or

knows of anyone who would like to donate, please let a member of the TSA or Mrs Farmer know. We will need volunteers on the day to help on a rota basis which will be organised after the half term. Have a good half term and hopefully enjoy some sunshine! Many thanks, the TSA ☺

Hall Opening Event: Saturday, 22nd July

Plans are firming up for the official opening of our school hall. Along with current pupils and their families, we are also inviting those who have helped with our fundraising, our architects and contractors, friends of the school, former pupils and their parents and local organisations. If you can think of anyone who you think should be invited, please let me know so we don't forget anyone! I hope you will all be able to come along to mark this very special moment in the school's history.

School closes today for half term and re-opens on **Monday, 5th June**. Thank you for your continued support this half term. I look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Yours sincerely

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