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## Tilston Parochial CE Primary School

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15<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

### Diary Dates for 2017-2018

We have put together our usual list of diary dates for the new school year and a copy can be found at the end of this newsletter. The list includes the dates of major events in the school calendar such as Parents' Evenings, Church Services, Sports Day and the Christmas/Summer Fairs.

### Invitation to Class-led Collective Worship

Now that we have our new school hall, we can finally invite visitors into school for Collective Worship. We have arranged for each class to lead worship this term and we would like to invite parents and family members to come along. We hope you will be able to join your child's class; worship starts at **9.05 am** and is usually finished by 9.30 am. The dates are as follows:

<b>Year 3/4</b>	<b>Year 1/2</b>	<b>EYFS</b>	<b>Year 5/6</b>
<i>House Martins</i>	<i>Robins</i>	<i>Wrens</i>	<i>Kestrels</i>
Friday, 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Friday, 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> December

### Parent Committee Meeting: Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30 pm

I would like to invite you all to our first Parent Committee meeting of the new school year. The meetings will continue to run once a half term and are open to **all** parents from the school. Do come along if you can, as it's a great opportunity to have your say about what goes on at Tilston and to get talking to one another. It's always good for us to receive your feedback. The meeting will start at **6.30 pm** and will run for no longer than an hour. We will discuss any issues, ideas or suggestions which are brought along on the night. If you can't make it, feel free to email any comments or ideas you have to [head@tilston.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:head@tilston.cheshire.sch.uk)

### Homework

During their 'Meet the Teacher' sessions, the teaching staff are talking through this year's homework programme which will run on a two week cycle. Homework will be given out and collected in on **Mondays**. Here is a summary of what will be set in each year group:

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Week 1	Mathletics Letters & Sounds	Mathletics Spellings	Mathletics SPaG book Spellings	Mathletics SPaG book Spellings	Mathletics SPaG book Spellodrome
Week 2	Maths activity Letters & Sounds	Maths workbook Spellings	Maths workbook Spellings	Maths workbook Spellings	Maths workbook Spellodrome
+ optional topic/literacy for the term					

### Macmillan Breakfast & Coffee Morning: Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October from 7.45 am



Our Macmillan Breakfast and Coffee Morning is coming up soon. After the success of the Christian Aid Brekkie last year, we thought it would be good to start our usual Macmillan fundraiser a little earlier in the day

than usual so that parents who need to get off to work can still take part. This year's event will include breakfast, coffee and cakes. It will run on **Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October** and we hope you will be able to join us. The school would welcome the usual donations of cakes and biscuits on the day. Thank you.

### Personal Development Goals

This week's focus for personal development is **work hard**. We all know if we want to get good at something, there are no short cuts; it's all about practising! When we find something tricky to understand, working at it can really help. The difference between **try** and **triumph** is a little **umph**; to triumph you need to try and work hard! Well done to the following children who have put in the hard work this week:

### **Stars of the Week**

<b>YR</b>	<b>Harri:</b> for working hard to keep the classroom tidy
<b>Y1</b>	<b>Hugo:</b> for working hard in his place value work
<b>Y2</b>	<b>Megan:</b> for working hard with her reasoning in maths
<b>Y3</b>	<b>Oli:</b> for trying hard to use his reasoning skills in maths
<b>Y4</b>	<b>Imogen:</b> for trying hard to think of searching questions about dragon sightings
<b>Y5</b>	<b>Amelie:</b> for enjoying working hard in a range of activities
<b>Y6</b>	<b>Jack:</b> for always having fun whilst working hard

### Applications for School Places (September 2018)

The application process is now open for parents who wish to apply for secondary school places for the next academic year. Applications for **Year 7** close on **31<sup>st</sup> October 2017**. All applications can be made online at [www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions)

## Data Collection and General Consent

If you haven't already done so, please return your Data Collection and General Consent sheets. It's important that all of our records are up to date. Thank you.

<b>Lunch Menu for week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017</b>	
Monday	All day breakfast or bacon & egg muffin with baked beans
Tuesday	Minced beef pie with potatoes and vegetables or tuna and cucumber on wholemeal roll with salad
Wednesday	Roast dinner
Thursday	Sweet chilli chicken with noodles or ploughman's lunch
Friday	Macaroni cheese with tomato bread and vegetables or jacket potato with cheese and beans

## After School Clubs and Sport

Here is Mrs Bryan with news of this term's after school clubs and sports coaching:



*I am delighted to inform you that over the next academic year we will be working in partnership with **Premier Sport** to raise the profile of Physical Education and sport within school. Premier Sport will be working alongside staff to deliver*

*curriculum PE and will be offering lunchtime activities and a range of after school clubs throughout the year.*

*The after school clubs will take place each week on a **Monday** and **Friday**, from **3.15 to 4.15 pm** throughout the term. Both clubs running this half term will be for KS2 pupils; these will be **tag rugby** on **Mondays** and **Play Active Sport** (fun-based games and activities) on **Fridays**. There will be a small charge of **£1 per session** to cover some of the coaching costs. For our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children, there will be planned activities running through lunchtime on Mondays. Our Premier Sport clubs will start **next week** so please return your permission slip straight away if your child would like to take part. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. I am also working with Premier Sport to set up and deliver the Golden Mile in school. This will ensure the children become more active on a daily basis to boost their fitness, health and well-being.*

*Mrs Bryan*

The staff will also be running a range of clubs this term:

<b>Day</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Choir	Y3 – Y6	Lunchtime
<b>Tuesday</b>	Reading Workshop	Y6	Lunchtime
<b>Tuesday</b>	Recorders Multi Skills	Y4 & Y5 YR, Y1 & Y2	Lunchtime 3.15 – 4.00 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	Yoga & Mindfulness	Y3 – Y6	3.15 – 4.00 pm

Staff clubs will run during the weeks beginning: **25<sup>th</sup> September, 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 9<sup>th</sup> October, 16<sup>th</sup> October, 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 6<sup>th</sup> November, 13<sup>th</sup> November, 20<sup>th</sup> November** and **27<sup>th</sup> November**. Please note that Thursday staff clubs will **not** run on 19<sup>th</sup> October due to Parents' Evenings.

If your child would like to take part, please complete and return the permission slip at the end of this newsletter.

**Parking**

A resident contacted the school this week to raise concerns about some of the parking during school drop off time. Apparently, cars were parked in such a way that the top of Long Lane was blocked. Please do park courteously and safely, avoiding blocking access to any residents' driveways. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

I hope you have a relaxing weekend.

Yours sincerely

*Richard Harley*  
Mr R Harley

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**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

Name of child ..... Year group .....

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

Club	Age Group	✓
Choir	Y3 – Y6	
Recorders	Y4 & Y5	
Multi Skills	YR, Y1 & Y2	
Yoga & Mindfulness	Y3 – Y6	
Reading Workshop	Y6	
Tag Rugby*	Y3 – Y6	
Play Active Sport*	Y3 – Y6	

I would like my child to attend after school clubs and will arrange for him/her to be collected from school at the end of the session (if appropriate). I will ensure my child takes part in all the sessions.

\*There is a £6 charge for these clubs for this half term.

Please tick if appropriate:

- I enclose payment of £..... (please make cheques payable to Cheshire West and Chester).
- I have paid online at [www.schoolmoney.co.uk](http://www.schoolmoney.co.uk)

Signed ..... Parent/Guardian