



Tilston Parochial CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

HELP NEEDED! Midday Assistant Vacancy

We need your help! Do you have a spare hour you could offer the school each day? We are still short of a Midday Assistant and would welcome a new member to join our MDA team. This is a paid position and is an ideal opportunity to get more involved in the school. Please let me know if you're interested; the school would be happy if a couple of parents were willing to share the role. Thanks.

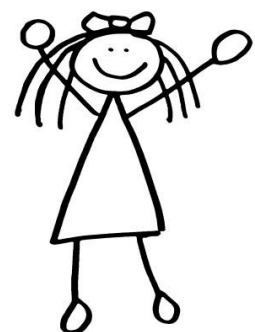
Hall Building Project: Final Account and Future Plans



This term's meeting of the full Governing Body took place earlier in the week and there are a few items that I would like to share with you. The first of these relates to our recent building project. The governors have now received the final accounts and I am delighted to inform you that that the project was completed **within** the allocated budget and **on time**. This is a fantastic achievement and I would like to thank the members of our Hall Project Board for the many hours of work they put into leading and managing the project.

The school committed a good chunk of its budget to add to the money provided by the Local Authority, while the village and school communities supported us through many fundraising events. Thanks to the hard work and generosity of a range of individuals, families, groups and organisations, the school has been able to purchase the following items to help kit out the new building:

- New dining tables and benches (and storage trolley)
- Visitors' seating for the hall (and storage trolleys)
- Large interactive screen for the hall
- Stage blocks
- New cloakrooms and storage for Y1/2, Y3/4 and Y5/6
- PE mats and trolley



Thanks to everyone involved in this huge fundraising drive!

The new facilities we have in school are making such a difference to the pupils and staff and we should all be very proud that our combined efforts have led to such a wonderful outcome for the school.

Now the building project is complete, staff and governors have reviewed the school's original 'wish list' and have drafted a new programme of improvement to the school building and grounds. This includes the relocation and restocking of the school library, the refurbishment of the old hall, new interactive screens for the EYFS, Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 classrooms and redecoration of other areas of the school. We will need your continued support with fundraising as we work towards achieving the items on the new list and I know the Tilston School Association (TSA) will be targeting the school library in its future fundraising events. Thanks again for your support over the last two years. It's very much appreciated!

Rising 3s and After School Club Charges

In other news from the Governing Body's meeting, a decision was made to phase out provision in the Bluebell Nursery for 'Rising 3s'. This means that **from September 2018**, the nursery will only offer places to pupils in the term **after** they have turned 3. There will also be a small increase to the charges at Early Starters and After School Club to help the school cover staffing costs. **From January 2018**, the cost per session will increase from **£3.50** to **£3.60**. Prices have been fixed in the provision since Early Starters was set up in 2010.

Tilston School Association News: Christmas Fair

It's the time of year where we get ready for the Christmas Fair on 8th December. As usual, the filled jam jars remain ever popular so if you could start saving them now that would be great. Ideally one jar per family would be fantastic and if you have any spares please bring them in and the TSA will fill. As you know there are only 4 TSA members, which means we will need volunteers to help run the fair. Half hour 'shifts' will be allocated as per volunteer preferences. A list will be organised nearer the time. Other dates for your diary include: 1st December Non Uniform Day and Bring a Bottle and 4th December Bags To School. Please look out for those.

The Cake Sale raised £74.40 which will go towards the library project. The school is aiming to raise £2000 for new books and to improve the library itself. The money raised from the Christmas Fair will go towards this project for the children to enjoy! Thanks for your support, **TSA**

School Photographs



Today you should receive proofs of your child's school photographs along with a unique password for you to look at the images online. There are two ways you can place an order. You can complete the paper order form and return this to the school office with payment.

Orders can also be placed online and further information is provided with the proofs you are receiving today. I have spoken to Jessica regarding the delivery of photos in time for Christmas and she has asked that forms be returned to school by **Friday, 24th November**. 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! Well done to the following children who have really put in the hard work this week:

Stars of the Week

YR	Sienna L: for working hard with her writing
Y1	Isobel: for working hard with a maths problem
Y2	Finley: for working hard on his presentation and spelling
Y3	Gracie: for working hard in all areas of learning
Y4	Sophie J: for working really hard in maths and literacy
Y5	Molly P: for understanding the benefits of effort and commitment
Y6	Jasmine: for encouraging others by pointing out how their efforts gain results

KS2 Poetry Evening: Wednesday, 22nd November at 6.00 pm

Key Stage 2 Poetry Evening is taking place on **Wednesday** next week and I know the children are busy preparing for this. Please could they arrive at **5.45 pm** in school. Thank you.

Parent Committee Meeting: Wednesday, 29th November at 6.30 pm

The next Parent Committee meeting takes place in a few weeks. Please come along if you can and bring your ideas, suggestions and thoughts to help improve our school. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Lunch Menu for week beginning 20th November 2017

Monday	Beef burger in a bun with wedges & vegetables or cheese and ham jacket potato
Tuesday	Beef pasta Bolognese with vegetables or jacket potato with tuna or cheese
Wednesday	Roast dinner
Thursday	Chicken curry with rice or cheese and tomato pasta
Friday	Fish & chips or vegetarian burrito with salad

Request for Jam Jars

As part of their enterprise project for the Christmas Fair, a group of Year 6 girls are planning to make and sell snow globes. They have asked if you could collect and bring into school any spare jam jars you might have at home. Please take them straight to the Year 5/6 classroom or hand them in to either Mrs Corlett or Mrs Huxtable. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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