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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome!

Welcome to a new academic year! I hope you all had a lovely summer and that you were able to spend time with your children, families and friends. We begin the school year by welcoming a number of new children and their families to our school and I hope they will quickly settle in at Tilston. Our new Reception pupils have made an excellent start and have been well supported by their Year 6 buddies, particularly at break and lunchtimes.

Staffing

We have welcomed three new members of staff to the Tilston team this week. Miss Amy Winter has now joined us and will be working with our Year 5/6 Kestrels class. Mrs Anne Harrison and Miss Christy Herwin, both qualified Teaching Assistants, will be working in the Early Years.

Our Mission Statement

At this stage in the year, it's important for us to share with you the school's Mission Statement and Aims. With new families joining the school and many children moving into different classes, the staff are spending time talking through our shared vision, values, school rules and expectations. At Tilston, we strive to help every child achieve his/her best and we can only do this when we are working effectively with you. I would be grateful if you could take a few moments to remind yourselves of our shared vision:

Mission Statement and The Tilston Code

At the heart of Tilston School is a caring Christian family with one core purpose: [to bring out the best in everyone.](#)

Our school aims to:

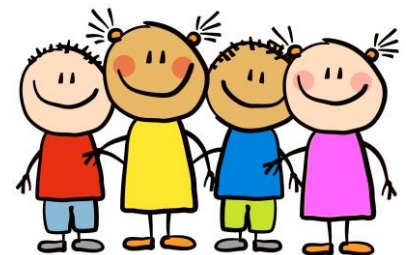
- Promote Christian values alongside a respect and understanding of other beliefs and cultures;
- Promote a love of learning;
- Provide a happy, stimulating and safe learning environment;
- Encourage the partnership between home, school, church and community;

- Provide a broad, creative and well-balanced education for all our pupils;
- Promote respect for each other, the environment and ourselves;
- Celebrate each child's uniqueness, progress and achievements;
- Encourage everyone to make healthy life choices;
- Prepare children for future challenges by encouraging them to take risks and be resourceful;
- Encourage all learners to be reflective and resilient.

The children have been reminded of the Tilston Code, the school's guidelines for behaviour, and it might be useful for you to read through these bullet points and discuss them with your child. Thank you.

The Tilston Code

- Follow instructions the first time you are asked
- Allow others to work and play without interruption or disturbance
- Keep your hands and feet to yourself
- Always use kind words
- Move sensibly around school
- Treat people, property and our environment with respect



Meet the Teachers

In order for you to meet your child's class teacher/s and learn more about the routines, expectations and curriculum for the year, we will be running our usual 'Meet the Teacher' sessions straight after school in the next week or so. If you are available, do come along to these informative introductions. If you have any questions to ask, there will be an opportunity to speak to the staff. The sessions will run as follows:

Date and Time	Class/Year Groups	Teacher/s
Mon 10 th Sept @ 3.30 pm	Robins Y1/2	Mrs Bryan
Tue 11 th Sept @ 3.30 pm	Wrens Nursery/Rec	Mrs Edwards
Wed 12 th Sept @ 3.30 pm	House Martins Y3/4	Mrs Hughes/Mrs Callister
Tue 18 th Sept @ 3.30 pm	Kestrels Y5/6	Miss Winter

School Uniform

The children looked very smart in their uniforms this week and let's try to maintain these high standards throughout the year. Please make sure that all your child's clothes are clearly labelled so that we don't end up with a huge pile of lost property. Do encourage your child to be responsible for his/her own clothes and belongings. Thank you.

Lunch Menu for week beginning 10th September	
Monday	Meatballs and pasta or jacket potato & cheese
Tuesday	Cheese pie, new potatoes and veg or jacket with tuna or cheese
Wednesday	Award-Winning Roast beef Dinner
Thursday	Ham, sweetcorn and cheese pasta or jacket potato with cheese & beans
Friday	Cheese & tomato pizza with chips or tomato pasta

* Please note, the cost of a school lunch is now £2.30. Reminder that all children in Reception and KS1 are entitled to a free school meal.

Free School Meals

If you are in receipt of certain benefits, your child may be entitled to free school meals. In addition to a free lunch, we receive additional funding for your child to be used in school. To check if you are eligible, please follow the link:

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education-and-learning/school-meals.aspx>

Personal Development Goals

Within our curriculum, we do our utmost to promote the children's personal development and we will continue to focus on our eight 'essential' characteristics. These personal development goals are covered regularly and revisited throughout the year:

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| 1) To try new things |  | 5) To imagine |
| 2) To work hard | | 6) To improve |
| 3) To concentrate | | 7) To understand others |
| 4) To push oneself | | 8) To not give up |

This week, we have been looking out for children who **try new things**. Well done to the following pupils who have made a great start in this particular area:



Stars of the Week



YR	Wrens: for being brave in your new classroom environment.
Y1	Megan: blending new sounds in her phonic work.
Y2	William B: forming friendships with children in year 1 & 2.
Y3	Peter: making an excellent start in his new school.
Y4	Daniel: making an excellent start, trying hard at Tilston Primary.
Y5	Josie: working hard and making a great start at Tilston.
Y6	Georgie: doing an amazing job at taking responsibilities in Year 6.

Our Star Hand Writers



This year we have a pupil with a **severe** nut allergy in school and we need to ensure they are not at risk in any way. Please do not send any items in packed lunches or for snacks containing nuts. Thanks.

Healthy Snacks

Our EYFS and KS1 pupils will continue to receive a piece of fruit at break time. Toast and a cuplet of juice are available to pupils in KS2 from Mrs Dutton and the cost is **55p**. If your child is bringing in a snack from home, please send in a healthy option such as fresh or dried fruit. This year we are aiming to achieve the 'Healthy Schools Award' and we would like to start the year as we mean to go on. We appreciate your support.

Data Collection and General Consent

At this stage in the year, we need to ensure that all our records are up to date, so please return your data collection sheets and general consent forms as soon as possible. It would be very helpful if your child's lunch arrangements were filled in accurately on the data sheet. If you want to receive future newsletters electronically, please ensure that we have your current email address. We also use a text messaging service to keep in touch, so please check your mobile number on the paperwork. Many thanks.

Clubs

We are excited to continue to offer the great range of after school clubs for the next half term.

Day	Club	Year Groups	Cost	Time
Tuesday-	Cricket 11 th September- 23 rd October	KS2 (Y3 4 5 & 6)	£3 per session	3:15-4:15pm
Tuesday	Art School- Chris Gilbert	KS2 (Y3 4 5 & 6)	£5.00 per session	3:15-4:15pm
Tuesday	Premier Sports- Handball	KS1 (Y1 & 2)	£2.50 per session	3:15-4:15pm
Wednesday	Premier Sports- Tag Rugby	KS2 (Y3 4 5 & 6)	£2.50 per session	3:15-4:15pm
Thursday	Choir- Mrs Edwards	KS2 (Y3 4 5 & 6)	N/A	Lunchtime 12:30- 1:00pm

Please use booking forms in this envelope to secure you place and return to school office.

Homework

This year homework will be collected every Monday and new homework will be sent out by a Tuesday. There are some changes to spelling homework which will be explained during the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions.

Website

Each class has a page on the school website and teachers will be completing a weekly blog. We hope you follow your child's progress and the wonderful experiences they take part in by logging on to our website regularly. Other useful information is on the website and we urge you to check regularly. Website: www.tilston.cheshire.sch.uk

Thank You

I am excited to start my first full year and I am certain that this new academic year will be another successful one for Tilston School. I'd like to thank the wonderful staff team for all their hard work in preparing for the school year and you as parents and carers for your continued support. We are looking forward to working together with you to '*bring out the best*' in all the children at Tilston School!



Prayer of the week: Mrs Mort

Dear God, we have had time to rest, and now we are full of energy. We have had time to think, and now we are full of ideas. We have had time to stop, and now it is time to get going. Be with us, God, we pray.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K Mort".

Mrs Kelsey Mort

Please turn over for Premier Sports Club application forms

PREMIER SPORT CLUBS

Name of child Year group

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

Club	Age Group	✓
Handball (Tuesdays)	Y1 – Y2	
Tag Rugby (Wednesdays)	Y3 – Y6	

I would like my child to attend the Premier Sport Club this half term 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.

Clubs will run for the half term, from week commencing 10th September up to week ending 26th October (seven weeks)

*There is a £17.50 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

Signed Parent/Guardian