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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for returning your data collection and General Consent forms. Mrs Farmer has been busy updating our school records. Could I please ask that all outstanding forms are handed in asap to ensure we have the correct emergency contact details.

Meet the Teacher

It has been lovely to see so many parents coming in to meet your child's class teacher this week. We hope you found the sessions informative. Parents of children in Kestrels are invited to meet Miss Winter on Tuesday 18th September at 3:30pm.

TSA- Tilston School Association

I would like to say a very sincere 'Thank you' to Mrs Louise O'Neill who has been the Chair of the TSA for the past 8 years and has worked tirelessly to raise money to further develop our school. Mrs O'Neill has decided after many years, to step down in her role. We are very grateful for the wonderful things we have purchased with funds raised by Mrs O'Neill and her team.



On Wednesday 19th September at 6pm, we will be holding our TSA AGM. As part of this meeting we aim to elect a new TSA. Below are the brief descriptions of the roles of the five members we would like to elect and hopefully they will be joined by a team of Committee Members to support at events. If you are interested in taking on a role within the TSA, please pop in for a chat and I will happily talk through the roles. We hope after Wednesday's elections we will be able to plan ahead for the Christmas Fair on Friday 7th December.

Chair

The Chair provides leadership, sets agendas and leads TSA meetings. The Chair will ensure that all new members feel welcome and their contributions valued. The Chair will work closely with the Treasurer and Secretary to ensure the TSA runs smoothly.

Vice-Chair

To support the Chair and deputise when necessary.

Secretary

Provide links between Committee Members and the PTA, and between the PTA and the school.

Treasurer

A key role within the TSA. To manage and control the funds the PTA raises. Keep up-to date records of all TSA financial transactions.

Publicity Officer

A vital role in promoting the TSA.

Committee Members

Attend TSA meetings. Share ideas and help with planning and organising events.

This is an exciting time for Tilston to elect a new TSA and I hope you will join us next Wednesday for the elections. Refreshments will be provided!

School Dinners

A reminder that all children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 are entitled to a free school meal. Our meals are freshly prepared and cooked on-site by Mrs Dutton.

Lunch Menu for week beginning 17th September	
Monday	All day breakfast (vegetarian sausage available for vegetarians)
Tuesday	Beef lasagne or jacket with tuna and cheese
Wednesday	Roast chicken Dinner
Thursday	Chicken curry with rice or jacket potato with cheese
Friday	Fish & chips or pasta in tomato & herb sauce with crusty bread

* 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.

Payments

Please ensure payments are made in advance as we already have a substantial amount of money outstanding. If you can pay online, it helps to reduce the administrative work!

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



YR	Rory: working hard.
Y1	Jessica: working hard in her maths.
Y2	Isobel: working hard in all areas of the curriculum.
Y3	Joe: Working hard to write a beautiful poem.
Y4	Hattie: working hard and trying her best.
Y5	Hermione: working hard and participating in lessons.
Y6	Bridget: having a great attitude and for working hard in all lessons.

Our Star Hand Writers



This week the children have all settled into their new classes and are already producing work of a very high standard. Many children have visited my office this week and received Head teacher's stickers and I have sent my first Praise Postcard home this week! For new parents who have joined our school this year, please look out in the post for a special Praise Postcard. The best bit of my job is sharing your child's achievements!

The Postman



Attendance

As you are aware, we are no longer allowed to authorise any term time holiday. The law does not grant parents an automatic right to take their child out of school during term time. The Department for Education allows a Head Teacher the discretion to consider authorising an absence or holiday in term time only in **exceptional circumstances**. I am currently updating the Attendance Policy in-line with Cheshire West and Chester guidance and will notify you once it is available to view online.

The request for a holiday will remain the same and any holidays, as stated above, will be recorded as unauthorised. It should be noted that if any application is declined and a consecutive five or more unauthorised day's absence occurs, then Tilston Primary may apply to the Local Authority for a Fixed Penalty Notice to be issued to each parent/carer. The penalty is £60 per parent/carer, per child

Early Years Foundation Stage Phonics Evening

We were delighted to have so many of our Reception parents joining us for the Phonics Training Evening last night. A special thank you to Mrs Edwards and Mrs Hewitt for leading the session. Links between home and school are key to your child's progress and we couldn't be more thankful for your support.



Prayer of the week: Kendra (Worship Leader)

God above,
Thank you for our school.
Thank you for our friends and
thank you for our adults. Thank
you for our fun and thank you
for our learning. Help us this
term to do more, learn more,
and enjoy more.



Please have a look on our school website for regular updates.

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I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing you all on Monday morning.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Kelsey Mort