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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have welcomed two new children into our Tilston family. I am sure they will be very happy and I know you will all make their families feel very welcome too.

This week I have observed the teaching and learning across the school and spent time in each class. I would like to say a special thank you to all the staff for their continued hard work and for making learning so much fun at Tilston. Please do look at the class blogs and the Twitter pages for regular updates.



REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

As Christmas is fast approaching and we all start preparing for our own celebrations, we would like to take some time to think of those who are less fortunate than ourselves. This year we would like to support the Whitchurch Foodbank by setting up a 'Reverse Advent Calendar'. Instead of receiving a treat each day, we would like to add an item (or two!) to our **Advent Box**. We will add items each day until the end of term and donate it to the Whitchurch Foodbank. If you would like to support us, please send in your items throughout the month of December. We will start on Monday 3rd December.

Below is a list of the most needed items: a donation of a Christmassy treat of your choice would be a lovely gift.

Milk UHT	tinned vegetables
Juice	Tinned tomatoes
Tinned potatoes	Pot noodles
Cereal	Tinned fruit
Coffee	Rice pudding
Biscuits	Tinned soup
Tinned custard	Instant mash
Pasta/sauces	Cuppa soup
Curry sauces	Jam

*Thank
you!*



We have arranged our annual visit to the Theatre for children from Years 1 to 6. This year's performance will be 'The Wizard of Oz' and the visit will take place on Thursday, 20th December. This is our first trip to The Storyhouse and I'm sure that this year's will be a fantastic experience for the children. We will have an early lunch on the day of the visit and we are aiming to arrive back at school at around 5:30pm. The school is requesting a voluntary contribution of £11.50 to enable the visit to go ahead. The Tilston School Association has kindly offered to fund the cost of the transport which is very much appreciated by the school. Please complete and return the permission slip at the end of this week's newsletter as soon as possible. Payments can be made in cash, by cheque or via our online payment system, School Money, where you can also consent. Thank you.

Family Lunch

Thank you for joining us for lunch over the last few weeks. The children have enjoyed spending time with you in school and I am sure you enjoyed sampling the school lunches. Please remember that all Reception and KS1 children are entitled to a free school lunch.

Lunch Menu for week beginning 5th December 2018	
Monday	Beef burger in a bun with wedges or jacket potato and cheese and beans
Tuesday	Minced beef pie or jacket potato and cheese
Wednesday	Roast dinner (pork) or tomato pasta
Thursday	Chicken curry or jacket with tuna or cheese
Friday	Fish & chips or macaroni cheese

* Please note, the cost of a school lunch is now £2.30.

This week's personal development goal is **to push yourself**. At Tilston School it is our aim to **BRING OUT THE BEST IN EVERYONE**. Well done to following children who have pushed themselves this week. We have celebrated lots of achievements this week!



Stars of the Week



YR	Declan: showing focus in large group work.
Y1	Sienna B: always pushing herself to achieve her best.
Y2	Izaak: always striving to achieve his best.
Y3	Joseph H: pushing himself to be the best he can be in Literacy.
Y4	George: pushing himself in Literacy.
Y5	Jessica: amazing focus in her maths and pushing herself to achieve more!
Y6	Reuben: pushing himself to work hard in Literacy this week.

Our Star Hand Writers



Website

We hope you follow your child's progress and the wonderful experiences they take part in by logging on to our website regularly. Website: www.filston.cheshire.sch.uk

Family Worship

Thank you for joining us for the Robin's Worship yesterday. The children enjoyed sharing the story of The Boy Who Cried Wolf. They helped us all to appreciate and understand the importance of being truthful in order to gain trust.

Parent Committee

Thank you to those of you who attended the Parent Committee meeting this week. It is always lovely to hear new ideas for how we can further improve our school. Parents thought the recent 'Family lunches' were a great idea and it was agreed we would organise them again next year. A special thank you to Mrs Dutton, Mrs Smout and all the Lunchtime Supervisors for ensuring lunchtimes are always calm, enjoyable and safe.

TSA

Thank you for all your donations for the Christmas Fair Tombola. The TSA are working incredibly hard planning for the Christmas Fair next Friday 7th December. This year we have extended the times from 5:30-8:00pm and we hope you will be able to pop along and join us.

Christmas Dinner

This year's Christmas Dinner will be on Wednesday 19th December and will cost £2.30.



Swimming

I am pleased to inform you that we have secured swimming lessons for all pupils in Years 3, 4 and 5 from January. The children will swim for 1 hour for a 5 week block, starting on Friday 11th January 2019. We would like to ask all parents for a voluntary contribution of £3.00 per session (Total £15.00) to help towards the costs of the coach, hiring the pool and for the qualified Instructors. Letters will go out to all pupils today.



Our Prayer of the Week- Lilly

Helpful God, help us today. Help us in all we do. Help us in all we say. Help us in all we learn and play. Helpful God, help us today.

This week, Reverend Jane led a staff 'Reflection Time' at St Mary's Church; which we all enjoyed. At the time of year, we all get swept along with the hustle and bustle and it is important to make time for ourselves and remember the true meaning of Christmas.

This week Sophie James explained how, 'The most important thing at Christmas is spending time with you families and friends.' We are extremely proud of the wonderful values our children have at Tilston Primary School.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs Kelsey Mort



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STORYHOUSE THEATRE VISIT: 20th DECEMBER 2018 (Y1-Y6 ONLY)

Name of child Class

- I give permission for my child to go to the Storyhouse Theatre
- I enclose a donation of £11.50 (cheques payable to Cheshire West and Chester please)
- I have paid online at www.schoolmoney.co.uk

Signed Date