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Dear Parents and Carers,



Reverse Advent Calendar

A very big thank you for your kind and generous donations for the Whitchurch Foodbank. I will be visiting the Foodbank on Tuesday 18th December with some members of the School Committee. Your kind donations will make a difference this Christmas time.

Joint Carol Service: Sunday, 17th December

The Joint Carol Service at St Mary's Church will take place on **Sunday, 16th December at 6.30 pm**. If your child can attend, please could he/she come along in school uniform (ideally no later than 6.15 pm). Thank you.

Christingle Service: Wednesday, 19th December at 6.30 pm



Our Y3/4 and Y5/6 classes will be leading their Christingle Service on **Wednesday** next week. The service starts at **6.30 pm** and we would like all the children in church at **6.15 pm** in their school uniforms. We look forward to seeing you for this service. Your child has brought home a donation candle and if you would like to fill this with coins, you will help us to raise money for The

Children's Society. Please return donation candles by Monday.

Nativity

In other news, our EYFS and Year 1/2 pupils treated us to two fabulous performances of their nativity, 'Hey Ewe. Thanks to everyone involved in putting together this wonderful retelling of the Christmas story and to the Tilston School Association for serving refreshments on both evenings.





On Thursday 20th December years 1-6 will visit The Storyhouse Theatre, Chester. We will have an early lunch and leave school for the afternoon performance. We will be back at school at approximately 5:30pm. Children do not need any spending money as we will provide a drink and snack. Please return permission slips asap or you can give permission when paying online. **We are not able to take children out of school without your permission.**

Lunch Menu for week beginning 17th December 2018	
Monday	All day breakfast
Tuesday	Beef lasagne or jacket potato and cheese
Wednesday	CHRISTMAS DINNER
Thursday	Chicken curry with rice or jacket potato and cheese
Friday	Surprise with chips!



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

This week's personal development goal is **improve**. Well done to the following children who have taken their own small steps to greatness:



Stars of the Week



YR	Samuel: improving in all areas of the curriculum
Y1	Isaac: improving his handwriting and stamina.
Y2	Harry N: improving his pace when writing.
Y3	Peter: improved concentration in maths.
Y4	Hattie: improved focus in literacy.
Y5	Dylan: working hard to improve his writing.
Y6	Kendra: always striving to achieve her best and improve her work.

Our Star Hand Writers



Website

Our website now has a link to our Twitter account. Please do log in to see what your child has been doing in class this week.

Website: www.filston.cheshire.sch.uk

Twitter: @TilstonSch

Family Worship

Thank you to all the Wren's parents who joined us for worship yesterday. The children confidently talked about Advent and how we countdown to Christmas Day! They talked about the little things we can all do to help other people, especially at this time of year. Thank you to our fantastic Wrens!

Quality Teaching

Our mission statement is '**Bringing out the best in everyone,**' and we all strive to achieve this on a daily basis. The start of the school day is a crucial time for teachers to settle children before coming together for Collective Worship at 9:05am. All teachers plan Early Morning Tasks for the children to complete before the register is taken at 8:55am. Teaching Assistants are timetabled to work with groups from 8:45am, this enables us to work through misconceptions with the children before moving on with their learning.

I have noticed an increase in the number of parents speaking to teachers in the morning and this is impacting on teaching time. I am always available on the yard from 8:40am if you would like to pass on any messages. I would like to ask you to refrain from coming into school in a morning, unless absolutely necessary, as we would like to encourage all KS1 and KS2 children to come in independently. From Monday, I will stand by the top gate to ensure all children come in safely. Teachers are available to talk to at the end of the day, when they have the time to do so. I hope you understand how important this is for us and your child and will support us.

We do encourage all Early Years parents to come into school and settle your child at the start of the day.

TSA

I would like to say a very big thank you to all members of the TSA for all their hard work over the past couple of months, the Christmas Fair was a great success!

Premier Sport Clubs



Our Premier Sports coaches will be running two new clubs next half term for **KS2** children and **EYFS & KS1**. These will be **Y3/4/5 & 6 Sports Hall Athletics every Wednesday** and **Reception and KS1 Ball Skills every Tuesday**. Clubs will run from 3:15-4:15pm. There will be a small charge of **£2.50 per session** to cover some of the coaching costs. Our Premier Sport clubs will start **during the week beginning 7th January 2019** so please return your permission slip as soon as possible if your child would like to take part. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Clubs will run for **6 weeks** up until February half term.

Is your child due to start in reception in September 2019?

The closing date for reception applications is 15th January 2019. Please visit: www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions for further information.



Christmas Parties: Friday, 21st December

Our Christmas parties will take place on **Friday**, the last day of term. Your child is welcome to come into school in his/her party clothes for the whole day. The school will provide snacks and drinks for the party.



Winter Weather

We would like to ask all children to bring in a pair of wellies from Monday. If children have a pair of wellies in school, they will be able to play on the field at break time and lunchtime. All wellies will be stored on the racks outside the classrooms.



Our Prayer of the Week- Kendra

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end.
Amen.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs Kelsey Mort



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2019

Name of child Year group

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

Day	Club	Age Group	✓
Wednesday	Sports Hall Athletics	KS2	
Tuesday	Ball Skills	Reception/Year 1 & 2	

***There is a £15 charge for these clubs for the half term.**

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. I will ensure my child takes part in all the sessions.

Please tick as appropriate:

I enclose payment of £..... (please make cheques payable to Cheshire West and Chester)

OR

I have paid online at www.schoolmoney.co.uk

Signed Parent/Guardian. Date