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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely half term break. The children have all returned happy and excited to see their friends and there has been a busy and productive buzz in the air this week. This last half term is packed with fun events and we intend to make the most of our special time with our year 6's before they move up to the Bishop Heber High School.



London

On Wednesday 22nd May, our Year 5 & 6 children left Tilston to explore London. We had an amazing trip and our children were all incredible. We had two VERY busy days exploring the city. Matilda Kehoe is writing a report of our trip and I look forward to sharing it with you next week.

Lunch Menu for week beginning 10th June 2019	
Monday	All day breakfast with pork or quorn sausage
Tuesday	Cottage pie and veg or jacket potato with cheese
Wednesday	Roast chicken dinner or jacket potato & cheese
Thursday	Chicken curry and rice with naan bread or jacket potato with cheese or tuna
Friday	Fish and chips or tomato pasta and crusty bread

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

Attendance

Each term I report our attendance to the Governing Body. Please see the table below showing this terms figures. Ofsted and the Local Education Authority closely monitor attendance of all primary schools. Concerns are raised when a school falls below the national average of 95%.

Attendance: **96.21%** (96.1%) authorised: 3.04% (3.2%) Unauthorised: 0.76% (0.7%)

2018-2019	R	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Present	95.85	96.23	94.63	96.63	95.71	97.27	96.81
Authorised	3.26	2.69	4.17	2.45	3.77	2.22	2.9
Unauthorised	0.89	1.08	1.21	0.92	0.52	0.51	0.29

At Tilston Parochial Primary School, we aim for 100% attendance. We appreciate children become unwell and all illnesses are reported as authorised absences. We have seen a significant rise in the number of families taking holidays during term time. I am unable to authorise any holidays during term time. Children absent from school, due to a holiday, will be marked as unauthorised and could result in a fixed penalty fine being issued. A copy of our attendance policy is available online and provides detailed information on fixed penalty notices. Please work with us to achieve our vision and **'Bring out the Best in Everyone.'**

Days off school add up to lost learning

175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR					
175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments					
190 DAYS FOR YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION EACH YEAR	10 days absence 180 DAYS OF EDUCATION	19 days absence 171 DAYS OF EDUCATION	29 days absence A term missed 161 DAYS OF EDUCATION	38 days absence 152 DAYS OF EDUCATION	47 days absence 143 DAYS OF EDUCATION
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
Good Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start		Worrying Less chance of success. Makes it harder to make progress		Serious Concern Not fair on your child Court action!	

This week's personal development goal is **work hard**. We know that if you want to get good at something there are no short cuts- it's all about practising. Well done to the following children for working hard all week.



Stars of the Week



YR	Bella: working consistently hard in all areas.
Y1	Isaac H: working hard in all areas.
Y2	Chloe: trying hard with her reading.
Y3	Charlotte: working hard to make excellent contributions in class.
Y4	Joe: always working hard and giving her best.
Y5	Sophie V: working hard and showing determination in maths.
Y6	Ella: having a great attitude and working hard in all areas.

Our Star Hand Writers



Website

Our website 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](https://twitter.com/TilstonSch)

I am delighted to share Nell's (Reception) swimming achievement. What a wonderful article to read Nell. We are all very proud of Nell!



OUR SUPER SWIMSTAR, NELL

Since joining the SwimStars programme in the beginning of 2018, Nell has made her way through all the Foundation 1-4 criteria and has almost completed Early Swimmer 1. As well as swimming independently, submerging, pushing, gliding, blowing bubbles, entering & exiting safely, rotating and jumping... (the list is endless!), Nell's lessons also taught her what to do if she ever fell into water.

See what mum had to say below when Nell slipped and fell into a lake fully clothed during a family fishing trip:

"Although it was a very hot sunny day, the water was freezing, and I was so impressed with her reaction. She didn't panic, rolled on her back and floated until I fished her out. She wasn't in any real danger as I was right there, but it was a relief to see how well she coped outside the pool setting and that's entirely down to her SwimStars lessons, so thank you!" – Mum, Laura

Reading that, we couldn't be prouder of our swimmer taking what she's learnt in her lesson and putting it into practice. From everyone at SwimStars, a huge well done to Nell and thank you to mum, Laura for sharing her story and reminding us why we do what we do.

Governors

Today we welcomed our governors- Mr Ritchie, Mr Tindle, Mrs Cheshire and Mrs Putnam to spend the morning in school. As part of the governor visit, we spent time in each class- observing teaching and learning, looking at a sample of books and talking to staff and children. A special thank you to our team of governors for their hard work, commitment, enthusiasm and support in leading Tilston Primary School.

Triathlon

A huge well done to Georgie and Fraser Richardson, Toby Clark, Joseph and Charlotte Millington, who competed in a triathlon last week. We are all very proud of your achievements!



Well Done to our brilliant parents!

Mary (Fraser's mum) and Cherri (Oli's mum) each climbed the vertical height of Mont Blanc in box steps (on a box that came to our knees) in order to raise funds for the renovation of the building in Tilston Playing Field. Mont Blanc is 4810m tall which meant we smashed out a total of 10820 box steps each over 5 days during half term. It was a massive challenge for our legs and glutes, just to keep going! Box steps were generally done in public places including the gym, the playing field and outside the village shop.

The Playing Field Association are aiming to raise £10 000 to fund their project. Cherri's employer, the Bibby Line Group, have a scheme where they will match fund up to £500 for direct employees, so if you feel you can support us, and would like to take advantage of this, then please ensure you leave only Cherri's name in the comments with your donation on our Just Giving page (<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ca-bones-5>). All cash raised will be match funded also.

We would really appreciate it if you could show your support in raising funds for this community village project, if you can afford to.

Cheers Cherri



Worship

Thank you for joining us this week for our Early Years family worship. The children told us all about the story of the Rainbow Fish and linked it to our value-respect. The children read confidently and enjoyed retelling the story through drama.



We hope you will be able to join us for your child's worship.
Please see the dates below:

Robins	Wednesday 12 th June at 9am
House Martins	Wednesday 19 th June at 9am
Kestrels	Wednesday 26 th June at 9am.



PE

Please make sure your child has a PE kit in school. We are wasting valuable curriculum time sorting out spare PE kits.



Our Prayer of the Week- Kendra

We had time to rest, and now we are full of energy. We have had time to think, and now we are full of ideas. Be with us, God, we pray.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend. Please feel free to share your child's achievements out of school, we love reporting on them too!

Yours sincerely

Handwritten signature of K. Mort.

Mrs Kelsey Mort