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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.

Head Girl and Head Boy

Lucy Blake and Thomas Griffiths have already demonstrated their excellent leadership skills by being positive role models across the school and leading by example. This week they have joined me in leading worship and creating our very own Tilston's Recipe to success.

Staffing

We have welcomed Mrs Evans this term who has taken on the exciting role as our school cook. Mrs Evans is very happy and smiley, and she has already made a big impression with her delicious roast dinners.

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 next week. 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 9 th Sept @ 3.30 pm	Robins Y1/2	Mrs Bryan
Tue 10 th Sept @ 3.30 pm	Wrens Nursery/Rec	Mrs Edwards
Wed 11 th Sept @ 3.30 pm	House Martins Y3/4	Mrs Hughes/Mrs Callister
Thu 12 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 9th September	
Monday	All day breakfast or deli option - choice of sandwiches with salad
Tuesday	Ham, sweetcorn and cheese pasta bake or jacket potato
Wednesday	Roast beef dinner or deli option – choice of sandwiches with salad
Thursday	Chicken curry or jacket potato
Friday	Cheese & tomato pizza with chips or deli option – choice of sandwiches with salad

* 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. Please make all payments online if possible.

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>

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.

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:

- 1) To try new things
- 2) To work hard
- 3) To concentrate
- 4) To push oneself



- 5) To imagine
- 6) To improve
- 7) To understand others
- 8) To not give up

This week, we have been looking out for children who **push themselves**. To push yourself involves stepping out of your comfort zone and taking risks. The start of the school year certainly brings many new challenges and experiences. Well done to the following children who have shown courage to push themselves.



Stars of the Week



- YR** Wrens Class- for settling in well and being enthusiastic learners!
- Y1** Bella: challenging herself further in maths.
- Y2** Megan: working hard and challenging herself in maths.
- Y3** Karl: settling in very well and trying his best to achieve.
- Y4** Oskar: settling in beautifully to our class, pushing himself to give his best.
- Y5** George: pushing himself in maths and persevering.
- Y6** Jessica: pushing herself to work hard and coming back to school with a wonderful attitude.



Our Star Hand Writers



Year 1	Declan
Year 2	Alfie
Year 3	Harriet
Year 4	Charlotte
Year 5	Drummond
Year 6	Sophie



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.

Reading

We want our children to be confident readers who find joy in travelling to far off lands, researching climate change or have fun sharing jokes from a joke book. In short, we want to give them the tools to be the best readers they can be. The new OFSTED framework places an increased emphasis at seeing how children progress looking at the continuum of



At Tilston this year, we have made a bespoke programme for the teaching of phonics and spelling, carefully looking at specific needs of every child in our school. We will dedicate 15 minutes every day when the children will work in small groups across the school, differentiated to meet their individual needs. Groups will be reviewed regularly and children will move accordingly. Our hope is that great progress will be made.

Healthy Snacks

Our EYFS and KS1 pupils will continue to receive a piece of fruit at break time. Toast/bagel and a cuplet of juice are available to pupils in KS2 from Mrs Evans and the cost is **60p**. If your child is bringing in a snack from home, please send in a healthy option such as fresh or dried fruit. We achieved the 'Healthy Schools Award' last year and would like to continue to encourage the children to make healthy choices. We would like to start the year as we mean to go on and appreciate your support.

Please only send water in water bottles and not juice.

Birthday Celebrations

Linked to our Healthy school's status, we would like to change the way we celebrate children's birthdays in school. Many parents, as part of the Parent Committee, expressed concerns for the amount of treats shared in school as part of birthday celebrations. Having listened to you, promoting our healthy school and considering severe allergies, a decision has been made to stop bringing in birthday cakes.

This year, we will continue to celebrate birthdays with certificates, presented in Celebration Assembly, and birthday stickers. Please do not send in cakes or other treats. If you would like to mark the occasion, an idea could be to purchase a book to present to your child's class. Please do not feel under any pressure to do this, however if you would like to, we will stick in a special birthday insert and the book can then be shared with the class.

Clubs

We are excited to continue to offer the great range of after school clubs for the next half term. Multi Skills and Hockey will start WB 9th September.

Day	Club	Year Groups	Cost	Time
TBC	Rugby	KS2	£3.00 per session	3:15-4:15pm
Tuesday	Multi-Skills	KS1	£3.00 per session	3:15-4:15pm
Wednesday	Premier Sports-Hockey	KS2 (Y3 4 5 & 6)	£3.00 per session	3:15-4:15pm

Homework

This year homework will be collected every Monday and new homework will be sent out by a Tuesday.

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

Learning Environment

This summer we have had decorators in school redecorating the early years classes and the old hall. School is looking bright and fresh and we are excited to start developing the school to display the children's work.

TSA- A message from the TSA...

"Hi all, we are having a TSA gathering at the Carden Arms, [Monday 9th September](#) at 1.30pm. The meeting's agenda is to welcome back the team and begin discussion a format for this year's AGM. We would like to welcome our new reception parents and of course if anyone is interested in getting involved with the TSA or just wants to meet some of the parents, please come along, you will be most welcome!"

Keeping Children Safe at Tilston Primary School

Following a safeguarding review, some significant changes have been made within school. Please take the time to read the important information sent home today. Please work with us to keep our children safe at all times.



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

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MULTI SKILLS SPORT CLUBS

Name of child Year group

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

Club	Age Group	✓
Multi Skills (Tuesdays)	Y1 & 2	

I would like my child to attend the 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 9th September up to week ending 18th October (six weeks)

*There is a £18.00 charge for these clubs for this half term.

Please tick if appropriate: (Please pay online where possible)

- I have paid online at www.schoolmoney.co.uk
- I enclose payment of £..... (please make cheques payable to Cheshire West and Chester).

Signed Parent/Guardian Date:

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PREMIER SPORT CLUBS

Name of child Year group

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

Club	Age Group	✓
Hockey (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.

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