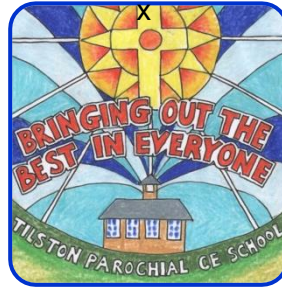


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25<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

Dare I say Christmas is coming?



We only have 7 weeks in school before we break up for Christmas! We have been busy in school creating individual Christmas card designs. Your child will be bringing home their personal designs today with an order form. If an order for cards is placed, your child's design will be printed onto Christmas cards and you will receive a pack of 12 A6 cards at a cost of £5.50 per pack. In addition to cards, you can also order mugs and gift tags; all prices are clearly stated on the order form. Please read through the form carefully and return by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November with cash or a cheque, payable to **PRONTAPRINT**, in a clearly labelled envelope. (Please do not make cheques payable to school as they will not be accepted. No orders will be accepted after Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November.



### Value-Generosity

Our value this half term is GENEROSITY. During Monday's worship, we looked at what generosity meant to us and how we have shown generosity in school this term. Our Harvest Festival service this year showed enormous generosity with over 70 harvest boxes donated. After delivering gifts to our friends in the community, we were also able to support the Whitchurch Foodbank. A very big thank you for showing generosity, care and compassion.



### Liverpool Museum Trip

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November, as part of their history topic this term, our House Martins will be visiting Liverpool Museum. Please refer to the letter sent home for details.

### Bickley Farm Trip

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November our EYFS and KS1 children will be visiting Bickley Hall Farm. Please refer to the letter for details.



### Remembrance Sunday

On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November, we have been invited to join the parade from Tilston Memorial Hall to St Mary's Church. A service will be held in church from 10am. If you would like to join the parade, please meet at the Tilston Memorial Hall at 9:20am. We will walk in silence to St Mary's Church, as a sign of our respect, and lay a poppy wreath following the service.

### Sugar Free Days

Mrs Evans, our new School Cook, is eager to develop the menus to include sugar free days. As a Healthy school, we are delighted to work with Mrs Evans and introduce sugar free Tuesday's and sugar free Thursdays from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Meals and puddings will only contain natural sugars, those found in fruits etc, and will not contain any added sugars.



In January 2019, we successfully achieved the Healthy Schools Award and had a big push on healthy lunchboxes. Please continue to work with us by providing healthy lunchboxes and healthy snacks.

### **Lunch** Menu for week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019

<b>Monday</b>	Bonfire Bonanza! Bangers & mash or filled jacket potato
<b>Tuesday</b>	Pasta bolognese or ham ploughmans
<b>Wednesday</b>	Roast gammon or filled jacket potato
<b>Thursday</b>	Hot chicken wrap or mac 'n' cheese
<b>Friday</b>	Fish & chips or omelette

\* 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.

### Lunchtime Behaviour Awards

This week we proudly presented Olivia Hughes and Daniel Hooker with our lunchtime awards. Both Daniel and Olivia are working well as lunchtime monitors and helping others at dinner time. We are very proud of them both-well done!



### Applying for a Secondary School place-Year 7 September 2020

The closing date for secondary school applications is 31 October 2019.

Our value this week is **concentrate**. To get good at something, you need to concentrate and get it done. Well done to the following children who have concentrated well this week.



## Stars of the Week



- YR** Beatrice: concentrating hard on sequencing a story.
- Y1** Lawrence: super concentration in all areas of learning.
- Y2** Maddie: excellent concentration and focus throughout all her learning.
- Y3** William C: showing wonderful concentration all week.
- Y4** Peter: increased concentration and focus.
- Y5** Sam: concentrating when writing.
- Y6** Josie: concentrating beautifully and pushing herself in literacy



### Our Star Hand Writers



<b>Reception</b>	Jessica H M
<b>Year 1</b>	Samuel
<b>Year 2</b>	Sienna B
<b>Year 3</b>	Chloe
<b>Year 4</b>	Logan
<b>Year 5</b>	George
<b>Year 6</b>	James



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.



### What is Big Book Boost?

Big Book Boost is The Book People's brand new fundraising scheme. Every time you place an order with them over £10, they will donate £1 to our school to spend on books! This year, It is our aim to build on our library collections, and your help would be very much appreciated. Please follow the link for details:

<https://www.thebookpeople.co.uk/bigbookboost>

### Parents' Evening Attendance

<b>EYFS</b>	<b>Robins</b>	<b>House Martins</b>	<b>Kestrels</b>
100%	93%	97%	100%

Thank you for attending Parents' Evenings this week. Home/school links are very important to us and significantly impact on your child's achievement. Thank you for taking the time to complete the questionnaires, I will compile all the results and share them with you after half term.

## Family Worship

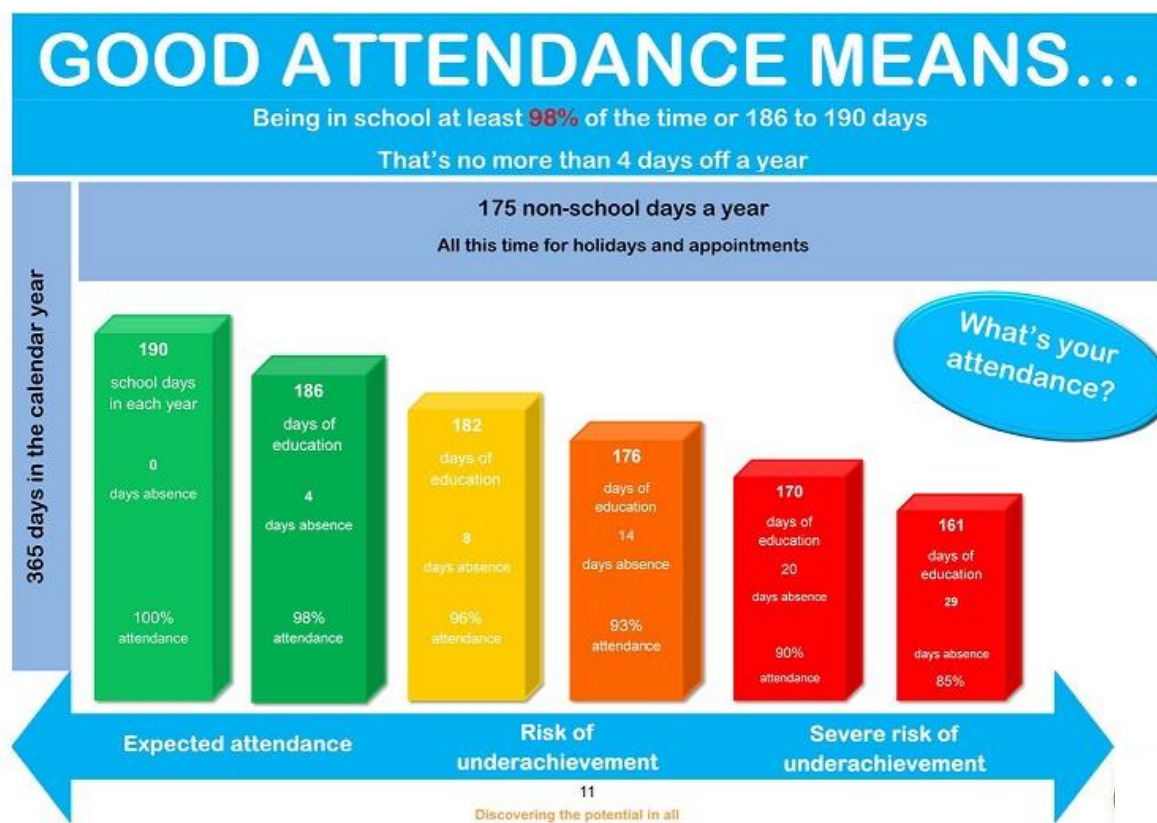
Next half term, we would like to invite you to join us for worship. Each class will lead a worship and you are welcome to join us. Our value next half term is Compassion. Worship starts at 9:05am and lasts for approximately 25 minutes.

*please  
join us*

Wrens	Robins	House Martins	Kestrels
14 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	21 <sup>st</sup> November 2019	28 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	5 <sup>th</sup> December 2019

## Attendance at Tilston Primary School

In 2017/18, our absence rate was 3.50%, this figure is **above the national average**. Our attendance is closely monitored by Cheshire West and Chester. This year we have seen a significant increase in requests for holidays during term time; I will not authorise any absence during term time. Any unauthorised absence over 4 days, will result in a fixed penalty fine. Our Attendance Policy is available to view on our school website.



## School Photographs

The deadline for returning any school photograph orders is Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

## Change of date

Our Spring Term Parents' Evenings will take place on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020**.

### **A message from the TSA...**

Would you like a half term clear out in time for Christmas? If so, please support the TSA Recycle 4 School scheme. The **TSA** will be sending home a Recycle 4 School bag today, please fill your bag and return to school on 13<sup>th</sup> November.



### **Prayer of the week- Matilda**

Gracious God,  
A new day is beginning;  
New opportunities are coming,  
New ideas are growing.  
May we make the best of all things new.

We break up today for half term and return to school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you for your continued support this half term. I hope you all have a well-deserved rest and enjoy quality time with family and friends.

### **Outdoor Exploring- Mrs Berry**

Over this year, we are adopting a new Activity Passport which we hope will ensure that our children are given opportunities to try new things and develop new skills. Across each year, aside from our day-to-day curriculum, the children will take part in 20 activities to help them to grow in confidence, expand their understanding of the world around them, or perhaps to introduce a hobby or passion that could last for years to come. To help us reach this goal, we are asking for your help to complete around 5 activities over the year with your child. We hope that with your involvement, we can encourage the children to make the most of our surroundings, develop links with the local community and learn about the history of where we live. Details of the activities for your child have been sent home today and you might like to make a start over this half-term. Please update us with your child's progress over the year with photos, souvenirs or written/drawn reflections. Please see the lists of activities for each year group below.

### **A special thank you to our wonderful Tilston Team.**

Thank you so much for the hard work and energy you all put into your job. Walking around school, I see children working, learning, smiling and laughing. Our happy school is because of your dedication. Have a lovely break and enjoy time with your families.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'K Mort'.

Mrs Kelsey Mort

RECEPTION (5)	YEAR 1 (5)	YEAR 2 (7)	YEAR 3 (5)	YEAR 4 (7)	YEAR 5 (6)	YEAR 6 (5)
Post a letter	Make and taste chapattis	Walk barefoot on the sand or on a nature trail	Light a candle	Make chocolate	Learn to moonwalk	Visit a local charity and find out how you can support them
Meet a friend's pet	Borrow a book from a library		Learn a new game	Explore inside a cave	Do a blind folded taste test	
Taste a new fruit		Start a collection and share it with your class	Learn to play a game of cards	Make up your own game and teach it someone	Visit a Science lab	Organise tea for parents and carers
Make a sandwich	Discover what is in a pond		Visit an art gallery	Skim stones	Experience a Victorian school room	
Fly a kite	Look up at the stars on a clear night	Take a trip to the seaside or walk alongside a river	Stay away from home for a night	Visit a castle	Climb something that is taller than you	Take a trip on a train
	Join an extra-curricular club	Go bird watching		Swim outside		Learn to knit
		Bake a cake		Learn to sew on a button	Walk to the top of a hill	Make a dessert
		Buy something and check your change				
		Get soaking wet in the rain				



## Diary Dates

This term is full of exciting events and we hope you will join us. Each week, I will update the dates for your diary.

Event	Date	Time
Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church	Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> November. Children welcome to join the parade and represent the school.	Details to follow.
KS2 Poetry Evening	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	6pm
Parent Committee Meeting	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	6-7pm
Non-Uniform Day Please bring a bottle/Tombola prize	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	
TSA Christmas Fair	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	5:30-8pm.
St Mary's Church Christmas Tree Service- All welcome	Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	4pm
StoryHouse Theatre Trip 'Peter Pan' (Y1-Y6)	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	During the school day
EYFS/KS1 Nativity	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	6pm
EYFS/KS1 Nativity	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	6pm
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	School day
St Mary's Church Christmas Carol Service	Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	6:30pm
KS2 Christingle Service at St Mary's Church	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	6:30pm
Christmas Dinner	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	
Grandparents Christmas Carol Concert	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	1:45pm.