



Tilston Parochial
CE Primary School

Bringing out the Best in Everyone.

'Encourage one another and build each other up.' Thessalonians 5:11

Date: 18th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Despite an exceptionally tough Spring term for everyone, our school has been bursting with brilliant learning and experiences. So much hard work from children, staff and families; I'm so proud of our Tilston School Family!

Wrens & Bluebell Nursery

This half term the Wrens and Bluebell Nursery have been thinking about superheroes. This all started after we had a visit from some peas that had been frozen in ice. We all worked together with our tweezers to free them from the ice. However, we then received a letter from Supertato our potato superhero, asking us not to free them as they will cause mischief in the classroom. Too late! They had caused havoc with our snack. Carrots taped to the tables with plasters, faces drawn on the bananas and oranges covered in shaving foam. However, we all worked together to make jelly traps to capture them. Now there is only one pea on the loose. In literacy we designed some wanted posters to capture the pea. Let us hope this had done the trick.



Our book Supertato by Sue Hendra has captured the imagination of the children and through the story we have managed to cover all areas of the curriculum. We have explored magnetism to make our superheroes fly and looked at changes in materials by cooking and mashing potatoes and making jelly and ice. We painted pictures of superheroes and designed and made our very own Supertato characters. We researched the city of New York and worked in the block area to build and construct skyscrapers. We compared the life in a city to that of living in a village in the country.

Finally, we talked about our own superheroes in real life. Our doctors, nurses, vets, police and firefighters who do their best to help us. We spent a great deal of time talking about firefighters and how to stay safe around fire.

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Robins

In the Robins we have had a very busy but exciting time. The children have worked extremely hard in all areas of the curriculum. Our topic is Ice Explorers so we have been learning all about Antarctica and the many treacherous expeditions that have taken place there. We have researched the physical features of the land and discussed how explorers over the years have adapted their equipment and clothes to make sure that they can visit and return safely. In science we have even carried out our very own investigations involving ice! The children have used and developed their art techniques to create beautiful Antarctica peninsula artwork using marker pen, oil pastels and brusho, we look forward to sharing them with you. The book that has been supporting our reading and writing in class is *The Curious Case of the Missing Mammoth*. The children have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the characters and have been using this to help them write complete descriptive sentences with the correct punctuation, this has then helped them to rewrite and write their own version of the story. In class, maths is quite fast paced and the children have worked so hard working on all the different concepts. We have looked at money, addition and subtraction, measurement and in Year 2 they have recently started (and are doing extremely well with it) multiplication. So much learning has taken place and I am proud of the effort the children have put in.

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House Martins

The House Martins have had a magnificent first term following Christmas with plenty to be proud of. We have been engrossed in poetry writing and exploring what life is like for refugees through our new Literacy text, *Wisp*. Our literacy text '*Giraffa Zerrafa*' has not only inspired some beautiful writing but also some fantastic artwork having said how much they enjoyed the illustrations. The children have worked incredible hard on our Multiplication and Division topics in maths, as well as honing and practising telling time. We have had lots of fun submerging ourselves in the Ancient Greeks and discovering what legacies they left for us, such as democracy and the Olympics.

Our science topic focuses on the humans side of 'Animals including Humans' with particular exploration of the digestive system where they combined science with writing, documenting the journey of a grape they had just eaten. They have enjoyed raising questions about what they hope to learn. We have been fortunate to have a Brass teacher come into school to share her passion and inspire the children in our Music lessons. Our R.E. topic has been Islam, where the children made fabulous presentations sharing their new knowledge.

Finally, it has been a joy to see the children gain in confidence and thrive in our swimming lessons, where all the children have given their best.

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It has been lovely to see the House Martins smiling and laughing with their friends and bringing fun and energy to all they have done and achieved this term.



Kestrels

It's been a busy half term in the Kestrels class and, as always, the children have worked incredibly hard. We started our half term's literacy lessons with a new book, 'The Day War Came', which taught us about the Syrian Refugee crisis and inspired the children to write emotive poetry and persuasive letters. In maths, we have mastered decimals, percentages, algebra, perimeter, area and volume!

In our geography lessons, we have learnt about different coastal features and used digital mapping software to locate these on the UK coastline. The children have really enjoyed our PE lessons this half term and they have all improved their netball and indoor athletics skills. We really enjoyed applying what we have learnt at the sports hall athletics competition at Bishop Heber last night!

Something that has really interested the children this half term has been our science topic of earth and space: they have loved sharing fascinating facts with each other. We also got to apply our knowledge of electricity from last half term's science work when we designed our own 'steady hand game' in design and technology – the children can't wait to build their designs soon!

Finally, we have been learning about religious diversity in RE and the children created a 'Golden Rule' for their own religions. We have recently celebrated safer internet day in school and this linked perfectly with the work we have done in PSHE around staying safe online – we are busy planning a debate over whether age restrictions should be removed from social media apps.

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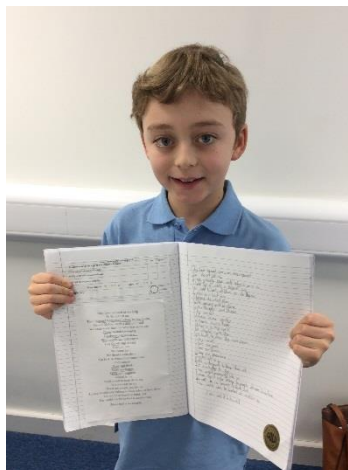
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We have squeezed a lot in to the last 7 weeks so we hope the children have a well-earned rest over half term!



Athletics

Well done to our Y5/6 athletics team for their outstanding performance at Bishop Heber High School last night. Every member of the team gave 100%, supported and encouraged one another and were excellent ambassadors for Tilston School.



Y4 Multiplication Check- Meeting for parents

Mrs Hughes would like to invite all year 4 parents to a meeting to explain the statutory multiplication check for year 4 pupils on Wednesday 16th March at 2:45pm. We strongly recommend attending to find out how you can support and prepare your child for this test. Please confirm your attendance by emailing Mrs Farmer admin@tilston.cheshire.sch.uk

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The menu for the week beginning 28th February

| Lunch menu for week commencing 28 th February | |
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| Monday | Inset Day |
| Tuesday | Tomato & mascarpone pasta with garlic bread and veg or deli option with salad. |
| Wednesday | Roast chicken* dinner or filled jacket potato with salad. |
| Thursday | World Book Day special: Muddy meatballs with wiggly worm spaghetti or marvellous macaroni cheese with veg or salad. Lovely jubbly jelly of Hungry Caterpillar Fruit Platter |
| Friday | Cheese & tomato pizza with chips or filled jacket potato with salad. |

*Vegetarian option available. Fresh fruit and yoghurt available daily.

Please read and support our wonderful Tilston Mum's Netball Team...

We are raising money for Young Lives V Cancer (formally CLIC) as one of our lady's little boy has recently been diagnosed with Wilms Disease - kidney cancer. (Not one of our mums) and they are currently undergoing a gruelling treatment schedule. We just want the family to know we are thinking of them. On 8th March after training, our netball mums (and the other ladies who have now joined us) will be attempting to score 1800 goals in 1800 seconds... each goal representing the 1800 children who are diagnosed with cancer in the uk every year. Wish us luck!

Our link is www.justgiving.com/fundraising/tilstonnetballclub1800



[Tilston Netball Club 1800 seconds - 1800 goals challenge](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/tilstonnetballclub1800)

Help Zoe Hughes raise money to support Young Lives vs Cancer

www.justgiving.com

Thank you,
Zoe, Katie, Mary, Amanda, Lucy, Kim and everyone at Tilston Netball Club!



Our lunchtime award goes to **Archie Kidd** for always being a kind and caring friend.

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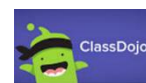
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The Class Dojo Champions this half term are:

The Robins with 3045 points. The children will choose one of 3 envelopes with a special treat organised by the School Committee to enjoy after half term.



| Wrens & Bluebell Nursery | Robins | House Martins | Kestrels |
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| 2730 | 3045 | 2324 | 1907 |

World Book day 2022

A special thank you to the TSA for buying EVERY child in school a plain white t shirt for World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March. We are looking forward to seeing the children's designs and celebrating our love of reading.



Extra-Curricular Clubs

Next half term we will be offering the following extra-curricular activities.

| Day | Club | Year Groups | Cost | Time |
|--|--------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Tuesday Starting Tuesday 1st March (5 weeks) | Cheshire Cricket | Reception & Robins (Year 1 & 2) | £20 5 sessions | 3:15- 4:15pm |
| Wednesday 2nd March | Football- Ms Shone | Years 3-6 | £20 5 sessions | 3:15-4:15pm |
| Every Tuesday | Year 6 SATS | Year 6 | No charge | 3:15-4:15pm |



Our Star Hand Writer



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| Reception | Eve |
| Year 1 | Fearne |
| Year 2 | Laurie |
| Year 3 | Lawrence |
| Year 4 | Sam |
| Year 5 | Elle |
| Year 6 | Max |

Dates for next half term

| Class | PE | Outdoor Exploring |
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| Wrens & Bluebell | Tuesday- Cricket Wednesday- Sports Coach | |
| Robins | Tuesday- Cricket Wednesday- Sports Coach | |
| House Martins | Tuesday- PE | Wednesday |
| Kestrels | Tuesday- PE | Wednesday |

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Swimming

The House Martins will be swimming on Wednesday 2nd March.

This week's personal development goal is to **understanding others**. Well done to the following children who been understanding of other people's feelings and needs this week.



Stars of the Week



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| YR | Alby: helping to keep the classroom tidy and safe for others. |
| Y1 | The Robins: working together to understand others when reading 'The Invisible String.' |
| Y2 | |
| Y3 | Nell: understanding when others need support and kindness. |
| Y4 | Harri: showing care and consideration to others and in all he does. |
| Y5 | Izaak: always considering the feelings of others. |
| Y6 | Eve: being helpful and responsible member of our class. |



St Mary's Church-Education Sunday

Education Sunday will take place on Sunday 6th March at 10:30am at St Mary's Church. We have been practising a variety of songs with Mr Gilbert and look forward to being part of this special service. We would like to invite all children and families to join us. As part of the service our children will join children from Shocklach Primary to sing a variety of songs and share Bible readings and prayers.

Please email Mrs Farmer if your child can attend the service. We expect children to wear their school uniform if attending please.

Prayer of the week



Dear God,

Sorry for the times when I haven't loved people through my thoughts and actions.

Thank you for all those that love me and for all those I love.

Help my community to share love with each other through their actions.

Please help me to love people in practical ways, especially those who are harder to love.

Amen

Wishing you all a wonderful half term holiday; we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 1st March 2022.

Yours sincerely

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