



Tilston Parochial
CE Primary School

Bringing out the Best in Everyone.
'Encourage one another and build each other up.' Thessalonians 5:11

Date: 4th September 2020

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.

Thank you

I would like to thank you all for the tremendous support we have received this week. Reopening school and keeping staff, children and families safe is our main priority and will continue to be for the coming year. This morning was much calmer and our systems worked well. Please continue to adhere to the drop off, collection times and one way system. To ensure the children are safe at all times, please come onto the yard at your allocated time. If you arrive early, please wait in your car to avoid gatherings at the gate. I do appreciate it is hard but your support and patience is very much appreciated. We requested that you wear a face covering when coming on the school yard as our greatest risk is adult to adult contact. We do understand that there are exceptions, due to medical reasons, for not wearing a mask. Thank you for wearing a face covering to keep our Tilston family safe. We are working very closely with Public Health England who are advising us on how to manage the situation. Please see the attached quick guide to what to do if your child or family member displays coronavirus symptoms.

Head Girl and Head Boy

Iris Tindle and Oli Bones have already demonstrated their excellent leadership skills by being positive role models across the school and leading by example. This week they have each written a special welcome message.

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A message from Iris

It has been a very long time that we have been away from school and it has been a hard time for everyone.

It is great to be back as everyone can see their friends and teachers face to face.

This is such an amazing school!



A message from Oli

Welcome back. I hope everyone has had a great summer holiday. I know that lockdown has been strange but we have finally come back to school.

For the new children- welcome to our school. You will love it. It is a great school and you will like your new teacher Mrs Edwards. You will love your new classroom and I hope you have a great time.

Welcome to all our new children in school. I hope you all have a great time at Tilston School.



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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.](#)

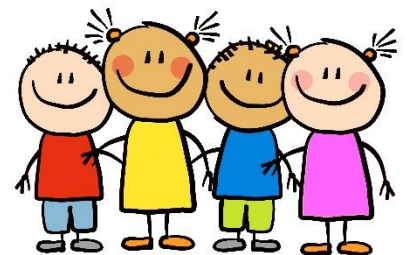
Our school aims to:

- *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



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Meet the Teachers

Due to current restrictions we are unable to run our Meet the Teacher sessions. Teachers have all written a newsletter to share important information for your child's class. The newsletter includes PE days, days reading books will be changed in school (We still have to quarantine books for 72 hours) and information regarding homework. We are unable to share any dates for this term due to current Covid restrictions. EFYS phonics and maths evenings cannot go ahead. We will update you as the guidance changes. Information can be found on the school website in class folders.

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.

Windows and doors all have to be kept open throughout the day and this makes school rather cool. We would encourage plenty of layers as the term will only get colder as we move into winter. School fleeces can be ordered and worn in school to make children more comfortable. Please email Mrs farmer if you would be interested in placing an order.

Lunch Menu for week beginning 7th September 2020	
Monday	All day breakfast or deli option
Tuesday	Cheese & tomato pasta bake or filled jacket potato
Wednesday	Roast beef dinner or deli option
Thursday	Mac 'n' cheese or filled jacket potato
Friday	Pizza & chips or filled jacket potato

* Please note, the cost of a school lunch is now £2.40. Reminder that all children in Reception and KS1 are entitled to a free school meal.

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>

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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 complete and return your data collection sheets and general consent forms your child will bring home as soon as possible. Copies of the forms are attached. This year we are sending home blank Data Collection sheets for you to input your data. It is vital this year that we hold up to date contact details should we need to contact you in an emergency. 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:

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- 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 **Try New Things**. Well done to the following children who have shown courage to try new things.

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Stars of the Week



N	Bluebell Nursery: being brave and confident in a new setting.
YR	Wrens: starting school with confidence.
Y1	Angus: overcoming his nerves with a smile.
Y2	Noah: returning to a new school with confidence.
Y3	Sienna B: contributing beautifully in her new class.
Y4	Hugo: a wonderful focused start to the year.
Y5	Grace: coming back to school with a smile and wonderful attitude.
Y6	Ruby: showing enthusiasm and a wonderful attitude to learning.



Our Star Hand Writers



Year 1	Emerson
Year 2	Lawrence
Year 3	Harri
Year 4	Harriet
Year 5	Joseph M
Year 6	Daniel



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.

Healthy Snacks

Our EYFS and KS1 pupils will continue to receive a piece of fruit at break time. A bagel and a cuplet of juice are available to pupils in KS2 from Mrs Evans and the cost is **65p**. Please try to send in the exact amount to avoid handling money in school. We are looking to develop the online payment system to allow parents to pay online. It is our aim to be cashless this year.

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' in 2019 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.

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Clubs

We will be offering a limited amount of after school clubs this term due to the government restrictions. The clubs below will start WB 7th September 2020.

Day	Club	Year Groups	Cost	Time
Tuesday	Cheshire Cricket	Years 3-6	£24 7 sessions	3:15- 4:15pm
Wednesday	Premier Sports Basketball/Netball	Years 3-6	£18 6 sessions	3:15- 4:15pm

Bubbles will be kept separate during sport clubs.

IMPORTANT

Please do not use clubs for childcare as we will have to cancel clubs in the event of heavy rain because we have no indoor space available and very little availability at After School Club. Please book Cheshire Cricket using the attached booking slip. Please book for Premier Sport club using the online booking and payment system.

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

TSA- A message from the TSA...

The TSA would like to invite all parents to attend a Zoom TSA meeting on Monday 7th September 2020 2-3pm. We will be discussing creative ways to fundraise which comply to the government covid-19 regulations. If you would like to join us, please follow the link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3780975955?pwd=Y3VmMURkUDQrbGtPbytTUfhySTZqdz09>

Meeting ID: 378 097 5955

Passcode: Tilston1

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Medication

Medication forms have been sent home today for those children who have regular medication in school. Please complete and sign the forms and return asap.

Flu Vaccination

The nasal flu vaccination will be administered in school on the 13th October for pupils in reception to year 6. Parents will receive a pack at least two weeks prior to the visit with consent forms. A risk assessment will be carried out by a NHS member of staff who will visit our school site prior to the vaccination day.



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.

Wishing you all a lovey weekend. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Yours sincerely



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SPORT CLUBS

Name of child Year group

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

Club	Age Group	✓
Basketball/Netball	Y3-6	

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 7th September up to week ending 16th October (six weeks)

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

Please tick if appropriate:

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

Signed Parent/Guardian

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