



Tilston Parochial
CE Primary School

Bringing out the Best in Everyone.

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

Date: 23rd October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

COVID-19 Update

Thank you for your support and patience this half term. Working together has been key to welcoming back all children and keeping staff, children and families safe. Over the past 8 weeks, 16 children have been tested and I am pleased to report that we have not had any positive cases in school. Please continue to work with us and follow all safety measures in place when we return after half term.

I would like to say a special thank you to all staff who have worked incredibly hard to keep children safe, plan exciting learning experiences and for all the love and support they have provided to make sure the children feel safe and ready to learn. I wish them all a very well deserved rest over half term.

Parents' Evenings

Thank you for taking the time to book an appointment to discuss your child's progress in school. We had an overwhelming response (100% attendance) and teachers enjoyed catching up with parents. Thank you for your kind comments about the support we were able to offer over lockdown. We have missed being able to welcome you into school and hope to be able to welcome you all back soon.

Black History Month

Today we have celebrated the work the children have completed as part of our Black History Month. We are passionate about providing a broad, balanced and inclusive curriculum where children are encouraged to respect and value others. Each class has explored black history, heritage, culture and achievements and presented their work in a special Celebration Assembly.

Outdoor Exploring

Mrs Berry will lead Outdoor Exploring sessions for House Martins and Kestrels after half term. Can children please come to school dressed in black/grey jogging bottoms/leggings with school t shirts and jumpers. As we approach the winter months please provide wellies, waterproof trousers and coats, hats, scarves and gloves.

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Art Day

Children across the school enjoy weekly art lessons where they learn a range of artistic skills and techniques. Each half term we look forward to seeing the children applying their knowledge and skills and coming together to create a whole school art project. Our theme this half term is water. The children have enjoyed looking at artwork from David Hockney and Claude Monet and applied a range of techniques to create their own masterpieces.



Attendance Expectations- Department of Education

The Department of Education has published attendance expectations for all schools:

'It is vital for all children to return to school to minimise, as far as possible, the longer-term impact of the pandemic on children's education, wellbeing and wider development.

Missing out on more time in the classroom risks pupils falling further behind. Those with higher overall absence tend to achieve less well in both primary and secondary school. School attendance has therefore been mandatory from the beginning of the autumn term. This means from that point, the usual rules on school attendance apply, including:

Parents' duty to secure their child's attendance regularly at school (where the child is a registered pupil at school and they are of compulsory school age)

Schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence.

The availability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct.'

Every Child Is An Artist
~Pablo Picasso~

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

We are working closely with the Department of Education and report attendance data daily.

Our overall attendance this half term is:

Wrens	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
99.2%	99.3%	97.7%	99.3%	98.7%	97.3%	95.2%

We are delighted to be able to report attendance data in line with national figures.

We are closely monitoring persistent lateness and encourage all parents to arrive at school on time to avoid a late mark. The Kestrels class and EYFS will close at 8:50am and Robins and House Martins will close at 9:00am.

Lunch Time

Lunch Menu for week beginning 2nd November 2020	
Monday	Inset Day
Tuesday	Beef* meatballs and pasta in tomato and herb sauce with garlic bread and veg or filled jacket potato with salad. Cheese & crackers or fresh fruit
Wednesday	Roast gammon* dinner or deli option with salad. Iced finger or fruit
Thursday	Bonfire Special: Sizzling sticky sausage* & mash with peas or beans or filled jacket potato with salad. Firecracker sponge cake with cosmic custard or fiery fruit platter or sparkling strawberry yoghurt
Friday	Fish & chips with peas or beans or omelette with crusty bread and salad. Biscuit and fruit wedge

* Vegetarian option available

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

Celebration Assembly

Our personal development goal this week is **don't give up**. What does resilience mean? In school we describe resilience as sticking with something even when things go wrong, we are distracted or we don't always succeed first time. Well done to the following children who have shown resilience this week.

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Stars of the Week



R	Joshua: showing resilience in all he does.
Y1	Grace: completing a wonderful piece of artwork.
Y2	Rory: not giving up and producing a wonderful piece of art.
Y3	Maddie: completing a wonderful painting even with tummy ache.
Y4	Elle: not giving up on anything, always completing tasks to her best ability.
Y5	Grace: not giving up on her topic work.
Y6	Charlotte: always enjoying a maths challenge and never giving up.



Star Hand Writers



Reception	Phoebe
Year 1	Monty
Year 2	Samuel
Year 3	Marley
Year 4	Will C
Year 5	Corey
Year 6	Zakk



Behaviour Award

Our Wrens and Bluebell Nursery enjoyed their treat on Monday and have enjoyed their non-uniform treat today.

The class with an amazing 720 points this week is:

The Robins

Outstanding behaviour- Well done!

The introduction of Class Dojo has been a real success this half term and we look forward to continuing to celebrate the outstanding behaviour across the school each week.

Premier Sports

Premier Sports sessions for EYFS and Robins will start on Wednesday 4th November. Children should come dressed in their PE kits. The guidance states that PE sessions should take place outdoors wherever possible so please provide winter PE kits.

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Year 6 Parents

Applications for Secondary School-September 2021 are now open. Please click on the link to access the Cheshire West Admissions page

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education-and-learning/school-admissions/school-admissions.aspx>

The closing date for Secondary School applications is 31st October 2020.



**BISHOP HEBER
HIGH SCHOOL**

Virtual Open Day

Our annual Year 6 Open Day/Evening is unfortunately not possible this year, but we still want you to discover what Bishop Heber High School has to offer.

Join us for our Virtual Open Day where you will have the opportunity to hear from

Mr. Curry, our Headteacher as well as students including a virtual tour of the school.

<https://youtu.be/QQuSVClfZgw>

If you are applying for a place in Wrexham Borough Council, please follow the link below:

<https://www.wrexham.gov.uk/service/school-admissions/secondary-admissions>



Prayer of the week

Heavenly Father, we thank you for all the good things you give us; for family and friends; for food and shelter; for this school and our teachers who care for us.

Sometimes we need to say sorry; sorry that we are not always grateful and expect good things as our right; sorry that we become greedy and want more.

Help us to be more thankful for all that we have, whether it be little or plenty.
Amen.

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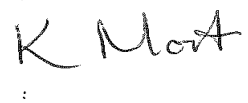
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Please remember we have an INSET Day on Monday 2nd November and school will reopen on Tuesday 3rd November 2020.

Have a lovely half term everyone.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K. Mort". The letters are cursive and slightly slanted to the right.

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