



Tilston Parochial  
CE Primary School

Bringing out the Best in Everyone.

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

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

### COVID-19 Update

On Monday, we were informed by Public Health of our first confirmed case in school. I have received several messages from concerned parents regarding the number of children meeting outside school. Schools are open and we are operating in class bubbles. Children, regardless of whether it is with peers in their class bubble, should not be meeting outside of school. The guidance clearly states, **'You must not leave or be outside of your home except for specific purposes.'** New National restrictions from 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

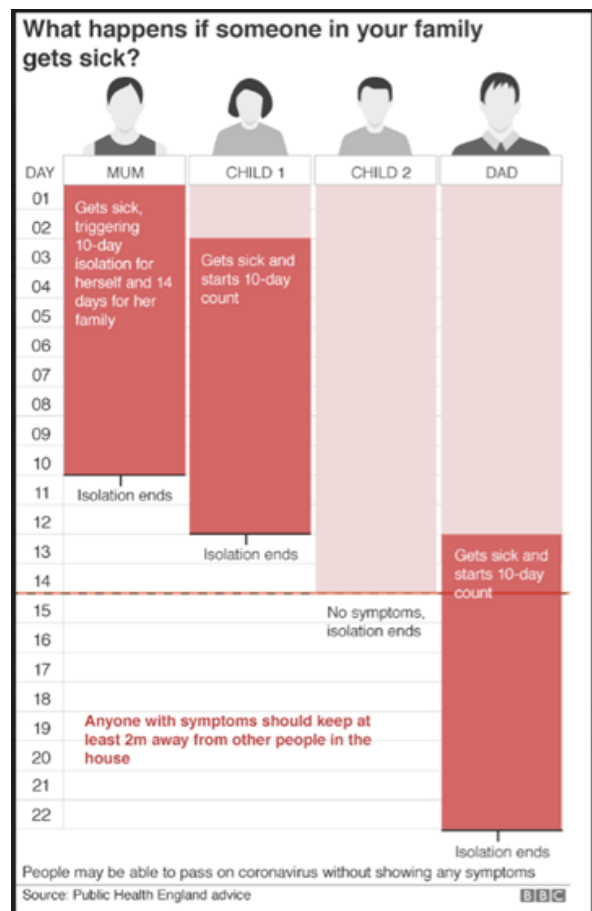
Please work with us and follow the lockdown rules to keep our staff, children and families safe.

Please read the latest guidance carefully.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november>

#### Please remember:

- Always wear a face covering on the school premises.
- Please be on time to drop off and collect. If your child is late Mrs Farmer or I supervise your child to get to class safely; this puts us both at a greater risk and identifies us as a contact. If identified as contacts, Mrs Farmer and I have an increased risk of having to self-isolate which would have a significant impact on the day to day running of the school.



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## Remembrance Sunday

Joe, a Year 6 pupil, set up a Just Giving page to raise money for the Royal British Legion. Joe was inspired through his WW1 history topic and wanted to find a way to show his respects during this challenging time. Joe hand painted pebbles with poppy designs and raised an outstanding £500.00. On Remembrance Sunday, he displayed his poppy pebbles on the War Memorial in Malpas. We are very proud of Joe's creative and thoughtful fundraising efforts.



## Remembrance Day

We showed our respect with a one minute silence in school and made poppies to thank those who gave their today for our tomorrow.



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## Lunch Time

<b>Lunch Menu for week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	All day breakfast* or deli option with salad Sponge and custard or fresh fruit
<b>Tuesday</b>	Cheese & tomato pasta bake with crusty bread and veg or Filled jacket potato with salad. Cheese and crackers or fresh fruit
<b>Wednesday</b>	Braised beef* dinner or deli option with salad. Fruit jelly and fruit wedge
<b>Thursday</b>	Chicken* curry with rice and veg or filled jacket potato with salad. Fruit salad
<b>Friday</b>	Cheese & tomato pizza and chips with peas or beans or filled jacket potato with 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 **work hard**. We all know that to get really good at something we need to practise. Well done to the following children who have worked hard all week.



## Stars of the Week



<b>R</b>	Beth: working hard on her letter writing to the Gruffalo
<b>Y1</b>	Emily: working hard on her writing.
<b>Y2</b>	Nell: working hard in all areas of the curriculum.
<b>Y3</b>	Lilla: working hard in literacy and science.
<b>Y4</b>	Harry N: working hard in literacy.
<b>Y5</b>	Max: always working hard and trying his best.
<b>Y6</b>	George: working hard in maths.



## Star Hand Writers



<b>Reception</b>	Katie
<b>Year 1</b>	Lara
<b>Year 2</b>	Kaden
<b>Year 3</b>	Alexander
<b>Year 4</b>	Chloe
<b>Year 5</b>	Eve
<b>Year 6</b>	Drummond

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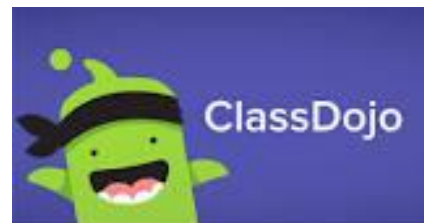
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## Behaviour Award

Our Robins Class enjoyed their treat on Monday and had lots of fun playing on the trim trail with their friends. This week's Class Dojo Champions are:



**The House Martins with 764 points.**

Outstanding behaviour- Well done!

## Children in Need 2020

The children enjoyed dressing up in spots and stripes today and helping to raise money for Children in Need. It was an active start to the day as we joined Joe Wicks for the finale of his 24 hour PE Challenge.



## Parent Committee Meeting

Our first Parent Committee Meeting of 2020-2021 will be on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm. All parents are welcome to join to discuss ways we can further improve our school. Please email me [head@tilston.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:head@tilston.cheshire.sch.uk) if you would like to attend and I will forward a link to the Zoom meeting.

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## Christmas 2020

Christmas is coming and we are determined it is going to be an extra special time for the children this year. We have been busy planning and are delighted to share our plans with you. Our main priority will continue to be keeping the staff, children and families safe so there will be changes to our usual traditions but we hope you can see how hard staff have worked to make it a magical time. It might seem early but for us we only have 5 weeks to make it a Christmas to remember.



Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> November  <b>TSA Christmas Decorations</b>	Each class will make a Christmas decoration in class. Christmas decorations will be available to buy from Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> November for £1 and proceeds go to the TSA.
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December  <b>Christmas cards</b>	This year we are asking that children do not bring Christmas cards in from home as we continue to follow the guidance and limit things being brought into school to reduce the risk of infection. We do appreciate how much the children enjoy receiving cards and have planned to make cards in school. All children will make and receive a Christmas card from our Tilston School family to take home.
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 6:30pm  <b>Christmas Nativity</b>	EYFS (Wrens & Bluebell Nursery) & Robins Class Christmas Nativity.  This year's Christmas Nativity will be pre-recorded in school and shared with parents via a Zoom meeting in the evening. We hope you will be able to join us and enjoy this special performance as a family.
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December (Years 1-6)  <b>The Wonderful Wizard Of Oz (M&amp;M Theatre Production)</b>	Our usual trip to The Storyhouse can't go ahead but we have planned for a travelling theatre company to visit us this year instead. We have booked the Tilston Memorial Hall and hope that the Robins, House Martins and Kestrels will be able to enjoy a performance of The Wonderful Wizard of Oz safely in their individual bubbles. Each class will enjoy a 1 hour showing and will receive a carton of juice and individually wrapped chocolate bar during the show. The hall will be cleaned thoroughly between each class showing to ensure the children are safe at all times. We are asking for a £5.00 donation from parents please to part fund the pantomime. The TSA have kindly offered to pay £800 towards the cost of the theatre trip to keep the cost low. Please pay online using the online payment system. If further restrictions are enforced and we have to postpone the show, it will be rearranged for later in the year.

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Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December  <b>Christmas Jumper Day</b>	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day All children are invited to wear their Christmas Jumper for a small donation of £1. All money raised will be split between the TSA and Save the Children Charity.
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December at 6:30pm  <b>Christingle KS2</b>	Key Stage 2 Christingle Service (All House Martin & Kestrel children will be involved)  Our Christingle Service will be pre-recorded and shared via a Zoom meeting at 6:30pm. We hope you will join us and enjoy being part of this very special service.
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December  <b>Christmas Dinner</b>	We have planned for each class to enjoy their Christmas Dinner in the main dining room which will be decorated and have Christmas music playing. Each class will be timetabled, to ensure bubbles do not mix, and the hall will be cleaned thoroughly between each sitting. Staff will eat with the children in their class bubble to make it a special occasion and Covid safe.  Children can wear their Christmas jumpers.
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2020  <b>Christmas carols by the fire with hot chocolate and marshmallows.</b>	The class with the most Class Dojo points this half term will spend the afternoon outside toasting marshmallows on a campfire, drinking hot chocolate and singing Christmas songs with Mrs Berry. We will announce the winning class on Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December.
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2020  <b>Professor Humo's Magic Show</b>	1:30-2:30pm Professor Humo's Magic Show for Wrens and Bluebell Nursery.  The children will enjoy a magic show in the hall and each receive a carton of juice and individually wrapped chocolate bar.
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December  <b>It's Christmas</b>	We will be celebrating Christmas in our class bubbles with a class party and Christmas movie. The children are all welcome to dress in party clothes.
<b>All Christmas plans, concerts and services are subject to change if further government restrictions are enforced or if we have to close any class bubbles due to Covid related illness.</b>	
<b>Please continue to follow the lockdown guidance to keep staff, children and families safe and help us to celebrate Christmas together.</b>	

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The Whitchurch Foodbank is a charity close to many of our hearts and one we like to support at Christmas time. Each class will have a box from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November and we will collect donations until Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December. I will deliver our donations on the 8<sup>th</sup> December to ensure the volunteers have time to safely quarantine the food before providing food parcels for those less fortunate than ourselves.

Below is a list of the most needed items: a donation of a Christmassy treat of your choice would be a lovely gift.



Milk UHT  
Juice  
Tinned potatoes  
Cereal  
Coffee  
Biscuits  
Tinned custard  
Pasta/sauces  
Curry sauces

tinned vegetables  
Tinned tomatoes  
Pot noodles  
Tinned fruit  
Rice pudding  
Tinned soup  
Instant mash  
Cuppa soup  
Jam

*Thank  
you!*



#### **Prayer of the week**

Dear God,  
Please keep our school family safe during this challenging time.  
Help us to look after each other and be there if our friends need support.  
Amen.

Wishing you all a safe and restful weekend.

Yours sincerely

*K Mort*

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