



Tilston Parochial
CE Primary School

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

Date: 8th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I would ordinarily be writing to wish you a happy new year and the hope that you have had a good holiday, and whilst these sentiments remain, I know that the past few days have provided further difficulties and challenges as we are faced with a third national lockdown. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and patience, I am sure you can appreciate the challenges a school closure creates at such short notice. I would like to say a special thank you to our incredible team who have worked tirelessly over the past few days to get the online learning set up and to reopen safely for critical keyworkers. We all feel extremely sad that our wonderful school has closed, but we all appreciate this is the right decision and will help to keep us all safe.

On Wednesday we launched our online learning for all children working from home and I would like to remind parents that this is a legal requirement from the Department of Education. Please read the guidance:

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

Work will be set daily and we ask that children only use the chat function at the start of the school day.

Daily Worship

I will lead worship every day at 9:15am and focus on our value- perseverance. The waiting room will open approximately 9:05am and children are welcome to use the chat function to share a personal message to their friends. As discussed today, we would encourage all children to behave in the manner that is expected in school. The Zoom meeting room will become our virtual school and our Tilston Code continues to apply to all children.

I have met with our Worship Leaders this week to discuss their feelings since lockdown and to think of ways of developing their roles over the next few weeks to support children in school and at home. We discussed online learning- the highs and the lows. From Monday, we would like all children to wear their school jumpers daily, please feel free to wear leggings, jeans and possibly your slippers!

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We hope this will help children to continue to feel part of our school family, keep to the routine of the school day and will help children to distinguish between home learning and free time at home.

Critical Keyworker Childcare

We have seen significantly high numbers of parents meeting the criteria for critical keyworkers, based on two keyworker families, and unable to care for their children safely at home due to work commitments. We currently have 30% of children in school and cannot offer any more childcare places in accordance with our risk assessment. I do understand the challenges you are experiencing but encourage all parents where possible to follow public health advice and stay at home.

Lunch Time

Lunch Menu for week beginning 11th January 2021	
Monday	All day breakfast* or deli option with salad
Tuesday	Cheese & tomato pasta bake with crusty bread and veg or Filled jacket potato with salad.
Wednesday	Roast gammon* dinner or deli option with salad.
Thursday	Hot chicken baguette and veg or filled jacket potato with salad.
Friday	Cheese & tomato pizza and chips with peas or beans or filled jacket potato with salad.

*Vegetarian option available

Celebration Assembly

Our personal development goal this week is **don't give up**. Well done to the following children who have worked hard all week, faced challenges, taken risks and persevered.



Stars of the Week



R	Julian: working hard with his science experiment.
Y1	Angus: not giving up when he found phonics tricky.
Y2	Rory: showing determination to complete his maths work even when it was tricky.
Y3	Lilla: working hard and not giving up.
Y4	William B: showing great motivation and taking pride in his home learning.
Y5	Grace: working hard and with a super attitude.
Y6	Alice: staying positive and not giving up!

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A message from the TSA...

The clothes collection that was scheduled for the 13th January 2021 has had to be cancelled due to the lockdown. A new date will be arranged when possible.

Some good news to share...

I am pleased to announce that Mr Martin Shaw has been appointed as Parent Governor to serve for the next four years on our governing body. We look forward to working with him to further develop our school.

Prayer written by Alice



Wishing you all a safe weekend.

Yours sincerely

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