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## Tilston Parochial CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

### Welcome Back!

It has been great to see you all again this week. We have lots going on in the half term ahead so please read through this week's news and make a note of the many events and activities that we have planned in the build up to Easter. A summary of key dates can be found below.

### Term Dates

I am sure that you have realised that the Easter weekend falls earlier in the year in 2016 and as we are following the CWaC term dates, this means that Good Friday and Easter Monday fall before the two week 'Spring Break' in April. If you are keen to plan ahead, the Local Authority's term dates for the next three years are available on the [Cheshire West and Chester homepage](#). We will be following the CWaC dates for 2016-2017 and I will confirm the INSET days once they have been approved by the governing body.

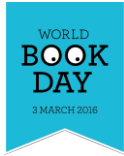
### School Hall Design

The design team from Cassidy and Ashton has just produced drawings of the proposed floor plans and elevations for our brand new hall. These are now displayed in the hall and you are very welcome to come into school to have a look. The proposals have been shared with the children, staff and governors and we are all very excited! Do come inside, take a look and let me know what you think.

### Fundraising

A number of fundraising ideas are now taking shape and we really need **YOUR** support. While the school has been given a fixed budget from the Local Authority, unfortunately this does not include kitting out the hall with the fixtures, furnishings and equipment we would like to have in it. There is every chance that we will be required to scale back the building plans should the budget not stretch far enough.

Our fundraising target of £50 000 is based on a wish list produced by the staff and children and includes staging, dining tables and chairs, indoor sports equipment and apparatus, seating for visitors, a projector/interactive TV, a large whole school art piece and glass doors. Perhaps individual fundraising events and initiatives could be linked to a specific item on the list.



### World Book Day: 3<sup>rd</sup> March

To celebrate World Book Day on Thursday next week, we will be having a 'Bedtime Story' theme. We are encouraging the children to come into school in pyjamas, dressing gowns and onesies with a favourite book (and perhaps a teddy bear). Staff will be sharing extracts from some of their favourite texts throughout the day and there will be opportunities for children to read together with buddies from other classes.

### Life Education Visit: 4<sup>th</sup> March

Our visit from the Life Education van will take place on Friday next week. Each of our four classes will take part in a session and they will be sure to meet some familiar characters. The themes for each class are as follows:



EYFS	Year 1/2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Taking Care of Myself	My Wonderful Body	Meet the Brain	Friends

### CHILLI AND QUIZ NIGHT: 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH



Tickets are now on sale for our **Chilli and Quiz Night** on **Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> March** to help fundraise for the new school hall. They are available from the school office or the local shop. Tickets cost £10 per person and this includes a full evening's entertainment, snacks and food. We are counting on your support so do get your tickets and speak to other parents if you wish to form a quiz team (ideally up to 6 people).

### Curriculum Workshop Afternoon: 16<sup>th</sup> March

Thank you to the parents who have provided us with their suggestions for our curriculum afternoon later in the term. The informal workshop sessions will run on **16<sup>th</sup> March** and will start at **2.15 pm**. Please do make a note of this date as it will be a great opportunity for you to find out more about the way reading and maths are taught in each class. You will also have the chance to observe some small group teaching sessions.

### Parent Committee Meeting: 22<sup>nd</sup> March

It's a while since our Parent Committee met and it would be great to get this going again. The group is open to everyone and is a nice opportunity for you to bring ideas, issues and suggestions to the school for discussion with other parents. I will continue to attend the meetings with Mrs Corlett and we would love to see as many of you taking part as possible. We are trying a new time of **3.15 pm** on **22<sup>nd</sup> March** to try and catch some of you during the school pick up. The school will provide a crèche facility (a little like the one we run on Parents' Evenings) to give you the opportunity to come along. See you there!

### Charity Cookbook



Sam Andrews (mum of Dylan in Reception) and Carla Wallace-Clark (mum of Toby in Y1 and Will in Y6) are organising a charity cookbook and need some help from you. The book will include favourite recipes from the parents and pupils of the school. All you need to do is email your favourite recipe idea to

[tilstonschoolcookbook@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tilstonschoolcookbook@yahoo.co.uk) and Sam and Carla will do the rest! A poster with further details is attached.

## 70s and 80s Boogie Night: 9<sup>th</sup> April



Tickets for the **70s and 80s Boogie Night** will go on sale next week. They will be available to buy at the school office, Tilston PO and Malpas PO. The cost is £12.50 per ticket and this includes food and entertainment. This is another event which has been arranged to provide a great night out for parents and Kate Buckeridge and her team are working very hard to prepare for the big night.

### Personal Development

This week, we have been looking out for a willingness to **improve**. Well done to the following children who have demonstrated an ability to get better in many different aspects of school life:

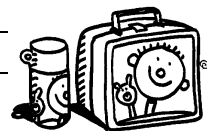
★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★	
YR	<b>Dylan:</b> for an improved attitude to writing
Y1	<b>Toby:</b> for his improved technique in his art work
Y2	<b>Holly:</b> for having an amazing attitude and achieving great success in reading
Y3	<b>William Dawson:</b> for working hard to improve his understanding of fractions
Y4	<b>Josh:</b> for showing great commitment to improve his Anglo-Saxon understanding
Y5	<b>Elliot:</b> for an improved attitude towards his learning
Y6	<b>Will C:</b> for improved contributions during guided reading sessions

### Parking

A resident contacted me just before the half term to raise concerns about some of the parking during school drop off time. Apparently cars were parked in such a way that the top of Long Lane was blocked. I have contacted PCSO Jonathan Hurst and it is likely that he will be in the area in the next couple of days to offer some guidance on parking. In the meantime, please do park courteously and safely, avoiding blocking access to any residents' driveways. I have noticed one or two cars pulling up onto the yellow zigzags in the last few weeks, particularly when parents are running a little late; this is not safe and compromises the safety of our children and their parents. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

### LUNCH MENU for week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016

Monday	Meatballs with pasta in tomato sauce or jacket potato with tuna
Tuesday	Sweet potato curry & naan bread or jacket potato with cheese
Wednesday	Roast dinner
Thursday	Spanish beefy rice or macaroni cheese
Friday	Cheese and tomato pizza or fish and chips



Yours sincerely

*Richard Harley*

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1 <sup>st</sup> March	KS2 at Young Voices
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	World Book Day
11 <sup>th</sup> March	Chilli & Quiz Night in the Village Hall at 7.30pm
16 <sup>th</sup> March	Stay & Play at Bluebell Nursery 10 – 11.30am
16 <sup>th</sup> March	2.15pm Curriculum Afternoon
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Parent Committee Meeting 3.15pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Easter Service at St. Mary's Church 2pm
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening
30 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening
9 <sup>th</sup> April	70's & 80's Boogie Night in the Village Hall