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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank You

It's been busy in school since I last wrote to you and I have much to thank the staff for. Their hard work and culinary expertise really paid off at the Chilli and Quiz Night last Friday. I am delighted to inform you that the evening raised **£900** towards our hall fundraising. The event was really well supported by parents, friends of the school and the wider community. Many thanks to Steve Farmer for keeping everyone on their toes and congratulations to the 'Hob Hill Frogs' who were winners on the night. Our Curriculum Workshop Afternoon on Wednesday was also very well supported and your feedback to the staff has been positive. If you have any comments or suggestions to make, we would love to hear from you.

Term Dates

Although Easter is just around the corner, please remember that the school does not close for its two-week break until **1st April**. As a CWaC school, we are following the Local Authority term dates which gives us a 'Spring Break' this year. Our Governing Body met earlier this week and the approved term dates for 2016-2017 are attached.

Parent Committee Meeting: 22nd March

The next Parent Committee will run at **3.15 pm** on **Tuesday** next week (and will last no longer than an hour). Please feel free to come along with your ideas, issues and suggestions regarding the school. It's a good opportunity to meet other parents and to have your say in what goes on at Tilston School. We will be running a crèche facility after school to help with childcare.



Easter Service: 23rd March at 2.00 pm

I hope you will be able to join us for our Easter Service at St Mary's Church at **2.00 pm** on **Wednesday**. The service will last around an hour and you may take your child home afterwards if you wish (if he/she is usually in After School Club, please let us know in advance). Book bags and PE kits do not need to be brought into school on Wednesday.

Parents' Evenings: 29th and 30th March

The teaching staff will be available to meet with you to discuss your child's progress on **29th** and **30th March** from 3.30 pm until 6.30 pm. Please indicate your preferred time on the slip at the end of this newsletter and return it to your child's class teacher by **Wednesday** next week so that we can arrange the appointments. Mrs Edwards would love to see the parents of our Bluebell Nursery children, so do send your slip back in and we can arrange a time for her to meet with you.

Tilston School Association Update

The TSA thought it would be good to let families know what TSA events are upcoming and where money that the TSA events raise goes to in a quarterly newsletter. This is coming soon. The TSA is also looking at ways to make it easier to contact us and to share ideas and information. Once established we will let you know the details. We will be putting photos of who we are in the next newsletter so you will be able to identify us more easily.

Current TSA members are:

Louise O'Neill, Chair; Claire Blake, Vice Chair; Sarah Berisa, Treasurer; Mary Richardson, Secretary, Amanda Barr, Advertising and Emma Hayward, Parent Co-ordinator.

New members are always welcome, even if it is to help with ideas or to volunteer to help occasionally.

The last big TSA event was the Christmas Fair, with most of the money raised going to the school hall fund (approx. £2000). The TSA will be putting on an Easter Raffle next week. Tickets are 50p a strip (5 tickets) or 20p each. The raffle will be drawn next Thursday during school. Tickets will be available in the playground Monday to Wednesday next week before and after school.

There will also be a foreign currency collection from next term for each classroom. Look out for flyers going home at the end of next week for more information. The Village store will have a currency collection bucket to help our cause along too! So if you are going away for Easter, please keep any spare notes or coins for the collection.

Finally, just a reminder about easyfundraising.org.uk. There is a free app which can be downloaded from the app store. There are loads of retailers that participate with no extra cost to you when you shop and it raises money for the school.

Have a very happy Easter. Let's hope the sunshine decides to come out!! *TSA*

After School Clubs

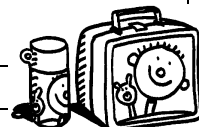
Please note that the final session for Trekkers, netball, Year 6 reading and choir took place this week. There is still one session left for Year 6 maths on **Monday** next week (21st March). Dodgeball will also finish on Monday next week (21st March) and tag rugby will run for the next two Tuesdays until we break up. We are hoping to run a dance club with Sportscape during the summer term and if your child has a favourite sport that he/she would like to see running alongside it, please let us know.

70s and 80s Boogie Night: 9th April



Kate would like to thank parents for their kind drinks donations; please do keep these coming! Tickets are still on sale for the event and can be bought from school or at the Post Offices in Tilston and Malpas.

LUNCH MENU for week beginning 21st March 2016	
Monday	Meatballs and pasta in tomato and basil sauce or jacket potato and tuna
Tuesday	Braised beef with baby potatoes and veg or sweet and sour quorn with noodles
Wednesday	Roast dinner
Thursday	Cornish pasty with wedges and beans or jacket potato with cheese
Friday	Good Friday



Global Week: Family Sharing

Following on from Global Week, families were invited to think about what it meant to be British and to choose one object that best represented them. Thanks to those families who took part. Miss Wright has collected a gallery of photos on the [school website](#) to show what was shared in school this week.

Personal Development

This week, we have been looking out for those who have been willing to **try new things**:

★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

★ YR	Laura: for trying hard with a new maths concept	★
Y1	Charlotte: for tackling some challenging questions in maths	
Y2	Sophie J: for always checking over her work and making changes	
Y3	Bridget: for trying new things with determination	
Y4	Harvey: for really taking on and applying ideas from Global Week	
Y5	Leonard: for giving energy to his learning	
★ Y6	Sophia: for applying new techniques to her reading	★

Yours sincerely

Richard Harley

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Parents' Evenings Reply Slip			
Name of child/ren:		Year group/s:	
✓ Please tick your preferred slots			
Tuesday 29th March 2016	✓	Wednesday 30th March 2016	✓
3.30 – 4.30 pm		3.30 – 4.30 pm	
4.30 – 5.30 pm		4.30 – 5.30 pm	
5.30 – 6.30 pm		5.30 – 6.30 pm	