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Dear Parents and Carers

Top Class Series 2



The long wait is finally over as Series 2 of the CBBC quiz, Top Class, airs. The series starts on **Wednesday** next week and you may have already seen the trailer featuring Jacob, Alice, Daisy, Sophie and their hapless headteacher! The show's producers have contacted the school to confirm that our first show will be aired at

5.00 pm on Wednesday, 22nd February on the **CBBC** channel. As you know, the team did extremely well and it's definitely worth a watch, except for the 'Test the Teacher' round, of course!

Building Work and Fundraising

We are thrilled that our new Year 1/2 classroom has its roof and brickwork completed. Internal work is now well underway to ensure that the Robins class can move in soon (ideally it will all be ready just after the half term break). The new school hall is not far behind and you have probably noticed from the playground that the external brickwork and roof are near completion.

The Tilston School Cookbook has been a great success and the money raised, alongside a large donation from the Tilston School Association, means we have now reached **£20 000!** Thank you to Sam, Carla and the team for all the hard work that went into producing this lovely recipe book. Raising all this money in a year is quite an accomplishment for a school the size of Tilston and I'd like to express my sincere thanks to all the individuals, groups and organisations who have donated money and arranged fundraising events on behalf of the school. Our efforts will continue over the next few terms as we attempt to fundraise for the new cloakroom units for Y1/2, Y3/4 and Y5/6 and stackable staging for the new hall. Any ideas to help us are welcome so please let me know if you can help the school. Thank you.

'Lights, Camel, Action!' DVDs

Mrs Featherstone kindly recorded the EYFS/KS1 nativity and if you would like a copy of the DVD, you can place an order by completing and returning the slip at the end of this newsletter. DVDs will cost £5 and any money we raise will go towards our hall fund.

Parent Committee and Grand Opening

Many thanks to the parents who attended this half term's committee meeting. We had some interesting discussions about school photographs, fundraising and the building work. There was great enthusiasm for a celebration event to mark the official opening of the new hall later in the school year. It was felt that such an event would need a team of motivated parents to lead it.

- Does this sound like something **you** would be keen to get involved with? If so, I'd be delighted to hear from you.
- Maybe you've got your own ideas regarding the opening of the new buildings. If that's the case, then pass them onto the school.
- If you're a musician, a dancer or an entertainer and you'd be willing to offer your services for an hour or two, do let me know.
- Perhaps you have a contact who could support us in putting an event on.

All offers of help would be most welcome so that we can mark this unique milestone in the school's history with something really special.

Personal Development

This week, we have been looking out for children who **concentrate**. We have considered ways in which we can 'tune in' to what is important and block out distractions. The following children have impressed their class teachers this week.

Stars of the Week

YR	Izaak: for concentrating hard in maths
Y1	Eve: for always maintaining attention when listening and working
Y2	Toby: for concentrating hard in maths this week
Y3	Matilda: for concentrating harder when working in literacy
Y4	William: for improved concentration when reading and answering questions
Y5	Josh: for giving full concentration, particularly in maths
Y6	Laura: for giving full concentration all of the time

After School Clubs

KS2 Performing Arts Club and Trekkers started this week and it was great to see both being so well attended. EYFS/KS1 Song and Dance Club and Year 6 Revision Workshop will start next week. Football, which will begin on 9th February, is now open to children in Year 3 in addition to those in Years 4 and 5. If you haven't yet returned your permission slips for these clubs and your child is interested in taking part, please speak to Mrs Farmer as soon as possible to check if there are any spaces available.

Bag2 School Collection: 25th January



We have arranged a Bag2School collection on 25th January and the bags will be coming home in your child's book bag **TODAY**. Please fill the bag with good quality clothes, paired shoes, hats, jewellery, bags, scarves, cuddly toys, belts, lingerie and socks. Bag2School does NOT accept, duvets and blankets, pillows

and cushions, carpets rugs or mats, and clothing with a corporate logo or school uniform with logos on. Please only bring the bags into school on the morning of 25th as there is no space to store them before then. This is a fantastic way to make some money for the school so please put as much as you can in the bags. Any extra items can be put in a plain bin bag. Thanks, TSA.

Lunch Menu for week beginning 23rd January 2017	
Monday	Pasta in tomato and herb sauce or jacket potato with cheese
Tuesday	Steak pie with potatoes and vegetables or jacket potato with tuna or cheese
Wednesday	Roast dinner
Thursday	Chicken curry with naan bread or jacket potato with cheese
Friday	Fish, chips and mushy peas or omelette, chips and beans

I hope you all have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely

Richard Harley

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'LIGHTS, CAMEL, ACTION!' DVD ORDERS

Name of child Year group

I would like to place an order for (enter quantity) DVD/s and enclose payment of £.....

Please make cheques payable to **Tilston School Fund**. Thank you.

Signed Parent/Carer