

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

Date: 8th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to a new academic year! I hope you all had a lovely summer and spent quality time with family and friends. We begin the school year by welcoming 15 new children and their families to our school and I hope they will quickly settle in at Tilston; I know you will all make them feel very welcome.

A special welcome to our new reception starters who have thoroughly enjoyed their first week in school. Our year 6's have enjoyed meeting their buddies and are already showing what special friendships they will build throughout the year.



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Head Girl and Head Boy

Archie and Sienna have already demonstrated their excellent leadership skills by being positive role models across the school and leading by example. This week they have written a special welcome message.

Welcome back everyone after the long summer!
We wanted to welcome everyone to a new school year and to their new year groups. In this new year we have some new children in the nursery and rece



we have some new children in the nursery and reception and we know that they will make a lot of new friends and enjoy their time at Tilston School.

As head girl and head boy we are really excited about the year ahead and if you have any questions please feel free to come and ask us.

Sienna L & Archie K

Our Mission Statement

At this stage in the year, it's important for us to share with you the school's Mission Statement and Aims. With new families joining the school and many children moving into different classes, the staff are spending time talking through our shared vision, values, school rules and expectations. At Tilston, we strive to help every child achieve his/her best and we can only do this when we are working effectively with you. I would be grateful if you could take a few moments to remind yourselves of our shared vision:

Mission Statement and Christian Vision At the heart of Tilston School is a caring Christian family with one core purpose: to bring out the best in everyone. We strive to achieve this by encouraging one another and building each other up.

Our school aims to:

- Promote Christian values alongside a respect and understanding of other beliefs and cultures;
- Promote a love of learning;
- Provide a happy, stimulating and safe learning environment;
- Encourage the partnership between home, school, church and community;
- Provide a broad, creative and well-balanced education for all our pupils;
- Promote respect for each other, the environment and ourselves;
- Celebrate each child's uniqueness, progress and achievements;
- Encourage everyone to make healthy life choices;
- Prepare children for future challenges by encouraging them to take risks and be resourceful;
- Encourage all learners to be reflective and resilient.

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The children have been reminded of the Tilston Code, the school's guidelines for behaviour, and it might be useful for you to read through these bullet points and discuss them with your child. Thank you.

The Tilston Code

- Be Ready
- Be Respectful
- Be Safe

Be Ready

One of our key priority areas on our School Impact Plan this year is-

To further improve attendance to provide the best possible learning opportunities and experiences for all children. Target-97%

The school day starts at 8:55am and we expect all children to be in school, seated at their desk/seated on the carpet (EYFS) by 8:55am when registers are taken. We recommend children being in school between 8:40-8:50am to complete their early morning tasks and to feel settled and ready to start the day. The gates will be locked at 8:50am. Children who arrive after 8:55am will be marked late on the register. A copy of our attendance policy is available on the website.

School Uniform

The children looked very smart in their uniforms this week and let's try to maintain these high standards throughout the year. Please make sure that all your child's clothes are clearly labelled so that we don't end up with a huge pile of lost property. Do encourage your child to be responsible for his/her own clothes and belongings. Thank you.

Data Collection and General Consent

At this stage in the year we need to ensure that all our records are up to date, so please complete and return your data collection sheets and general consent forms and return as soon as possible please. Your child will bring these forms home today.

We also use a text messaging service to keep in touch, so please check your mobile number on the paperwork. Many thanks.

Personal Development Goals

Within our curriculum, we do our utmost to promote the children's personal development and we will continue to focus on our eight 'essential' characteristics. These personal development goals are covered regularly and revisited throughout the year:

1) To try new things

5) To imagine

2) To work hard

6) To improve

3) To concentrate

7) To understand others

4) To push oneself

8) To not give up

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This week, we have been looking out for children who Try New Things. Well done to the following children who have shown courage to try new things.



Stars of the Week



YR	The Wrens: for completing their first week in school.
Y1	Jake: trying new things throughout the week.
Y2	Florence C: being a wonderful buddy.
Y3	Katie: trying lots of new things with a smile!
Y4	Ralph: being a fantastic buddy.
Y5	Sophie: starting in the kestrels with confidence and a great attitude!
Y6	Jessica: coming back with a great attitude to learning!

Next week's menu is WEEK 2

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Our Star Hand Writers

Reception	Remy	
Year 1	Willow	
Year 2	Oliver M	
Year 3	Georgia	
Year 4	Bear	
Year 5	Phoebe	
Year 6	Archie LS	



This year we have a pupil with a severe nut allergy in school and we need to ensure they are not at risk in any way. Please do not send any items in packed lunches or for snacks containing nuts. Thanks.



The Class Dojo Champions this week are the **Kestrels**.

Wrens & Bluebell Nursery	Robins	House Martins	Kestrels
170	194	338	430

Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC)

A survey has been carried out to check for RAAC at Tilston School by Cheshire West and Chester and there were no issues reported.

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Meet the Teachers

We would like to invite you to meet with your child's new class teacher next week. The teachers will share their webpages, talk through homework arrangements, share topics for next year and any residential visits planned for academic year. Meetings will take place in classrooms from 3:20pm.

Kestrels	Robins	House Martins	Bluebell Nursery & Wrens
Monday 11 th	Tuesday 12 th	Wednesday 13 th	Thursday 14 th
September 2023	September 2023	September 2023	September 2023

Online Safety

Our latest online safety newsletter is available on the website. 19870784 page_file.pdf (schoolspider.co.uk)

Tilston School Association (TSA)

The first TSA meeting of the new school year will be on Tuesday 12th September at 1:30pm in the school library. Everybody is welcome.

TSA Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The AGM will be on Monday 23rd October at 6:30pm.

Wellies

We go outside in all weathers so please make sure your child has a pair of wellies in school everyday.



Extra-Curricular Clubs- Places available

We have two after school clubs running this half term for children in Key Stage Two (Years 3,4,5 & 6) Please book and pay using the online booking system.

Day	Club	Year Groups	Cost	Time
Monday Starting Monday 11 th September	Cheshire Cricket	Years 3-6	£5 per session x 7 sessions Total £35.00	3:15- 4:15pm
Wednesday Starting Wednesday 13 th September	Choir	Years 3-6	No charge	12:30- 1:00pm
Wednesday Starting Wednesday 13 th September	Hockey	Years 3-6	£5 per session x 7 sessions Total £35.00	3:15-4:15pm

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Website

Class webpages have all been updated and teachers have uploaded this term's newsletters. Please click on the links below to find out what your child/ren will be learning this term and for important PE and outdoor exploring dates.

Wrens

19871981_grade_file.pdf (tilston.cheshire.sch.uk)

Robins

19747193_grade_file.pdf (tilston.cheshire.sch.uk)

House Martins

Microsoft Word - Autumn Term Newsletter 2023 (tilston.cheshire.sch.uk)

Kestrels

Microsoft Word - Kestrels Autumn 2021 (tilston.cheshire.sch.uk)



Prayer of the week: Archie & Sienna (Head Boy and Girl)

Dear God

Thank you for looking after our school.

Thank you that you love each and everyone of us here.

Help us to learn, play and share together,

so that the wonderful world you have made becomes more beautiful every day. Amen

Wishing you all a lovey weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Kelsey Mort

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