

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

Date: 3rd September 2021

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 several 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 couple of days in school. Our year 6 buddies have enjoyed meeting their buddies and are already showing what special friendships they



Head Girl and Head Boy

Joe Hughes and Megan Hayward have already demonstrated their excellent leadership skills by being positive role models across the school and leading by example. This week they have each written a special welcome message.

A message from Megan

I am looking forward to bringing our whole school back together because it gives us all the opportunity to play alongside more friends and gives us greater opportunities.

I am excited for the year ahead and look forward to school visits and residentials without the restrictions we have all experienced over the past two years.

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A message from Joe

I can tell you one thing and it is to stay positive! At Tilston School we are looking forward to a brighter future. I am looking forward to helping to make a difference to our school.

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 The Tilston Code

At the heart of Tilston School is a caring Christian family with one core purpose: to bring out the best in everyone.

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.

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

- Follow instructions the first time you are asked
- Allow others to work and play without interruption or disturbance
- Keep your hands and feet to yourself

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- Always use kind words
- Move sensibly around school
- Treat people, property and our environment with respect

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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.

Windows and doors all have to be kept open throughout the day and this makes school rather cool. We would encourage plenty of layers as the term will only get colder as we move into winter. School fleeces can be ordered and worn in school to make children more comfortable. Please email Mrs Farmer if you would be interested in placing an order.

Lunch Menu for week beginning 6th September 2021						
Monday	Chicken* burger in a bun with wedges and veg or beans or					
	filled jacket potato with salad.					
	Ice cream and fruit.					
Tuesday	Spaghetti Bolognese* with garlic bread and veg or deli					
	option with salad.					
	Chocolate brownie					
Wednesday	Roast chicken dinner* or filled jacket potato with salad					
	Fruit jelly					
Thursday	BBQ chicken *with rice and veg or deli option with salad					
-	Fresh fruit salad					
Friday	Cheese & tomato pizza with chips and veg or beans or					
-	filled jacket potato with salad.					
	Cookie					

^{*} Vegetarian option available.

Reminder that all children in Reception and KS1 are entitled to a free school meal.

Free School Meals

If you are in receipt of certain benefits, your child may be entitled to free school meals. In addition to a free lunch, we receive additional funding for your child to be used in school. To check if you are eligible, please follow the link:

https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education-and-learning/school-meals.aspx

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 your child will bring home and return as soon as possible please. Copies of the forms are attached. This year we are sending home blank Data Collection sheets for you to input your data. It is vital this year that we hold up to date contact details should we need to contact you in an emergency. If you want to receive future newsletters electronically, please ensure that we have your current email address.

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Please note, the cost of a school lunch is now £2.45.

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

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	Wrens- for a fabulous first week in school.
Y1	Joshua C: recognising and correcting an error in his work.
Y2	Harrison: pushing himself by working on the hundred grid.
Y3	Sophie: pushing herself to complete all her work beautifully.
Y4	Jessica: pushing herself to write a beautiful letter.
Y5	Martha: pushing herself to complete thoughtful, independent work.
Y6	Eve: being a kind and caring buddy.



Our Star Hand Writers



Year 1	Olivia
Year 2	Emily R
Year 3	Sienna L
Year 4	William
Year 5	William B
Year 6	Glyn



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.

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Extra-Curricular Clubs

We are looking forward to building up the range of after school clubs now restrictions have been lifted. For the first half of the autumn term we will be offering the following clubs for KS2 children (years 3, 4, 5 & 6)

Day	Club	Year Groups	Cost	Time
Tuesday	Cheshire Cricket	Years 3-6	£24	3:15-
Starting			6 sessions	4:15pm
Tuesday				
14 th				
September				
Wednesday	Tag Rugby	Years 3-6	£24	3:15-
Starting			6 sessions	4:15pm
Wednesday				
15 th				
September				

To book Tag Rugby, please book, consent and pay online at Eduspot.co.uk or book cricket club directly following instructions on the attached letter.

Website

Each class has a page on the school website and teachers will be completing a weekly blog. We hope you follow your child's progress and the wonderful experiences they take part in by logging on to our website regularly. Teachers have uploaded a termly newsletter which shares the current topic and other useful information. Please click on the link to view the class pages and view the termly newsletters. http://www.tilston.cheshire.sch.uk/classes

Other useful information is on the website and we urge you to check regularly. Website: www.tilston.cheshire.sch.uk

There has been a change to the Robins class as Mrs Bryan will now work Tuesday-Friday and Mrs Berry will be every Monday. <u>Please note the change to PE days for the Robins class on the class page.</u>

TSA- A message from the TSA...

The TSA would like to invite all parents to attend our first meeting next Monday 6th September at 2:15-3:15pm. We are all very excited to be able to meet in school for the first time in 18 months. It would be lovely to see some new faces so please feel free to pop along and see what the TSA do to help the school.

Medication

Medication forms have been sent home today for those children who have regular medication in school. Please complete and sign the forms and return asap.

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Flu Vaccination

The nasal flu vaccination will be administered in school on Monday 29th November 2021 for pupils in reception to year 6. Parents will receive a pack at least two weeks prior to the visit with consent forms.

Please help to support Mr Richardson and raise funds for MS Trust and Cancer Research- Wow! What a challenge. Good luck from us all at Tilston School.

Hi Tilston School,

My name is Simon, (Fraser's father from Y6), 2 years ago, I completed a 100-mile Ultra Mountain Marathon through Snowdonia. Next week I am going a little further and completing a race called the Dragons Back (https://www.dragonsbackrace.com/) which runs the full length of Wales, 235 miles (380KM), 17,400 meters elevation up and down in 6 days. This is considered one of the toughest races in the world. Why we do these things are for many different reasons but for me it is the need of a challenge, for mental health (we can all agree it's been a crazy 18 months) but also, to raise awareness and funds for good causes. I am doing this race in memory of my mum who died of cancer when I was 12, and for our good friend Carla (Toby's mum, just left for Bishop Heber) suffering from Multiple Sclerosis. If you would like to support either of these, I have set up a fund-raising page for Cancer Research UK – (https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/simon-richardson-dragons-back-race), plus a just JustGiving page for MS trust (https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Simon-Richardson-Tilston).

I feel more ready from a year of training but less capable due to current injuries and getting Covid again!! Having support helps massively to get you through these events and I am sure there are going to be a few points in the 14 – 16 hours a day racing that I will need that extra motivation to get me through. But please do not feel any pressure to donate and if you just want to follow me each day and see if I complete it or collapse trying my race number is 382 and the live race link is https://live.opentracking.co.uk/dragonsbackrace2021/



Prayer of the week: Mrs Mort

Dear God,

Thank you for those around us and for the difference that we can make to each other's lives.

Many things have changed for us during the year.

Please help us to help one another in any way we can.

Please help us to be sensitive and kind.

Thank you that you are always with us wherever we go.

Amen.

Wishing you all a lovey weekend.

Yours sincerely

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