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## Tilston Parochial CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

### Parent Committee Meeting

Thank you to the group of parents who attended our committee meeting this week. It was very useful to receive feedback about homework and the way we report to you. We discussed a number of other topics and I will take the ideas to our next staff meeting as we review our homework and reporting policies. Many thanks to the parents who couldn't attend the meeting but sent in some written feedback for us to consider; your ideas and comments were really helpful.

### Home-School Communication

At Tilston School we encourage pupils from Years 1 to 6 to walk around to their classrooms in the morning on their own and this works well at the start of the school day. We know that if your child is worried or concerned about something, you will often come into school with him/her and speak to a member of staff. Our teachers value this contact with you and don't want to miss any important opportunities to speak with you.

They have suggested being available on the playground before school on **Mondays** and **Fridays** so that there are more opportunities for you to talk to them directly (our teaching assistants will be supervising early morning tasks in the classrooms). If there are any issues or concerns on any other day of the week, please do feel free to walk around to the classroom with your child; our teachers will always do their utmost to speak with you if this is needed.

### End of Key Stage 2 Tests

We are all wishing our Year 6 pupils the best of luck as they take their 'SATs' tests next week. All eighteen children have worked extremely hard throughout the year and we know they will be ready to give their best. The school will be running a **breakfast club** for them from **Monday to Thursday** at **8.15 am**. We find that this helps to give the children a positive start to the day so they feel relaxed and focused for their tests. We would appreciate the Year 6 children being able to get to bed at a good time so they are well-rested! Thank you.

## Personal Development

This week's focus has been **concentrating** and we have considered ways in which we can 'tune in' to what is important and block out distractions. The following children have impressed us this week:

### ★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

YR	<b>Grace:</b> for concentrating hard on her writing
Y1	<b>Hattie Hassall:</b> for brilliant concentration during our 3D shape hunt
Y2	<b>Sophie J:</b> for always concentrating and being focused on improving
Y3	<b>Charlie:</b> for doing his best to give 100% all week
Y4	<b>Alexa:</b> for showing great focus and drive to improve
Y5	<b>Charlie:</b> for wonderful concentration with topic work
Y6	<b>Faith:</b> for independent working and showing great commitment

## Staff-led Clubs

This term's staff-led clubs will start during the week beginning **16<sup>th</sup> May** and if your child is interested in taking part, please complete the request form and return it to school as soon as possible. The clubs on offer are as follows:

Day	Club	Age Group	Time
<b>Tuesday</b>	Recorders	Y4 & Y5	Lunchtime
	Rounders	Y5 & Y6	3.15 – 4.15 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	John Muir	Y4 – Y6	3.15 – 4.15 pm
<b>Friday</b>	Choir	Y3 – Y6	Lunchtime

- These clubs will run for **2** weeks before half term (during the weeks beginning **16<sup>th</sup> May** and **23<sup>rd</sup> May**) and for **4** weeks after half term (during the weeks beginning **6<sup>th</sup> June**, **13<sup>th</sup> June**, **20<sup>th</sup> June** and **27<sup>th</sup> June**). Please make a note of these dates to avoid confusion later in the term.
- If your child joins a club, the school expects him/her to show a commitment through the term and sessions should not be missed unless you have let us know beforehand.
- Please assume your child has a place in his/her choice of club/s unless you hear from the school.
- John Muir club is open to those children who took part earlier in the year; they are working towards their John Muir Explorer Award.

## Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations



Celebrations for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday will take place next month and Reverend Jane has written to the school to invite us to a special service at St Mary's Church on **Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30 am**. We are hopeful that members of the school choir will be available to sing at the service (a separate letter is on its way to parents of these children). Reverend Jane has informed me that the service will be an all-age community celebration and that she would love to see the families of Tilston School attending. The school will also be marking the occasion with a tea party on the afternoon of **Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> June** and further details will be sent out to you nearer the time.

**Music for Life Spring Guitar Concert: 19<sup>th</sup> May**

Parents are warmly invited to a Music for Life Spring Guitar Concert on **Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm** at **Shocklach School**. The concert will feature all Music for Life guitar and ukulele students along with members of 'Drum and Strum' from both Tilston and Shocklach Schools. Please note that next week's guitar lessons will take place on **Friday** to avoid a clash with the end of KS2 assessments.

<b>LUNCH MENU for week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016</b>	
Monday	All day breakfast or cheese & onion frittata with jacket potato
Tuesday	Chicken & veg pie with baby potatoes or jacket potato with cheese
Wednesday	Roast dinner
Thursday	Cottage pie or broccoli and cauliflower bake with jacket potato
Friday	Fish and wedges or pasta in tomato and herb sauce



It finally feels as though the spring has arrived so I hope you are able to enjoy some good weather this weekend.

Yours sincerely

*Richard Harley*

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**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

Name of child ..... Year group .....

Please tick to indicate your child's club choices.

I would like my child to attend staff clubs and will make arrangements for him/her to be collected from school at the end of the club (if appropriate)

<b>Club</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Rounders (Y5 & Y6)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recorders (Y4 & Y5)	<input type="checkbox"/>
John Muir (Y4 – Y6)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Choir (Y3 – Y6)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Signed .....