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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome!

I hope you all had a great summer and that you were able to spend time with your children, families and friends over the holiday period. Once again, we begin a new academic year by welcoming a number of new children and their families to Tilston School including our wonderful Reception starters. I hope everyone has managed to settle into what looks like another busy and eventful year for the Tilston School 'family'.

Our Mission Statement

To start the year off, I'd like to take this opportunity to share with you the school's *Mission Statement*. While this is available on our website and in the entrance hall, it may not be something you have read recently. During our INSET day, one of our sessions involved the staff reviewing the school's aims, ethos and culture. We thought it would be useful to share our Mission Statement with you. During the first few days back in school, this has been discussed in class and you might want to talk through it further with your child at home.

Mission Statement

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.

Building Work

I'm sure you've noticed that our building work is finally underway on the school site. Our new hall will be positioned directly behind the main school entrance while the new Year 1/2 classroom is being built at the back of the junior wing. The work will be undertaken by MPH Construction and is expected to take 26 weeks; we are anticipating a completion date of 17th March 2017.

During the building project, there will be changes to access in and out of school and also within the site. Until the new classroom is ready, our Year 1/2 class will be based in the old school hall. Access for these pupils will be via the Bluebell Nursery entrance while our KS2 pupils will come into school through the main entrance. In order to prevent congestion, parents of children in our Reception and Nursery groups may find it easier to access their classroom using the side path (through the wooden gate) and back door. Thank you for your patience this week and please rest assured that we are all working hard to minimise the impact of the building work on the children's learning.

If there is anything you feel we need to be made aware of or if you have any concerns or questions about the building project, please do not hesitate to call into school or give me a ring. It is an extremely exciting time for the school and the children have already enjoyed observing the demolition of parts of the building! The end result will be of great benefit to the children of Tilston School and will make a huge difference to our teaching and learning facilities.

Meet the Teachers

In order for you to meet your child's class teacher/s and learn more about the routines, expectations and curriculum for the year, we will be running our usual 'Meet the Teacher' sessions straight after school during the week beginning 19th September. If you are available, it would be helpful to stay around for these informative introductions and if you have any questions to ask, there will be an opportunity to speak to the staff. The sessions will run as follows:

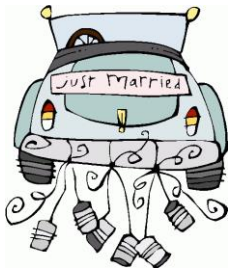
Date and Time	Class/Year Groups	Teacher/s
Mon 19 th Sept @ 3.30 pm	Robins Y1/2	Mrs Bryan/Mrs Davidson
Tue 20 th Sept @ 3.30 pm	Kestrels Y5/6	Mrs Corlett/Mrs Fenner
Thu 22 nd Sept @ 3.30 pm	Wrens Nursery/Rec	Mrs Edwards
Fri 23 rd Sept @ 3.30 pm	House Martins Y3/4	Mrs Callister/Mrs Davidson

School Uniform

It's great to see the children returning to school looking so smart in their school uniforms and it would be nice to see this continuing for the whole school year. I'd like to ask if you could 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. It can be very time-consuming finding the owners of lost items. Do encourage your child to be responsible for his/her own clothes and belongings while also making sure that PE kits are brought home regularly for a wash! Thank you.

Healthy Snacks

We will no longer be providing toast at break time and I would like to encourage you to send your child into school with a healthy snack for break time. Our EYFS and KS1 pupils are already entitled to a piece of fruit which they choose at snack time. We would now like to see our KS2 children doing the same and bringing in fruit if they like a snack in the mornings. Thank you for your support.



Mrs Berry

This has nothing to do with the Great British Bake Off! I'd like to congratulate Miss Wright and her husband Jim who got married over the summer break. Miss Wright has now returned to school as Mrs Berry. Mrs Berry is expecting to begin her maternity leave towards the end of this month so we wish her well in the weeks ahead.

★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

★ YR	★ All the Wrens: for settling in wonderfully and making a superb start to the school year	★
Y1	Logan: for always following the Tilston Code	
Y2	Sam: for setting a wonderful example to the new Year 1s	
Y3	Dylan: for a wonderful start to the new school year	
Y4	Lily: for a brilliant start to the new school year	
Y5	Cara: for settling in really well at Tilston School Joseph: for making a superb start to the new school year	
★ Y6	Josh: for a fabulous start to the new school year	★

Ladies' Pamper Evening at the Cock O' Barton: 26th September 6.00 – 9.00 pm

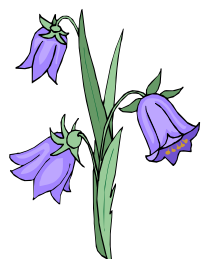
The TSA will be hosting a Ladies' Pamper Evening on Monday, 26th September. Treatments are being offered by the Secret Spa between 6.00 and 9.00 pm; they will include manicures, pedicures, facials and massages. There will also be a number of luxury stalls offering clothes, jewellery, gifts and chocolate. Everyone is welcome so please encourage your mums, aunties, neighbours and friends to join us!

Tickets are £10.00, which includes a reception drink and will be available to purchase from the TSA after school on Tuesday 13th, Friday 16th, Tuesday 20th and Friday 23rd September.

Please see the leaflet in your child's book bag for further information or contact Louise O'Neill at Louise.pugh135@btinternet.com.

Bluebell Nursery Stay and Play Sessions

This term's Stay and Play sessions will run from **1.30 until 3.00 pm** on the following dates: **27th September, 25th October, 29th November** and **13th December**. We have some places available in the nursery this term; speak to Mrs Farmer or Mrs Edwards if you have a child ready to start. We do take 'Rising 3s' so your child can join before he/she turns three.



LUNCH MENU for week beginning 12th September 2016	
Monday	Pizza and wedges or jacket potato with cheese and beans
Tuesday	Spaghetti Bolognese or macaroni cheese
Wednesday	Roast dinner
Thursday	Sweet & sour chicken with rice or jacket potato with cheese or tuna
Friday	Fish and chips or cheese omelette with chips



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 return your data collection sheets and general consent forms as soon as possible. It would be very helpful if your child's lunch arrangements were filled in accurately on the data sheet. If you want to receive future newsletters electronically, please ensure that we have your current email address. We also use a text messaging service to keep in touch, so please check your mobile number on the paperwork. Many thanks.

Red Ridge Meeting: 12th September at 3.30 pm

Mrs Corlett will be running an information session for parents of pupils in Years 5 and 6 regarding the forthcoming residential visit to the Red Ridge Centre. The session will run on **Monday at 3.30 pm**; please do come along if you can.

Tilston Parents Complete Deva Diva Triathlon

Congratulations to Mrs Helen Tindle and Mrs Claire Blake who recently completed the Deva Divas triathlon with excellent times. Both ladies have kindly donated their sponsorship money to our school hall fund and together they raised a fantastic total of **£369!** Well done and thank you!

Thank You

I am sure that this new academic year will be another successful one for the school community. I'd like to thank the fabulous staff team for all their hard work in preparing for this new school year and you as parents and carers for your continued support. We are looking forward to working together with you to '*bring out the best*' in all the children at Tilston School this year!

Yours sincerely

Richard Harley

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