



Tilston Parochial  
CE Primary School

Bringing out the Best in Everyone.

*'Encourage one another and build each other up.' Thessalonians 5:11*

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Dear Parents

It has been lovely speaking to many of you this week and hearing how you are all safe, healthy, and embracing home learning. Please remember that one size doesn't fit all! You are all doing a fantastic job and making it work for your families. We are extremely fortunate to have such a supportive school community and we thank you for everything you are doing.

On Sunday evening, the government will announce plans to lift the lockdown in the UK. The announcement will outline plans for reopening schools. We currently do not have any information and will await the announcement on Sunday. I would like to reassure you that Tilston Parochial Primary School have plans ready to implement once clear guidance is given. I will write to all parents next week, following the announcement, to outline our plans.



**OAK**  
NATIONAL  
ACADEMY

The Oak National Academy led their second assembly this week with a special appearance from Nala, The Lion King. The focus was on wellbeing. As the lockdown continues, many people are finding staying at home and being socially isolated extremely challenging. Listening to Nala singing The Circle of Life brought back wonderful memories of our residential visit to London last year! We look forward to many wonderful experiences together in the future.

After speaking to many parents this week, it seems that children are starting to struggle at home. If you feel your child is not engaging in their work or they appear tearful and upset, please take time out to do other things and to have a break. Your child's wellbeing is **THE** most important thing.

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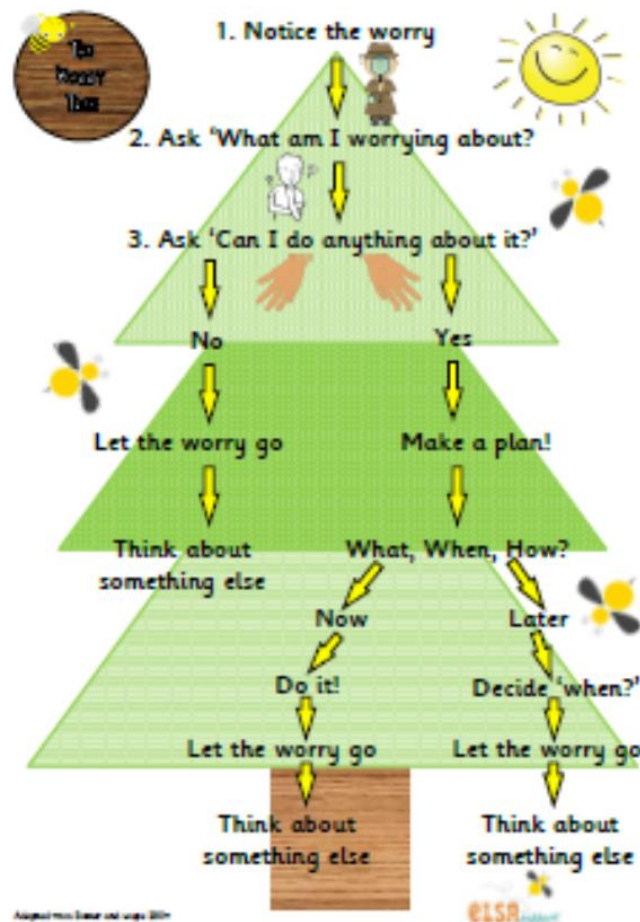
## This Weeks Wellbeing Task:

Blow up a balloon and write all your worries on it with a permanent marker. Bat the balloon up into the air and let them go!

Hi Everyone

I hope you have all had a good week and have managed to get outside and enjoy some of this lovely sunshine. Hopefully this will help if anyone has any worries whether they are big or small!

Love from Mrs Huxtable



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## FREE SCHOOL MEALS

We understand that this current crisis is having a significant impact on all families-emotionally and financially.

Universal Free School Meals provide school lunches for all children in reception through to the end of Year 2. You do not need to apply for this.

Your child may be entitled to an income based free school meal if you get any of the following:

### **(This also applies to children currently accessing the universal free school meal offer)**

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Please follow the link to complete a short online form to check if you are eligible. ALL children from Nursery to Year 6 can apply. If you meet the criteria, your child will be entitled to a free school dinner and school receives a Pupil Premium Grant. The Pupil Premium Grant is £1345 per eligible pupil, per year, to provide additional support and enrichment activities in school.

If your child is entitled to income based Free School Meals (NOT Universal Free School Meals), we can provide school packed lunches daily during these closures. Please inform us if you meet the criteria and we can discuss collecting meals from school.

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

### **Tilston Community Support**

We are here to help and support you. Tilston Parish Council are providing food parcels for families needing a little extra help and support. I am also working very closely with the Whitchurch Foodbank and can issue vouchers to support families in need.



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Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you need any help, advice or support during these very challenging times. All conversations and information shared will be treated confidentially.



*Everyone is applauding everyone but our children. These little heroes have stayed indoors more than they have ever known in their lives. Their whole worlds have literally been turned upside down and they don't know why. All these rules they've never known. Not being able to see family or give hugs. Holidays, sports and activities, playdates and school cancelled. Adults talking about others becoming unwell, news reporting death after death. Our poor children's minds must be racing. Every day their resilient little bodies get up and carry on despite all that is going on. So, here's to our LITTLE HEROES: Today, tomorrow and forever.*

*Tonight, I will be clapping for all our Little Tilston Heroes, please join me!*

### **Bank Holiday**

There will be no online learning set tomorrow and we hope you take time to rest and celebrate VE Day. Please share any VE Day celebrations you may have as a family on our Twitter page **@TilstonSch.**  Online learning will resume on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May.



**When we get back to 'normal' to make our ends meet, let's not forget those who live on the street...Let's love one another and make time to just 'BE'. Let's PAUSE and show Jesus to each one we see.**

Wishing you all a lovely Bank Holiday weekend in the sunshine!

Best wishes

*K Mort*

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