



Tilston Parochial
CE Primary School

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

Date: 3rd July 2020

Dear Parents

It has been a fantastic week in school as we welcomed back our year 2,3,4 and 5 children. The children thoroughly enjoyed catching up with their friends and having fun. I am in awe of how resilient our children are and how sensibly they have returned to school and followed the new rules and procedures. You have all obviously worked incredibly hard supporting the home learning and spending quality time with your families.

The children's experiences of lockdown are all extremely positive and many have commented on the special time you have spent together as a family.



I would also like to say a big thank you and well done to our families still working at home for shielding and personal reasons. We are very much looking forward to being together again in September and hope you are all keeping safe and well.

Last week a member of staff was tested for Covid-19 after developing symptoms. Fortunately, the test was negative, and the member of staff has now returned to work. After liaison with Public Health England and the Department of Education, we followed our school response procedures and were reassured by the systems the government have in place. However, it did make us all reflect on how prevalent the virus still is and the need to be vigilant, especially as the government have announced the lifting of some areas of lockdown from this weekend onwards. Please do continue to be cautious. In the event of a child or member of staff displaying symptoms, the individual would initially self-isolate for 7 days. We expect all staff and parents with symptoms to then organise a test as soon as possible. Testing is available online <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> or call the NHS on 119.

What happens if a member of staff or child tests positive?

Please inform us straight away if your child tests positive. We will continue to communicate openly and inform parents of any confirmed cases. If we have a confirmed case, we will continue to follow the Department of Education guidance and close the bubble for 14 days. We would contact parents and ask for children to be collected asap.

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Children and staff members in that bubble will need to self-isolate for 14 days, even if they do not have symptoms.

Public Health England Guidance

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person>

The government issued guidance yesterday on reopening schools in September and I am pleased to see we are aiming for a full reopening. I am currently working with senior leaders, staff and governors and will share our plans before the end of term.

Over the next two weeks we will be working on transition activities and preparing the children for September. Children will all move up to the next year group after the summer break.

Week Beginning 6th July 2020

	Year	Drop off	Lunch	Collection	Staff
Monday	2	8:30-8:40am	11:40-11:50am Hot cooked meal or packed lunch	12:30pm	Mrs Mort Ms Harrison Miss Pountney
Tuesday	4			12:30pm	Mrs Callister
Wednesday	3			12:30pm	Mrs Huxtable
Thursday All day	5			2:30-2:40pm	Miss Winter

Week Beginning 13th July 2020

	Year	Drop off	Lunch	Collection	Staff
Monday All day	2	8:30-8:40am	11:40-11:50am Hot cooked meal or packed lunch	2:30-2:40pm	Mrs Bryan
Tuesday All day	4			2:30-2:40pm	Mrs Callister
Wednesday All day	3			2:30-2:40pm	Mrs Huxtable Mrs Callister
Thursday All day	5			2:30-2:40pm	Miss Winter

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School Dinners

To cover the costs of our catering supplier, we are increasing the price of school dinners from £2.30 to £2.40 per day from September.

Keystage Two Snack

Edsential will be providing a larger cuplet of juice from next Wednesday 8th July. The price of a bagel and juice will increase from 60p to 65p per day.

Lunch menu for week commencing 6 th July 2020	
Monday	All day breakfast or deli option – choice of sandwiches with salad
Tuesday	Mac 'n' cheese or filled jacket potato
Wednesday	Braised beef in gravy or deli option – choice of sandwiches with salad
Thursday	Chicken curry or filled jacket potato
Friday	Pizza or deli option – choice of sandwiches with salad



Covid Hair Cut Fundraiser

Only day left to sponsor Mr Roberts before the big cut! Thank you so much for raising funds for our Bluebell Nursery.

We're raising £100 to help Tilston Parochial CoE Primary School Nursery fund.

£415 raised so far!

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/covidhaircut>



As we cannot take part in our normal annual Sports Day this year, next week our school is holding a 'Virtual Sports Week'.

During the week, we would like every child in EYFS, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 to take part in our daily challenges. Every day (Monday - Friday), a teacher will post a video on your class blogs and on the school spider website showing an activity that you will need to complete.

You can use any suitable resources/equipment you have at home to complete each activity.

Repeat each activity 3 times and record your score on each attempt. Once you have completed each day's activity, please send all your results through to your class email address by a parent on Friday 10th July. Please send results on Friday, rather than daily.

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These scores will be added to a 'class' score and points will be added up to your school teams (Beech, Oak, Chestnut or Rowan). A winning class and the winning team will be announced once the final scores are counted.

Please share your photos and videos with us as we would love to see you completing our activities. Have fun and good luck!

Let's see if you can beat the teachers!

Mrs Edwards wrens@tilston.cheshire.sch.uk	Mrs Bryan & Mrs Berry robins@tilston.cheshire.sch.uk
Mrs Hughes & Mrs Callister housemartins@tilston.cheshire.sch.uk	Miss Winter kestrels@tilston.cheshire.sch.uk

Congratulations to our new Head Girl and Head Boy.

Iris Tindle

Oli Bones



I am delighted to announce the appointment of our Head Girl and Head Boy for next year. We are looking forward to working with Oli and Iris to further develop our school. They both have excellent role models to follow with Lucy Blake and Thomas Griffiths being outstanding ambassadors for our school.

Congratulations to you both!

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This Weeks Wellbeing Task:

Send a letter, video message or text to a friend today. What do you want to tell them?

Everyone

Following on from Mrs Mort's worship on Monday; No matter how old you are or what you're going through, healthy and close friendships encourage positive mental health and well-being. These friends can celebrate with you through the good times in life and be there for you through the bad. Sometimes just knowing someone is there for you is enough to get you through tricky times. Have a great week everyone.

Love from

Mrs Huxtable



"Don't walk behind me;
I may not lead.
Don't walk in front of me;
I may not follow.
Just walk beside me
and be my friend."

Reports

Reports will be emailed to all parents by the end of next week. A Parents' Evening will be held early Autumn once we have completed assessments and can share targets for the year.

Summer Holidays

We have been extremely impressed at how hard the children have engaged in the home learning during the pandemic. Teachers have all planned a range of activities daily, covering all areas of the National Curriculum. We believe if children have completed all the work set over the past twelve weeks they will be prepared for the next phase in their learning and deserve a well-earned holiday! We will not be setting online learning throughout the summer holiday. We have planned assessments days in September and will use our assessments to determine any gaps; we will share our assessments during the Parents' Evening.

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Teachers will plan for intervention programs to support children. We are confident that our daily planning has covered all areas of our medium-term plans, however we do appreciate some children have not accessed the home learning daily for different reasons. We encourage children who have not completed all work set to go over the activities during the summer holidays to give them the best possible start next year.

A polite request to all parents.

Could you please pay any outstanding debts before the end of this term please? Please do not hesitate to contact me if you are having any difficulties; all conversations will be in confidence and we would hope to be able to provide some support.

Worship

Our worship this week was focusing on making time for each other. We shared a Bible story about friendship and how it is important we make time for our friends. In school we have enjoyed sharing the story 'Kind' by Axel Scheffler.



New Reception Intake September 2020

We would like to invite you to join us for a brief induction meeting on Tuesday 7th July at 2pm to talk through a typical day in reception and help you to prepare for September. The meeting will be held in the main hall and we will ensure social distancing at all times. We hope you will be able to join us. We are very much looking forward to welcoming our new reception class in September and introducing them to their special year 6 Buddies.

Thank you for your continued support. Wishing you all a fantastic weekend.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'K Mort'.

Kelsey Mort
Headteacher

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