



TILLINGTON MANOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

' Working together to achieve the best '

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Welcome

Welcome back to Tillington Manor Primary School for the new school year. A particularly warm welcome to all of the children who have just started at our school; we know you will have a fantastic time and will be made very welcome.



On the staffing front, we welcome Miss Lord who will be teaching a Year 1/2 class, Mrs Relph who will be teaching a Nursery/Reception class and Mrs Thorley who will be working alongside Mrs Martin in the school office.

We would also like to congratulate Mrs Brian and Mrs Swanick, following the arrival of their new babies.

Congratulations to all children (and parents)

We would like to congratulate all of the children on their really smart appearance this week and on the sensible way they have settled back in to school-life. An enormous thank you to parents for all that they have done to prepare the children for the new school year.

Our Commitment

Our school motto is "**Working together to achieve the best.**" We are all looking forward to working in partnership with children and parents as we continue the Tillington Manor tradition of providing the best possible learning opportunities to help every child reach the highest possible standards she/he is capable of in all areas of school life. Please see page 4 for our aims for learning. These set out what we hope all children will learn and some of the approaches we will use.

Please do not hesitate to speak to us if there are any matters you wish to discuss or there is any information you need to pass on.



School Website

Please check our school website for information about our school or check with staff if there is anything you are unsure about. Over the next few weeks a range of new documents and items will be placed on the site. You can find the website at:

www.tillingtonmanor.staffs.sch.uk

Parents' Meetings

There will be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress in learning at the Parents' Consultation meetings later this term. The meetings have been scheduled for Thursday, 6th December.

School Photographer

The school photographer will be in school on Friday, 28th September to take individual and family group photographs of the children. Family group photographs with an older sister/brother will be from 8.00am in the lower school hall.

A Big Thank You

Thank you to all of our cleaners and site staff who have worked so hard to make sure the school is ready for the new school year. Thank you to all of the teachers and teaching assistants for all of their work preparing classrooms and programmes of learning to inspire the learning of the children in their classes for 2018/2019.



Diary Dates

Diary dates for the autumn term are on pg5 of the newsletter.



School Closures for Staff Training Days - 2018/2019

The school will be closed for children on the following dates to allow staff training:

Monday, 5th November, 2018

Friday, 21st June 2019

Monday, 22nd July 2019



Parking on the school car park

Please do not park in the school car park when you are dropping children off between 08.30 and 09.05 in the morning and collecting children at the end of the school day between 3:10pm and 3.40pm unless you have been given permission to do so. This helps to make the main entrance to our school site safe for all pedestrians. Thank you for helping us in this matter.



Jewellery - School Policy - A reminder!

It is our policy to allow children to wear ear studs in school. In line with recommendations in our Health and Safety Policy, and in the interests of promoting the safety of children, ear studs must be removed for all sporting activities. Please remember staff are not allowed to take children's ear studs out for them; if any child can not remove their ear stud for themselves, the studs should be removed at home on the day when they have sports/PE lessons.

Reminder to parents of children in Reception, Y1 and Y2

The government continue to provide all children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 with a school meal at no charge to parents. At Tillington Manor children can choose a school dinner or a sandwich option (this includes salad and pudding). If you need further information about the meals that are available for Reception, Y1 and Y2 please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Martin in the school office.

Free School Meals

Even if your child is in Reception/Y1/Y2 (the year groups where all children are automatically entitled to a free school meal under the government's scheme), it is really important you let us know if you are in receipt of job seekers allowance as the school will be eligible for extra funding.

School Council - Chosen Charity for 2018/2019

This year the school council decided to focus their fund-raising efforts on the 'School in a Bag' charity. The charity aims to deliver rucksacks that are full of stationary and resources to support the education of children who are living in very deprived circumstances in our world or who are suffering as a result of natural disasters.

Each rucksack that is provided from the funds that have been raised is individually numbered, allowing fund-raisers to track where the bag has gone through the charity's website. Over the course of this school year the school council will be organising a range of fund-raising projects to buy as many bags as possible - they will be supported in their fund-raising endeavours by Stafford Knot Rotary Club. Please look out for further details.

In addition to 'School in a Bag,' we will obviously continue with our traditional support for charities such as Children in Need and Red Nose/Sport Relief day.



Giving the Gift of Hope to a Child's Future

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Aims for Learning

1. Children will develop their personal, social and emotional understanding so that they:
 - learn to manage their feelings and emotions
 - have positive self esteem
 - learn to work with others in different situations
 - are caring, considerate, tolerant and respectful of others
 - know about healthy lifestyle options and choices
2. Children will develop their ability to use and apply the key skills in learning so that they become highly motivated, confident, resourceful and independent learners
 - Communication, Language and Literacy
 - Numeracy
 - ICT
 - Self-assessment
 - Thinking and Problem Solving
3. Children will develop their
 - knowledge and understanding of the world through scientific, technological, historical and geographical enquiry
 - practical, creative, artistic, musical and sporting skills
 - understanding of spiritual, moral, social and cultural issues

How these aims will be achieved

We will: -

- create a safe, happy, caring and supportive environment for learning in which all members of the school community are valued as individuals and their achievements are recognised and celebrated
 - create a climate in which there is equality of opportunity, the participation of all members of the community is encouraged and diversity is valued and respected
 - provide a broad, balanced and creative curriculum which, along with the extra-curricular and enrichment activities in school, encourages an enjoyment of learning
 - ensure continuity and progression in learning from the Early Years Foundation Stage to Year 6 and beyond
 - work as a team to promote high quality teaching for all children, identifying and catering for children's individual needs in learning so that they reach their full potential
 - involve all children in the assessment of their own learning and in the setting of their own targets
 - use a range of methods and technologies to inspire children's learning
 - value and develop partnership with parents, local schools and organisations and the wider/global community
 - develop a rich and varied resource base to support learning
 - seek opportunities to develop the accommodation and facilities to support and enrich learning
- strive for continuous improvement and the attainment of the highest possible standards in all areas of school life

Important Dates for Your Diary - Autumn Term, 2018

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| Fri, 28 th September | Photographer coming in to school to take individual/family group photographs |
| Weds., 3 rd October | Harvest assembly (in school event for children) |
| Thurs., 4 th October | National Poetry Day |
| Thurs., 11 th October | 9.00am - Y4T (Mrs Turner's class) - Class Assembly |
| Thurs, 25 th October | 9.00am - Y3B (Mr Brockhurst's class) - Class Assembly Whole school - Art day |
| Mon, 29 th October to Fri, 2 nd November | HALF TERM holiday |
| Mon, 5 th November | Staff Training Day - School closed for pupils |
| Fri, 9 th November | Remembrance Service for children at St Bertelin's Church (Commemorating the 100 th anniversary of the end of World War 1) |
| Mon. 12 th November to Fri. 16 th November | Y6 - Residential Visit to Standon Bowers |
| Thurs, 15 th November | 9.00am - Y5 assembly (Y6F and Y6H) |
| Thurs., 22 nd November | 9.00am - Y6 Assembly |
| Thurs, 6 th December | Parents' Consultation meetings - 4.00pm to 7.00pm |
| Weds., 12 th December | 10.00am and 2pm - EYFS Christmas Performance |
| Friday, 21 st December | Christmas Service for the children at St Bertelin's Church End of Term |

Please look out for further information about class/school events your child will be involved in.

This year, as in previous years, all children will be able to take part in a range of performances. As last year, we have decided to spread these through the school year rather than having them all just before Christmas. Please watch out for more information about these. In addition to these performances, parents will also be invited in to school to see their children present a class assembly - these will usually be on a Thursday, start at 9.00am and last for about 20 to 30 minutes. The class assemblies will be spread through the year and you will receive more information from the class teacher about these closer to the time when they are due to take place.