



TILLINGTON MANOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Working together to achieve the best'

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Autumn 2018 - Newsletter 3

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Congratulations - Attendance

This year we are aiming for an attendance figure of 96% or better. So far we are very close to our target (95.7%). Well done - keep up the good work!

Penalty Notices for Attendance - Some Information

A penalty notice/fine (£60 per child, per parent) can be issued if:

- **a child has been persistently absent.** Persistently absent means 20 sessions (the equivalent of ten school days) of unauthorised absence over a period of 12 school weeks. The absences do not have to be consecutive.
- **there is a period of unauthorised leave (a period could be as little as one day), e.g. for holidays in term time.** Term time leave can only be authorised for exceptional circumstances.
- **a child is persistently late.** Persistently late means late for ten sessions over a period of 12 school weeks.
- **a child who has been excluded is in a public place during school hours during the first 5 days of an exclusion.**

Please do not hesitate to speak to us if you require any further clarification about the issuing of Penalty Notices or there are any matters relating to your child's attendance in general.

If your child is absent from school due to illness, please contact reception via phone or e mail on the first day of absence before 9.30am. If we are unable to contact parents to establish why your child is absent we will have no alternative but to mark the absence as unauthorised.

School in a Bag - Non Uniform day

Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to the non-uniform day organised by the school council for their chosen charity - 'School in a Bag.' We are delighted to announce that £220 was raised. The money collected over the year through various fund-raising projects, alongside money raised by Stafford Knot Rotary Club, will fund the provision of school bags which have been filled with the essential stationary items needed to support a child's education. The bags will be sent to areas of our world which are less fortunate than ourselves or where there have been natural disasters.



Children in Need

This year, Children in Need day will be on Friday, 16th November. The theme this year is 'Do your thing.' Children will be able to come to school in clothes which are linked to something they enjoy doing (e.g. sports clothes, Brownie/Cub uniform, Dance kit etc. or it could be non-school uniform clothes). The suggested donation to Children in Need is 50p or £1.



Finally

Well done to all of the children on a really good start to the school year. Mr Goodwin has really enjoyed seeing your books and visiting classes over the last half term. Thank you to all staff; you have all worked

so hard to help children settle in and to provide a wide range of learning experiences to interest them. On the next page are a few photographs to give you a flavour of some of the things the children have been getting up to:

Nursery/Reception



Y1/2 - Visit to Ash End Farm



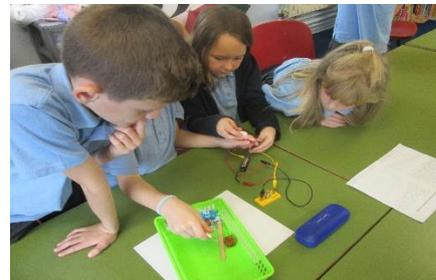
Y3 - Stone Age to Iron Age



Visit to West Midlands Safari Park

Archaeological investigations

Y4 - Science topic work



Making electrical circuits

Insulator or conductor?

Y5/6 - Question Mark Theatre



Very best wishes from everyone at Tillington Manor for a lovely half term break. We look forward to seeing all children back at school on Tuesday 6th November 2018.

Important Dates for Your Diary - Autumn Term, 2018

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 Day 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
Mon, 12 th November	Odd socks day - come to school in odd socks (no charge!)
Thurs, 15 th November	3.00pm - Exhibition of work
W/B Mon, 19 th November	Road Safety awareness week
Thurs, 22 nd November	9.00am - Y6 Assembly
Weds, 5 th December	1.45pm - Choir perform at The Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's Church, Stafford
Thurs, 6 th December	Parents' Consultation meetings - 4.00pm to 7.00pm
Weds, 12 th December	10.00am and 2pm - EYFS Christmas Performance
Tuesday, 18 th December	6.00pm - Evening of Carols led by our KS2 Choir
Friday, 21 st December	Christmas Service for the children at St Bertelin's Church
	End of Term