



TILLINGTON MANOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Working together to achieve the best'

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Newsletter 1 - Spring 2019

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Welcome Back

Welcome back to Tillington Manor Primary School for the new school term. We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break. Best wishes for a peaceful and prosperous 2019 from all of the staff at the school. We are all very much looking forward to the new term as we continue to work in partnership with children and parents to build on each child's learning and progress so far.



Wind in the Willows at The New Vic

On behalf of all of the children we would like to say an enormous thank you to the PTA for so generously funding the cost of the coach transport to the New Vic theatre this week. It was an absolute delight to see the enjoyment on the faces of the children as they watched the show - we're sure it will be a lasting memory for all of them. Thank you as well to all parents for all of their support for this visit.

Penalty Notices for Attendance - A reminder for the new term

Penalty notices for attendance are 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 session that has not been approved), 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.**

Safety - School Car Park

To increase pedestrian safety and to avoid additional traffic congestion, please do not park on the school car park at the beginning of the school day (8.30am to 9.10am) or at the end of the school day (3.15pm to 3.45pm) unless you have been given permission to do so.

Closure Procedures - A reminder

As always every effort will be made to ensure the school remains open. If, however, due to heavy snow-falls, dangerous conditions etc., announcements are often made on local radio stations:

- Radio Stoke (FM 94.6)
- Signal Radio (FM 102.6)

Up-to-date information is also available on the County Council website, which keeps a list of all schools that have had to close. Please go to

<http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/schoolsandcolleges/emergencyclosures/schoolclosurelist>

We will also endeavor to let parents know if we have to close through the 'Do-Jo' messaging system. If you are not currently accessing this, please speak to your daughter's/son's class teacher to find out what to do.

In making this decision, consideration will be given to: -

- The safety of all those travelling to school.
- The number of staff who are able to get to school safely in order to ensure the safe supervision of children on the school site.

Emergency Evacuation

If a situation arises, having evacuated the school, that means we were unable to return in to the school building, the children will be taken to St Bertelin's church on the Holmcroft Road. From here parents would be contacted to come and collect the children. Messages would initially be sent via the Do-Jo messaging system as well as by telephone. We would also try to get a message posted on the Tillington Parents Facebook page.

Paths in to School

During the cold winter months, the safety of all people coming on to the school site is important to us. When there is a risk from icy conditions, every effort will be made to 'grit' a clear pathway to the doors children come in to school through. As the paths will be gritted an hour or so before the start of school and refreezing can occur, we ask children and parents to always be especially careful in these conditions.

Please be aware....

We all know that the entrances to our school site on Young Avenue can get very busy. Recently it has been brought to our attention that some of our children can find these crowded, congested situations difficult. Please be sensitive if you see children struggling at these busy times and try to ensure their pathway in to school is as clear as possible. Thank you for your help with this.

Thank you for the continuing help and support which parents provide for the children of Tillington Manor Primary School.

Important Diary Dates - Spring Term, 2019

Tuesday, 8 th January	Y1-6 visit New Vic Theatre for Wind in the willows
Monday, 14 th January	6.00pm - Meeting for Y6 parents about the Y6 SATs tests in Mr Foster's classroom
Wednesday 23 rd January	Clothes to school. Please bring in all unwanted clothes in bags supplied.
Thursday, 24 th January	Y5/6 perform in Young Voices (Genting Arena, Birmingham)
Wednesday, 6 th February	2.00pm - Y3/4 performance of Wind in the Willows 6.00pm - Y3/4 performance of Wind in the Willows
Thursday, 14 th February	Y5/6 Parents Consultation Evening - a chance to find out how your child is progressing
Monday, 18 th February To Friday, 22 nd February	Half Term holiday
Tuesday 26 th February	Year 3 - Level 1 Bikeability
Thursday, 28 th February	KS2 Choir perform at The Gatehouse.
5 th and 6 th March	Year 5 - Bikeability
Thursday, 7 th March	World Book day - Harry Potter theme
Thursday, 4 th April	EYFS/Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4 - Parents Consultation Evening - a chance to find out how your child is progressing
Friday, 12 th April	School closes for the Easter holiday.

Please also look out for additional letters/messages containing information about events and activities that have been arranged for the different classes.