



Tilstock[†]

Part of the Marches Academy Trust

Talking Heads

Friday 15th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you all for your patience, co-operation and understanding following the announcement of lockdown. This really helped us to get organised with remote learning as well as provision for those in school. I have been overwhelmed by the wonderful messages of support and the positive feedback from yourselves regarding staff, home learning and school provision.

We want to provide the best possible home-learning experience for children and to make this task manageable for parents, so if there are any issues at all, let us know and we will resolve them. For those working at home, the expectation is that all work is accessed, and that there is regular engagement with the class teacher. If you have any difficulties or concerns relating to home-learning, please do contact the class teacher in the first instance and if necessary, you can contact me at school.

Please also look out for additional tasks and challenges that are set throughout the week – keeping an eye on Facebook, emails, text messages and this bulletin will ensure you receive all information. I really want our children to feel part of the whole school and provide opportunities to celebrate the fantastic efforts of our wonderful pupils. The whole school events such as the 'Poetry by Heart' event enables our children the opportunity to shine, so please do encourage them to take part. We will create similar events in the coming weeks and please do share your 'wow' moments with us!

Finally, your wellbeing is incredibly important to us, and we know that lockdown presents its challenges for most people. When you receive your weekly phone call from a member of staff to 'check in' and see how things are going, please let us know if there is anything we can do to support you as a family.

Take care everyone!

Mrs Rowena Kaminski
Head of School



REMINDERS & NOTICES

Whole School Event Poetry by Heart

- Choose a poem.
- Learn it by heart.
- Get ready to share it aloud.

Here's the challenge: **Choose one of five poems from our website that you love, learn it by heart and get ready to share it aloud!** Click here for competition details <https://www.tilstockprimaryschool.co.uk/2021/01/11/poetry-by-heart-school-event-launch/>

There will be chocolate hampers delivered to a winner from each year group.

Send your finished video to your class teacher **via email** or to Mrs Kaminski on Kaminski.R@til.mmat.org.uk .

Closing date is 5th Feb 2021!

You can then go on to the national finals with the Poetry by Heart foundation!
<https://www.poetrybyheart.org.uk/learningzone/half-term-challenge/>

POETRY BY
HEART

To keep our staff and pupils safe there are Covid measures which parents dropping off key worker children MUST comply with:

- Use the correct entrance and drop off time for your child's class.
- Parents **MUST NOT** enter the school office – they must telephone the office with queries or any information which they need to pass on.
- There will be a box placed outside the school office where parents can drop-off/collect any items which need to be passed on.
- Any cash that needs to be sent into school should be inside a sealed envelope labelled with the child's name, so that it can be quarantined before handling.
- Children in school to wear the correct, full school uniform- this includes the correct school PE kit.

David Walliams readings

David Walliams 'Elevenses'

David Walliams is resuming his daily readings, and he is currently reading The Boy in the Dress.

You can listen to these, and catch up on any readings you have missed, here:

<https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses-news/>

Virtual PE Lessons

The Marches Academy Trust have organised some virtual PE lessons which will be running over the next couple of weeks. Please visit the following link to view the timetable -

<https://www.tilstockprimaryschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2021/01/Virtual-PE-Lessons.jpg>

WORSHIP



This half term, we planned to focus on the value of **perseverance**.

This is very appropriate during these times! Each week, on this bulletin, I will share a task linked to this value that you can work on at home. This week's can be found above. We will also share worship-related activities on Class Dojo each week, linked to Bible stories. Look out for these!

Check out this special video from Rev. Sam discussing this terms worship theme of perseverance - <https://youtu.be/h7q5ew2M3-c>

CELEBRATION



Happy Birthday to:

Mr Gillespie who celebrated his birthday this week!



AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to this week's **Headteacher Award winners**, who are all our children for your amazing efforts and completion of tasks this week! We are all so proud of you!



UPCOMING EVENTS

[Click here](#) to view our upcoming events.

Events at a glance:
15th – 19th February: Half Term break



NEWS

[Click here](#) to view what our students have been up to recently.



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