

### Dear Parents and Carers,

The term is certainly flying by and we have already reached the last week of the half-term. Next week we have Bikeability in badger class, as well as our Poetry by Heart whole school event.

Congratulations to our Year 1 pupil Lyla, who has received the 'commended' award in the national poetry competition 'Poetry by Heart'. Lyla learnt the poem 'In the Tree's Defence' by A.F. Harrold and received an award from Poetry by Heart, and a letter containing personal feedback from the judging team. This is a perfect example of how our curriculum provides national opportunities for our Tilstock pupils. This not only honoured Lyla's commitment but has undoubtedly inspired and encouraged others to keep learning poems by heart! Well done Lyla, we are so proud of you! You can view Lyla's clip here: <https://youtu.be/mjb2vTc4yAM> and more information about our Poetry by Heart event: <https://www.tilstockprimaryschool.co.uk/poetry-by-heart/>

Finally, to improve the way we record children's reading at home and at school, please could you spare 1 minute to complete the online survey attached here. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZKQ2LTR>, I can use your views to ensure that the provision we offer works for you and your child.

Take care and have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Rowena Kaminski  
Head of School



## REMINDERS & NOTICES

### Ash Scarecrow Trail 2021

This term our school will be taking part in the Ash Scarecrows event! Each class from Year 1 to year 6 will be creating their own scarecrow and placing them in Ash. Scarecrow voting will be available throughout June, so come and choose your favourite! Winners will be announced on the 4th July. This year's theme is zoos and conservation. All funds raised will be donated to Nature's SAFE based in Whitchurch <https://www.natures-safe.com/> Nature's SAFE is safeguarding the future of our natural world by preserving live cells of animals at risk of extinction.



**RAFFLE**

E30 cash - Glynn IGLEW Vending	1 month class pass - Maggie Mays Performing Arts
E30 voucher - MOO and BOOM	Personalised photo frame - S&J personalised gifts
E25 voucher - Wagstaffs	Pizza & Chips - Mortzarella
E20 voucher - Blue water Indian	£10 voucher - CM confectionery
E20 beauty treatment voucher - Jenny B	Bottle of wine - Jan Thornhill
Valet - Shropshire Valeting	Handmade bowtie - Phranbes Bowties
2-hour clean - Vegan Cleaning Co	Subscription - iMeditate
Frenchic upcycle pack worth £25 - Lanfill Angels	2 posh cushions - Interior Bliss
2 meals - Waffle on Whitchurch	Surprise - Dancing magpie art
Upcycled trinkets hamper - Kraftykatz	

### COVID-19 Procedures

To keep our staff and pupils safe there are Covid measures which parents **MUST** comply with:

- Please use the correct entrance and drop off time for your child's class.
- Please use the village hall carpark where possible.
- Parents **must not** enter the school office – they must telephone the office with queries or any information which they need to pass on.
- Children in school to wear the correct, full school uniform.

### Requirements for PE

The children must have a pair of trainers for their PE lessons, and suitable PE kit. Our school PE kit is a white t-shirt (or a school branded t-shirt) and a pair of black shorts (or black leggings or tracksuit bottoms in colder months). In colder months, children can also bring in a warm top, or can wear their school cardigan/jumper with their PE kit.

**If children wear studs in their ears when they attend school, these MUST be removed for PE.** Staff will not be able to remove earrings or put them back in, so children must be able to do this themselves or should not wear their earrings to school on the day they have PE.

### Lateral Flow Tests

Anyone can now use this service to order free packs of rapid lateral flow tests to be sent to your home. Rapid lateral flow tests help to find cases in people who may have no symptoms but are still infectious and can give the virus to others.

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

### PD Day

The normal PD in the Spring term was postponed, due to lockdown, and has been moved to the **12<sup>th</sup> July 2021**. Please note that **school will be closed to pupils on that day.**

## HOLIDAY CLUB

We are currently looking at the possibility of running a summer holiday provision at Tilstock C of E Primary School. The holiday programme would be free of charge with this being fully funded by Shropshire Council. The programme would run for a total of 4 weeks, running 4 days per week.

To register interest, please [click here](#) by 25/5/2021

## WORSHIP



This half-term, in worship, we will be starting to focus on the value of **Perseverance**. Our worship next week will focus **on Encouraging others to keep going (Acts 11.24)**. If your child would like to write a prayer for worship this week, please share with your class teacher.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Happy Birthday!

Happy birthday to Alfie, who will be celebrating his birthday this week!

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

Events at a glance:

**Bikeability for Years 5 & 6:** 27th & 28th May 2021  
**Half-term:** 31<sup>st</sup> May- 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021  
**Class Photographs:** 29<sup>th</sup> June 2021  
**PD Day:** 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021  
**Last day of term:** 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021



### Congratulations to this week's Headteacher Award winners.

Bumblebees: James & Oliver  
 Squirrels: Theo, Eliza & Martha  
 Otters: Charlie & Gabriella  
 Badgers: Bobby & Kieran

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

## NEWS

