



Tilstock[†]

Part of the Marches Academy Trust

Talking Heads

Friday 19th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week 1-1 music taster sessions with Music Heroes began with Matt the drummer visiting school on Thursday! It was fantastic to hear the enjoyment of children experimenting with the drum set and having a go. We definitely have some budding musicians in the making! Music Heroes will be continuing with piano and guitar taster sessions next week next week. Please let us know if you would like your child to have taster session – it's not too late!

On Wednesday, Miss Thomas and Miss Vigon met with parents at the village hall to make plans for this terms PTA fundraisers. It was really enjoyable to have the opportunity to share ideas together over a coffee. Suggestions have been made for a Winter themed disco for the children at the end of term in the village hall. Further details will follow, and if anyone would like to help, please let Miss Thomas know!

The building work continues to make progress and we are pleased to say that our two new classrooms now have windows and a roof! We are on track for completion by the end of term and I can't wait for you and the children to be able to see this wonderful extension to our school's learning environment. I'll keep you all updated.

Mrs Rowena Kaminski
Head of School



REMINDERS
& NOTICES

Nik's incredible journey! One of our parents, Nik Smith is taking on a Husky Sled Challenge in Norway and Sweden, raising money for the The Lingen Davies Cancer Centre, Royal Shrewsbury Hospital. Read about Nik's incredible story here https://www.facebook.com/donate/563930804639378/?fundraiser_source=external_url

Can you help? Nik has arranged a coffee morning for her challenge at **Luke's Wine Bar, Whitchurch High Street, Nov 26, 2021 11am- 1pm**. If anyone would like to donate cakes for this amazing cause, please drop them off to school on Nov 25th and Nic will collect. Thank you!

Attendance:

At Tilstock, we place great importance on good attendance and punctuality. We know that a child's attendance has a direct impact on their learning. Those children who are regularly absent from school and regularly late may not achieve their potential and can fall behind in class. Please support your child's learning by ensuring that your child attends school regularly and arrives ready to learn and on time.

How does time off affect a child's attendance?		There are 2 sessions a day, comprising of 5 lessons (phonics, reading, writing, maths, topic)
Number of days absent in the school year	End of year attendance	
1 day off in the school year	99.5%	5 lessons
2 days off in the school year	99%	10 lessons
10 days off in the school year	95%	50 lessons
15 days off in the school year	92.4%	75 lessons
20 days off in the school year	90%	100 lessons

WORSHIP



This half term, in worship, we will be focusing on the Christian value of thankfulness. Next week, we will be learning about giving thanks even when times are difficult. If children have any prayers or pictures, linked to this theme, that they would like to share during this special service, they would be very welcome to do so.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Events at a glance:

Individual & family photographs: Monday 22nd November

School Open evening: Monday 6th December 2021

Christingle Church Services: 9th December 2021

Bumblebees Nativity in the Church: Monday 13th Dec 9:30am

KS1 and KS2 Christmas Play: Tuesday 14th Dec time TBC

Last day of term: Friday 17th December 2021

Children return to school: Wednesday 5th January



Congratulations to this week's Headteacher Award winners.

Bumblebees: Thomas and Leo

Squirrels: Oscar and Bonnie

Otters: Andre and Noah

Badgers: Benji and Mollie

Happy Birthday to Alex, Theo,

Jake and Logan who celebrate

their birthdays this week!

NEWS



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