



Dear Parents and Carers,

Today we held our annual Harvest service in Christ Church Tilstock with Reverend Sue. Our lovely little church was filled with songs and readings, poems, and food gifts. This year was very special as we decided to create a small but special Harvest tea-party in our school hall, for the children to enjoy, after our church service, so that pupils, staff, and the church could come together to share food and mark the occasion.

The concept of a harvest festival dates back to Victorian times, with the earliest recorded harvest service taking place in Cornwall in 1843! So, we know there is a long-standing British value of celebrating harvest, which makes it such a special time of year, not just in the farming calendar but also for churches and schools to gather to celebrate the food our farmers produce. I have lovely memories of singing harvest songs when I was a child at primary school, songs such as 'Autumn days' and 'We plough the fields and scatter' and it is lovely to see those traditions remain in an ever-changing world. The event always prompts such interesting discussions between staff and children about where our food comes from, so it is also a great opportunity to teach children where their food comes from, and the journey it makes from farm to fork.

Badger Class visited Pizza Express in Shrewsbury this week to learn some important cooking basics, such as washing hands, staying safe in the kitchen, healthy eating and creating and making recipes. The pizzaiolo (pizza chef) also showed our Badgers how to make a famous, Italian classic: the Margherita, before kneading the dough and adding a range of delicious toppings – the children had a fab time and were so well behaved!

PS: Next week is our last week of this term – please remember no children in school on Friday 14th October!

Mrs Rowena Kaminski
Headteacher



Music Heroes Live Concert

Music Heroes who teach 1-1 music tuition to our pupils, are holding a special concert at The Barnes Theatre at Shrewsbury School – please contact admin@til.mmat.co.uk for ticket information.



REMINDERS & NOTICES

Autumn Class Assemblies

Parents - please join us for a showcase of your child's learning this term. Assemblies will be held in the hall at 9:15am on the following dates.

- **Badger Class:** 7th November
- **Otter Class:** 14th November
- **Squirrel Class:** 21st November
- **Bumblebee Class:** 28th November

Alderford Fireworks 5th November 2022

If you are looking for a fireworks display for the children – Alderford are doing two spectacular firework displays, a huge Bonfire plus all the fun of the fair, and plenty of food, drink & music throughout the evening. Gates open at 5pm- Bonfire lit at 6pm- Sound sensitive display at 7pm- Main Fireworks 8pm. Parking available free of charge. Complimentary bus service from Whitchurch

Click here to book: <https://alderford.com/event/bonfire-and-firework-extravaganza-2/>

Children In Need Day 18th Nov 2022

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED



Wear **yellow** to school on the **18th November** and bring in a donation for **Children in Need!**

CATCH IT

Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.



BIN IT

Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.



KILL IT

Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as you can.



WORSHIP



*This term, in worship, we are focusing on the Christian value of **Hope**. If children have any prayers or pictures, linked to this theme, that they would like to share, they would be very welcome to do so.*



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Events at a glance:

Whole school Artist Assembly: Monday 10th October

Paddington Bear Picnic for EYFS: Thursday 13th October

PD DAY (no children in school): Friday 14th October

Bumblebee Class assembly: 28th November 9:15am

Autumn Term 2 starts: Monday 31st October 2022

Tilstock open afternoon/evening: Wednesday 2nd November

Badger Class assembly: 7th November 9:15am

Parents Evenings – 9th & 10th November

Otter Class assembly: 14th November 9:15am

Awards

Bumble Bees - Rihanna & Olivia
Squirrels - Charlie
Otters - Isabelle & Max
Badgers - Sophie & Conor
Staff Spotlight – Mrs Finch for being creative in literacy



NEWS

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

Children in Need Day – dress up day: Friday 18th November

Squirrel Class assembly: 21st November 9:15am

Whole school Panto trip – 24th November

Bumblebee Class assembly: 28th November 9:15am

Bumblebees Christmas Nativity: Wednesday 7th December 9:30am

Whole school 'Royal Art' project: Thursday 8th December

Years 1- 6 Christmas Play – Tuesday 13th December 5:30pm

Christingle Service in Church – Wednesday 14th December 9:30am

