

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

This week staff have been busy working with children to establish our House system. Every child at Tilstock is part of a schoolhouse team. There are 4 house teams in total which are represented by the names of Hawkstone, Soulton, Alderford and Alkmund. Houses are used to provide a sense of belonging and are often used to group children when they participate in House Events such as poems, sports competitions, or arts events.

Children earn House Points throughout their school day if they show the three key rules of *Be Safe, Be Ready, Be Respectful*. House points are exchanged for coloured tokens, which are added to their house jar on display on worship table. These are added up weekly by the House Captains, who also announce the top two Houses in our weekly awards assembly. The weekly points are then tallied up at the end of each term (Autumn, Spring and Summer) and the winning house receives a reward.

Two House Captains are selected from the KS2 pupils (years 3,4,5,6) and will act as role models to the other children, leading their house for the academic year. A Vice-Captain will also be appointed, and their role will be to support the captains and deputise in their absence. We are proud to announce our new House Captains for 2023- 2024 below, voted by our Tilstock pupils!

Also, this week, children were invited to review our celebration assemblies. They were asked how they would like their work to be recognised and how they would like to be rewarded. We have taken all their feedback and created daily, weekly, half-termly and termly opportunities for every child in the school to share their work in front of the whole school and with parents. Please see below for how this looks.

Take care and have a lovely weekend!

*Mrs Rowena Kaminski*  
**Headteacher**



**Tilstock House Captains**



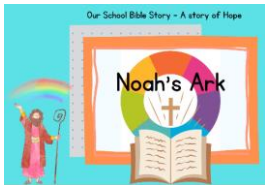
**Hawkstone:** House Captains: *Sam & Alys*  
Vice Captain: *Tate*

**Soulton:** House Captains: *Eliza & William*  
Vice Captain: *Poppy*

**Alkmund:** House Captains: *Lyla & Lauren*  
Vice Captain: *Hollie-Mae*

**Alderford:** House Captains: *Perry & Hector*  
Vice Captain: *Oscar*

We are focusing on the value of **Hope** this half-term. Please click [here](#) to read this term's bible story with your child.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**Events at a glance:**

**Harvest Festival for pupils & parents:** Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 9:30am Christ Church Tilstock – donations for food bank

**Spooky Disco at the Village Hall:** Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023 (TBC)

**PD DAYS:** *Thursday 2nd November, Friday 3rd November and \*Monday 6th November (no children in school on these days)*

**Half term holidays:** Monday 23rd October-\*Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023

**Individual Pupil Photographs:** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023




### Growing and celebrating together



**Daily worship**  
Every day the school will join together to worship. Collective worship in our school aims to provide the opportunity for pupils to worship God, to consider spiritual and moral issues and to explore their own beliefs, to encourage participation and response; and to develop community spirit, promote a common ethos and shared values, and reinforce positive attitudes.



**Weekly 'Pride and Joy' assembly**  
We believe that every child should have regular opportunity to share their proud work or proud moments with the school. On a Friday, a child from each year group will share something they are proud of – this could be a piece for work, achieving a goal they have been working hard at or a moment during the week that has made them feel proud. This means that every child will get a turn each term to share something with their school family. This also provides opportunity for children to practice and develop their speaking and listening skills, learning how to talk to an audience with pride. Each child who shares their proud work, will be invited for afternoon tea with Mrs Kaminski on a Friday or Monday afternoon. This will give each and every child an opportunity to share not only their work and achievements but also an opportunity to be listened to and share their voice on aspects of school life. House Captains will also announce the running total of house points for each house.



**Half-termly Value Celebration Assembly**  
At the end of each half-term, class adults will nominate two children from each year group who have shown the school value of the term. For example, if the school value of the term is Hope, then children who have shown a positive attitude, supported and welcomed others to achieve, or set goals for themselves, will be nominated for a headteachers award. Parents will be invited in to share that special moment with their child. We will also find out which house has collected the most house points!



**Termly Class Share Assembly**  
At the end of each term, the class will invite all parents in to share what they have been learning that term. The class will share the knowledge and skills they have learnt in English, Maths, Science, History, Geography, Art, D&T, RE, music with parents. There will be displays of work and plenty of coffee, tea and biscuits to enjoy afterwards.

**Parking Reminder** Please take care not to park on the yellow lines outside school, as this can cause an obstruction for the mini-bus and also cars coming in and out of the school staff carpark safely. Thank you.

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



**Happy Birthday to Perry and Samuel**

**Who celebrate their birthdays this week!**

**We hope you have a lovely birthday this week!**

## NEWS

