

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term has seen a big focus on Respect and having high expectations. I am always very proud of our school, the staff, and pupils, but this term I have felt so much pride in the high standards of teaching, learning and behaviour around school.

A lot of this stems from our value of Respect. Respect for the role of school and education in our children's lives and the understanding that children need high expectations of learning, attendance, attitudes, and behaviour. This has shone a light onto the value of our words, actions and intentions, and the importance of respecting ourselves, respecting others, taking time to offer help, make the right choice, a kind word or even holding the door open for someone.

This week, a headteacher visited from another school, and they said that Tilstock is *the most warm and welcoming school he has visited*. That is incredibly special and testimony to the consistent hard work and teamwork we all do in order to achieve the best outcomes for our children.

Have a great half-term week together - I hope it is drier than it has been this week!  
I look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February.

*Mrs Rowena Kaminski*  
**Headteacher**



REMINDERS & NOTICES

### WORSHIP

## Respect



**Our Whole school Respect Value Day:** Today we have been exploring the value of Respect through various activities. We have learnt about how we can respect our environment and our wildlife with The Shropshire Wildlife Trust. We have learnt about the value of teamwork and listening to everyone's ideas during our problem solving 'escape room sessions in Otters and Badgers. We also learnt about the importance of sportsmanship through our Olympics themed sports

This term, we focused on our value of Respect, and as such the children and staff have been working hard on having high expectations around school. Having high expectations does not just mean giving pupils work that is academically challenging. High expectations relate to their behaviour, their attitude to learning, the presentation of their work, how they treat others, and so on - the whole pupil. The more children believe that you think they can do something, the more they will believe in themselves. Today we awarded a pupil from each year group who has shown Respect consistently across the term. Respect for themselves, their learning, their peers, their grown-ups, the school and our community. As shining stars, they each have a very shiny Star Value trophy to keep forever presented by Mrs Kaminski and Reverend Armstrong. Well done to you all!

### Big Garden Bird Watch!



**2024 marks the 45th RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch**, which sees keen birdwatchers across the UK join the largest garden wildlife citizen science project by spending one hour tracking the birds they see in their gardens. Children in Squirrels and Bumblebees have completed the Big Bird Watch this week. Not only is it a great way to enjoy a spot of winter birdwatching, but it's a vital opportunity for the RSPB to keep tabs on the population of British birds.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

### Events at a glance:

- Half term holiday:** Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February 2024
- PD Day: (Children not in school this day)** Monday 19th February 2024
- Spring term 2 begins (children return to school):** Tuesday 20th February 2024
- Spring Parents Evenings:** 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024
- Chester Zoo Whole school Trip for Reception - Yr 6:** Thursday 29th February 2024
- World Book Day:** Tuesday 5th March 2024 (come to school dressed as your favourite book character!)
- Science Fair Day:** Tuesday 12th March 2024
- Badger Class residential:** 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> March 2024
- Easter Service in Church:** 9:30am Wednesday 20th March
- Purple Day for Young Epilepsy –** Come to school in purple! Friday 22nd March 2024
- Easter Holiday:** Monday 25th March - Friday 5th April 2024

## NEWS

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



### Happy Birthdays this week!

**Isaac, Harry, Avie, Aiden Leo R-B!** We hope you have a great day celebrating!

