



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all. Thank you for your patience with morning opening during what has been a very cold week! Our staff have worked really hard ensuring a safe site each day. Please continue to ensure that your child has a warm coat, hats and gloves and a full water bottle each day.

As we step into the new year, it's a wonderful time for us to reflect on the past and set new goals for the future. New Year resolutions offer a chance to embrace positive changes, whether it's striving for academic excellence, committing to personal well-being or fostering better relationships together.

This week the children enjoyed a special worship to reflect on our term's value of Respect and how this looks to us at Tilstock School (see below for more details). Respect is a cornerstone of a positive and productive primary school environment. When children show respect to their peers, teachers, and school staff, it fosters a sense of community and belonging. Respectful behaviour helps to create a safe and supportive atmosphere where everyone feels valued and heard. It encourages cooperation, reduces conflicts, and promotes kindness and empathy. By learning to respect others, children also develop important social skills that will benefit them throughout their lives.

Let's all strive to make respect a daily practice, ensuring our school is a place where everyone can thrive and succeed.

Mrs Rowena Kaminski
Headteacher



REMINDERS & NOTICES

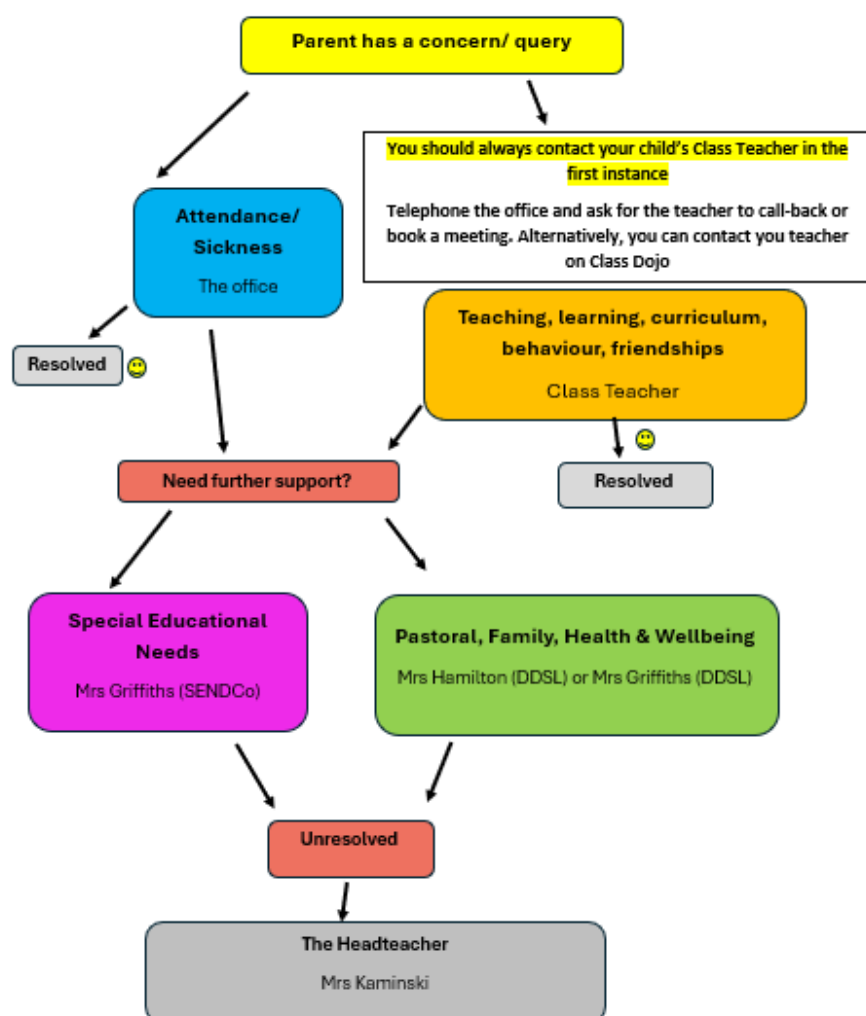
Spring Curriculum Planners

We have launched our Spring curriculum planners. Please do have a look at the planning [here](#).

Our staff team have worked very hard to ensure these have been very carefully planned. If you have any questions please see your child's class teacher.

Who do I contact if I have a concern or query?

To ensure we resolve any issues or concerns you have in the most efficient way, it's really important that you know who to contact and when.



What is Accelerated Reader?

Reading is taught as an explicit skill in school through a variety of ways including 1-1 reading sessions, taught lessons and group Guided Reading sessions- click [here](#) for more info.

For independent reading practice, [Accelerated Reader](#) is an online program that helps teachers manage and monitor children's independent reading practice. This is used mostly in our KS2 classrooms. Your child picks a book at his/her own level and reads it at his/her own pace. When finished, your child takes a short quiz on the laptop. (Passing the quiz is an indication that your child understood what was read.) AR gives both children and teachers feedback based on the quiz results, which the teacher then uses to help your child set targets and direct ongoing reading practice.

Children using AR choose their own books to read, rather than having one assigned to them. This makes reading a much more enjoyable experience as they can choose books that are interesting to them. Adults in the class will help your child choose books at an appropriate reading level that are challenging without being frustrating, ensuring that your child can pass the quiz and experience success. If your child does not do well on a quiz, the teacher may help him/her to choose another book that is more appropriate or ask more probing questions as your child reads and before taking a quiz.

In most cases, children really enjoy taking the quizzes. Since they are reading books at their reading and interest levels, they are likely to be successful. This is satisfying for most children. Best of all, they learn and grow at their own pace.

Want to find out more about Reading in KS2?

Come to our Parent Reading Information Session on

Monday 3rd February 3:00-4:00pm in school with our Reading Leads, Miss Thomas and Miss Finch

WORSHIP



This term, in worship, we are focusing on the Christian value of **Respect**

Our chosen worship songs this week were: [Shine Jesus Shine](#) and [From the Tiny Ant](#)

This week in worship we learnt about New Year Resolutions and watched a beautiful clip all about a Snowdrop with promises to themselves about the good things they want to do. Watch it together [here](#)



The snowdrop is a sign of hope and new beginnings and a promise of good things to come...Think to yourself about the good things we can all do in this hopeful New Year.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Events at a glance:

Monday 15th January:- Yr 6 parents SATs meeting: 3-4pm
Friday 14th February:- Children break-up for half term
Monday 24th February:- PD Day (*no children in school this day*)
Tuesday 25th February:- Children return to school
Wednesday 2nd March:- Badger Class Residential 3 days
Wednesday 26th March:- Mother's Day Service in Church
Wednesday 9th April:- Easter Service in Church
Friday 11th April:- Children break-up for Easter holidays
Monday 28th April:- Children return to school
Monday 5th May:- Bank Holiday (*no children in school this day*)
Monday 12th May:- Year 6 SATs week
Friday 23rd May:- Children break-up for half-term
Monday 2nd June:- Children return to school
Friday 25th July:- Children break up for Summer holidays

Happy birthday to George. D

Who celebrates his birthday this week - We wish you a very happy birthday!

Meet our House Captains!



NEWS



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

