



# TILERY TIMES

ISSUE 5 JANUARY

## HEAD TEACHER MESSAGE

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers.

Welcome to the January Tilery Times, the first one for this year. May I take this opportunity to wish all of our families a very happy New Year. It is lovely to see all of our children back in school for the start of the spring term.

I would like to say a huge thank you to members of the community who have helped staff, parents and pupils during the last year. Your support and dedication are greatly appreciated. It was fabulous to see so many of our parents attend activities in school last month. It was great to see so many people in school celebrating the achievements of the children.

I endeavour to keep parents up to date and informed. More information can be found on our website, [www.tileryprimary.org.uk](http://www.tileryprimary.org.uk), our Tilery Facebook Page (just click 'like' on it to receive updates).

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Stanyard

Head Teacher

## Pupil Premium

Did you know that you could claim Free School Meals, holiday meals, holiday club and give school £1,320 a year? If you are claiming, or have claimed in the last 6 years, any of the following benefits you may be able to unlock the extra funding for your child:

- Universal Credit
- Working Tax Credit
- Child Tax Credit
- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance

This is also available if either parent has ever served in the armed forces.

This will help us to pay for extra staff, books and equipment. As school budgets are being squeezed, this is very important to us. For more information, please call the school office.

## Holiday Club

A huge Thank you to Mr Nixon, Mrs Kitchener, and Mr Durham for running the Holiday Club during the holidays. The children had a brilliant time and had lots of fun with the activities provided for them.

We will run another holiday club during the February half term holidays for 3 days. This will be for children who have free school meals. If you would like your child to take part, watch out for the form which we will be sending home next week as there will only be a limited number of places available. You will be informed via a letter if your child has a place at the holiday club.

## Internet Safety

At home, children often play games online where there are potential dangers of connecting with people they do not know. You are able to put safety features onto devices used by children and talk about potential internet dangers. School devices already have this feature and it is closely monitored. If you would like support with this, please speak to our office staff or Mr Large.

Please make sure that apps are age appropriate. Minimum age for Instagram and Facebook, like many other apps, is 13 years old. The CEOP Jigsaw video and Thinkuknow websites help to highlight the risks. These can be found at:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=599I1E-rWTU>





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## Autumn Term Attendance

Well done to the 35 children who had 100% attendance in the autumn term. These children will receive a prize and certificate in assembly. If you are thinking of booking a holiday, you must book it during the 13 weeks your child has as school holidays and NOT during term time. The school has a legal duty to follow the local authority policy, who issue penalty notices, fines, court appearances and convictions, which can result in a criminal record and 3 months imprisonment.

### Year Group Attendance

Nursery	81.1%
Rec	91.7%
Y1	89.4%
Y2	91.2%
Y3	93.7%
Y4	94.6%
Y5	90.5%
Y6	90.7%

If a child is absent from school, for whatever reason, please inform school in person, in writing or by telephone 01642 673761 as soon as possible. The normal routine is to telephone the school on the first morning of absence. If you ring before 8:30am, you can leave a message on our answer phone. Such calls are always logged and the class teacher informed.

Less than 5 days absence = 98%+ attendance

14 days absence (approx.) = 93.5% attendance

20 days absence (approx.) = 90% attendance

30 days absence (approx.) = 88% attendance

If a child achieves 80% attendance this means that they have missed approximately 40 days of education over the academic year, averaging 1 day per week or equivalent to 8 weeks in total.

## CHANGES TO THE SCHOOL TIMES

It has been great to see the children arriving at school, ready to start the day. Most children are arriving at 8:30am. Remember every child can have a free bagel for breakfast. A reminder that the sessions for Nursery will begin at 8:30am or 8:45am for those staying for 30 hours; Reception and KS1 start at 8:40am and finish at 3:10pm and KS2 will start at 8:45am and finish at 3:15pm.

Children will no longer wait in the playground, they can come straight into school. Gates will open at the usual times but will close promptly at 8:50am. If your child is late, you will need to take them to the school office to receive their mark, please do not knock on classroom windows to gain access.

## Dates for your Diary

<b>Friday 17th February</b>	-Break up for half term holiday
<b>Monday 27th February</b>	-Return to school
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	-Break up for Easter holiday
<b>Monday 17th April</b>	-Return to school
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	-Additional Bank Holiday
<b>Friday 26th May</b>	-Break up for half term holiday
<b>Monday 5th June</b>	-Return to school
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	-School closed for PD Day





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## GOVERNORS NEWS

Happy New Year.

Last term, our Governing Body, which is made up of entirely of volunteers, appointed Clair Camp as a co-opted member. Clair is also one of our parents. She has agreed to serve on the Community Committee and the Curriculum Committee, as well as attend half termly Full Governing Body Meetings. We welcome her to the 'team' and hope that she will enjoy working alongside dedicated colleagues to support the further development of our school.

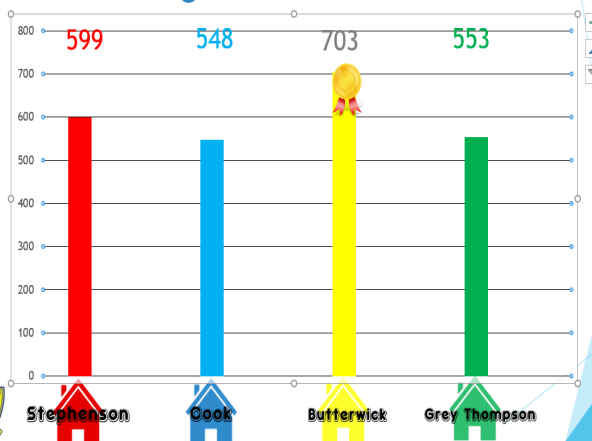
All members of the Governing Body are fully committed to ensuring that Tilery Primary School provides a safe and nurturing environment where all children can achieve their full potential. As of last term, one of our experienced governors, Rev Julia Bell, accepted the challenging role of Designated Safeguarding Governor. She will work with our expert staff members to ensure safeguarding procedures and practices recommended by the DFE, are followed rigorously and embedded within our school community.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Governors for their on-going work.

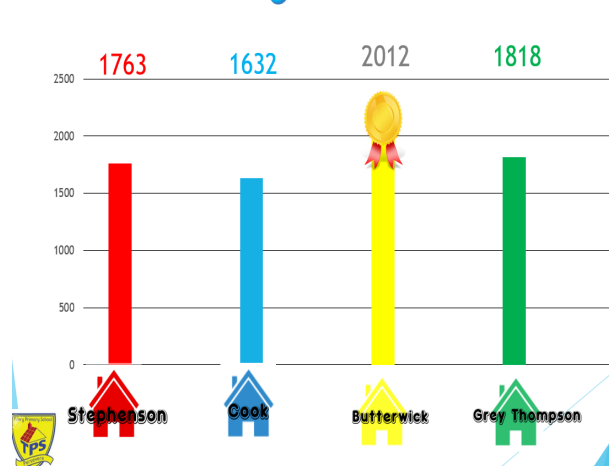
Liz Miller  
(Chair of Governors)

CLASS	%	POSITION
YR4/5 Mrs Carter	96.4	1
YR5 Mrs Pickering	96.1	2
YR3/4 Mr large	95.8	3
YR2 Miss Hunt	94.7	4
YR3 Mrs Turner	94.6	5
YR6 Mrs Rodgers	94.3	6
YR1 Miss Chapman	93	7
FS2 Miss Beamson	91.4	8
FS2 Miss Gent	88	9
YR1/2 Miss MacIver	87.8	10
<b>Totals</b>	<b>93.2</b>	

## Weekly House Points



## Half Termly House Points



## Stars of the Term

FS1 2 Year Old -  
Breeze for  
settling in  
fantastically and  
enjoying exploring  
all of the areas.

FS1 3/4 Year Olds -  
Roman Crosby  
following routines,  
listening and being  
kind and helpful

FS2 CG - McGold  
for settling  
well.

FS2 CB - Peter  
for being really  
helpful with  
tidying up.

Year 1 - Olivia  
for writing a  
super sentence.

Year 1/2 - Ifa for  
always working  
hard and trying  
her best.

Year 2 - Sophia for  
using some lovely  
storyteller  
language in her  
writing this week.

Year 3 - Elwood for  
improved  
behaviour.

Year 3/4 - Al  
Ameen for a  
fantastic piece  
of writing about  
China!

Year 4/5 - Jaxson  
for having a  
mature outlook to  
life and for always  
making us laugh.

Year 5 - Rory  
for excellent  
work in dance  
and fitness  
training lessons.

Year 6 - Shekib  
for putting great  
effort into  
everything he  
does.