HEAD TEACHER MESSAGE

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers.

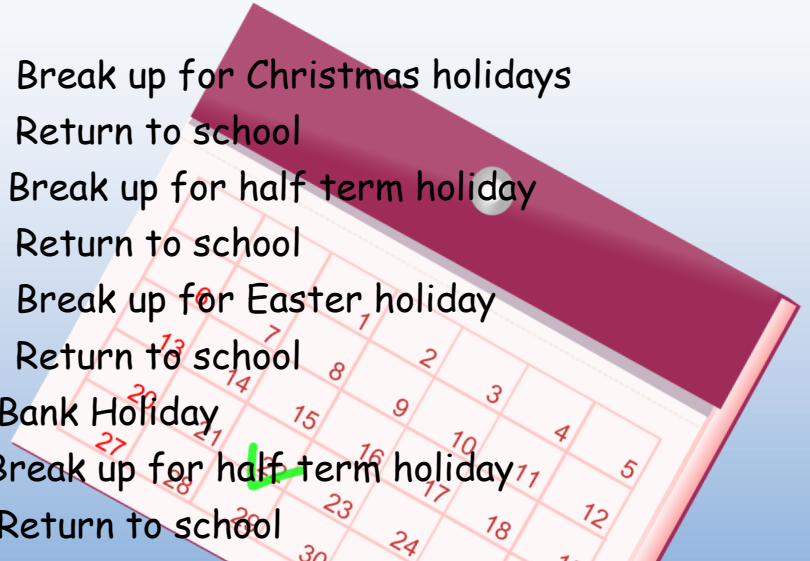
Where has this year gone? Today we break up for the Christmas holidays after another busy and fun filled term at Tilery.

May I take this opportunity to wish all of our families a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Mrs Stanyard
Head Teacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 19th December	Break up for Christmas holidays
Thursday 4th January	Return to school
Friday 16th February	Break up for half term holiday
Monday 26th February	Return to school
Thursday 28th March	Break up for Easter holiday
Monday 15th April	Return to school
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday
Friday 24th May	Break up for half term holiday
Monday 3rd June	Return to school



GOVERNORS MESSAGE

At the end of a very long and trying term, Governors would like to thank Mrs Stanyard and all her staff for their dedication and commitment to our children and families. They work extremely hard to provide the best learning opportunities and sometimes even give up precious family time to take groups on extracurricular activities such as residentials and visits. At Christmas, with its additional activities, their work load increases massively. Governors hope that children have enjoyed the build up to Christmas in school with performances for proud parents, parties, church services and culminating in a very special visit to the Pantomime. Big thanks to Mrs Stanyard and the team for securing the funding to send all of our children to see Jack and the Beanstalk at the Forum, which they assure me was 'totally brilliant'.

The Governors strongly support Mrs Stanyard in her work and trust in the decisions she is making in school.

Myself and the Governors wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

Mrs Miller (Chair of Governors)

Christmas Fun

As an end of term reward all of our Reception – Y6 children went to see the Pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk at the Billingham Forum yesterday. Everybody had an amazing time and every child had a little treat during the interval.

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas performances. The children were amazing, as usual. Thanks again to staff who work so hard to support the children and who organise beautiful shows for you to come and watch.

We all went to Stockton Parish Church for our annual Christingle Service. Well done to our Year 5's who took part in the nativity and our Year 6 Narrators.

Everyone enjoyed a wonderful Christmas dinner thanks to Tracey and her team who went above and beyond to make an excellent lunch.

All of the children have enjoyed a Christmas party with lots of fun and games. We even managed to welcome an extremely important visitor into school (Father Christmas), who met with the children from Reception to Year 4. All of the children have received a small Christmas present from school and we thank Mr and Mrs Boynton and Councillor Beale for their generosity.

Community

A huge thank you to members of the community who have helped staff, parents and pupils during the last year. Your support and dedication is greatly appreciated. Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Fair, which raised just over £1000.

Our lovely choir have been extremely busy and raised £134 whilst singing at Asda. This money is to be shared between Butterwick hospice and our school fund. Our choir also represented Tilery at the Mayor's Carol Concert and sang beautifully.

Seven of our Year 3 pupils took part in Stockton Lantern Parade wearing their Owl Masks. Tilery were definitely the best school and did well to make as much noise as the drummers behind us.

Extending the Curriculum

We were delighted to welcome the team from POW (Power of Women) into school to work with our Year 5 pupils. We have now elected 4 POW Ambassadors, who are keen to carry out their duties across school.

Years 5 and 6 had a wonderful opportunity to take part in a 'Big Sing' event to celebrate 60 years since The Beatles played at The Globe Theatre. You may have seen it on the ITV news.

Coping at Christmas

Some useful number to share with those who may need support.

Schools Advice Project

Providing parents and guardians of school age children specialist and independent advice on a range of issues.

What is the Schools Advice Project?

There's a lot of pressure on families at the moment and so SDAIS is **providing help** to overcome the resulting problems.

The **Schools Advice Project** is working in partnership with schools of the Stockton Borough and their families by providing **free, confidential, and impartial advice** to the parents and guardians of school age children.

The project provides advice and support to **parents, guardians and school staff**. In doing so, we hope to provide a positive change to the children and families we speak to.

Email: schools@stockton-cab.co.uk

Tel (voicemail) - 01642 626104

How can we help?

We provide **free, independent, confidential and impartial** tailored advice.

We can advise and assist on a wide range of issues including:

- Benefits
- Debts and Budgeting
- Housing
- Family
- Employment
- Energy

If you need advice on any of these subjects, **we are here to help you**.

We can accept referrals from schools, or if you prefer you can contact us directly.

Get in touch today to see how we can help you!

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COMMUNITY FUND

BULLYING

Behaviour in Tilery is good. As children are still developing their social skills, there are, of course, some incidents of mean and unkind behaviour, which are taken extremely seriously. Staff act immediately and effectively when we are told about it. I am very pleased to say that, as a result, unkind behaviour rarely develops into bullying. This, however, is dealt with robustly if or when it happens. Bullying is when mean or unkind behaviour happens repeatedly and is on purpose. We encourage children to tell an adult, rather than retaliate, so that it can be dealt with quickly and

ATTENDANCE

You should ONLY keep your child off school if your doctor has advised it. If they need to see a doctor then please bring your child to school for their mark and return them to school after the appointment unless, of course, your doctor specifically says that they are too unwell to attend. If the doctor prescribes antibiotics for your child, they are allowed to return to school straight away. If the doctor prescribes antibiotics to be taken 4 times a day, we can administer medication in school, but parents must complete a medicine form at the office and bring the medication in the original packaging with the doctor's prescription label on it.

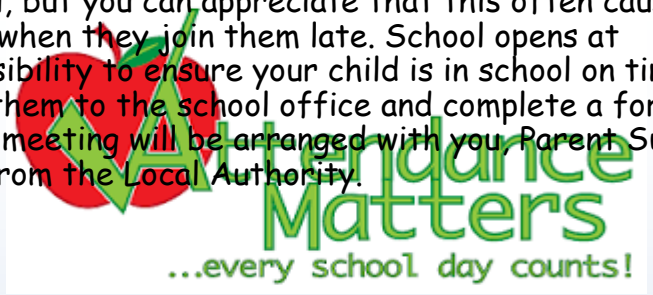
Well-done to 52 children who had 100% attendance in the Autumn Term. These children received a reward of either a visit to the Arc to see Well Done Mummy Penguin or a movie afternoon in school. The winners of our vouchers for weekly 100% attendance were in KS2 Holly H, KS1 Jamie C and FS2 Savannah

If a child is absent from school, for whatever reason, parents must inform school in person, via email or by telephone as soon as possible. The normal routine is to telephone the school on the first morning of absence. If you ring before 8:15am, you can leave a message on our answer phone. Such calls are always logged and the class teacher informed.

The odd day here and there **DOES** matter to your child's education!

PUPILS LATE FOR SCHOOL

We have very few children arriving late for school, but you can appreciate that this often causes children to become anxious and lessons disrupted when they join them late. School opens at 8:30am every morning. It is your parental responsibility to ensure your child is in school on time every day. If they are late you must accompany them to the school office and complete a form stating the reason for lateness. If this persists a meeting will be arranged with you, Parent Support Adviser and, if necessary, a representative from the Local Authority.



CLASS	%	POSITION
YR5/6 Mrs Carter	96.7	1
YR5 Mrs Pickering	96	2
YR1 Mrs Chapman	94.7	3
YR4 Mrs Turner	94.5	4
YR3/4 Mr Large	94.1	5
FS2 Miss Gent	93.9	6
YR3 Mrs Fender/Mrs Stoker	93.8	7
YR1/2 Miss MacIver	93.3	8
YR2 Miss Hunt	92.7	9

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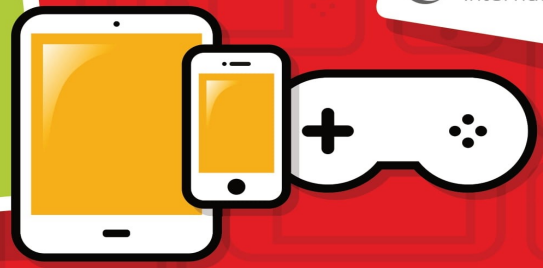

S SAFE

Keep your personal information safe. When chatting or posting online don't give away things like your full name, password or home address. Remember personal information can be seen in images and videos you share too. Keep them safe to keep yourself safe.

M MEET

Meeting up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, can be dangerous as this person is still a stranger. If someone you only know online ever asks you to meet up, for personal information or for photos/videos of you then tell an adult straight away and report them together on **www.thinkuknow.co.uk**

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A ACCEPTING

Think carefully before you click on or open something online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) as you never know where they may lead to or they may contain viruses. Do not accept something if you are unsure of who the person is or what they've sent you.

R RELIABLE

You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check in books and talk to someone about what you have found.

T TELL

Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused. This could be if you or someone you know is being bullied online. There are lots of people who will be able to help you like your teachers, parents, carers or contact Childline – **0800 11 11** or **www.childline.org.uk**

BE SMART WITH A HEART

Remember to always be smart with a heart by being kind and respectful to others online. Make the internet a better place by helping your friends if they are worried or upset by anything that happens online.

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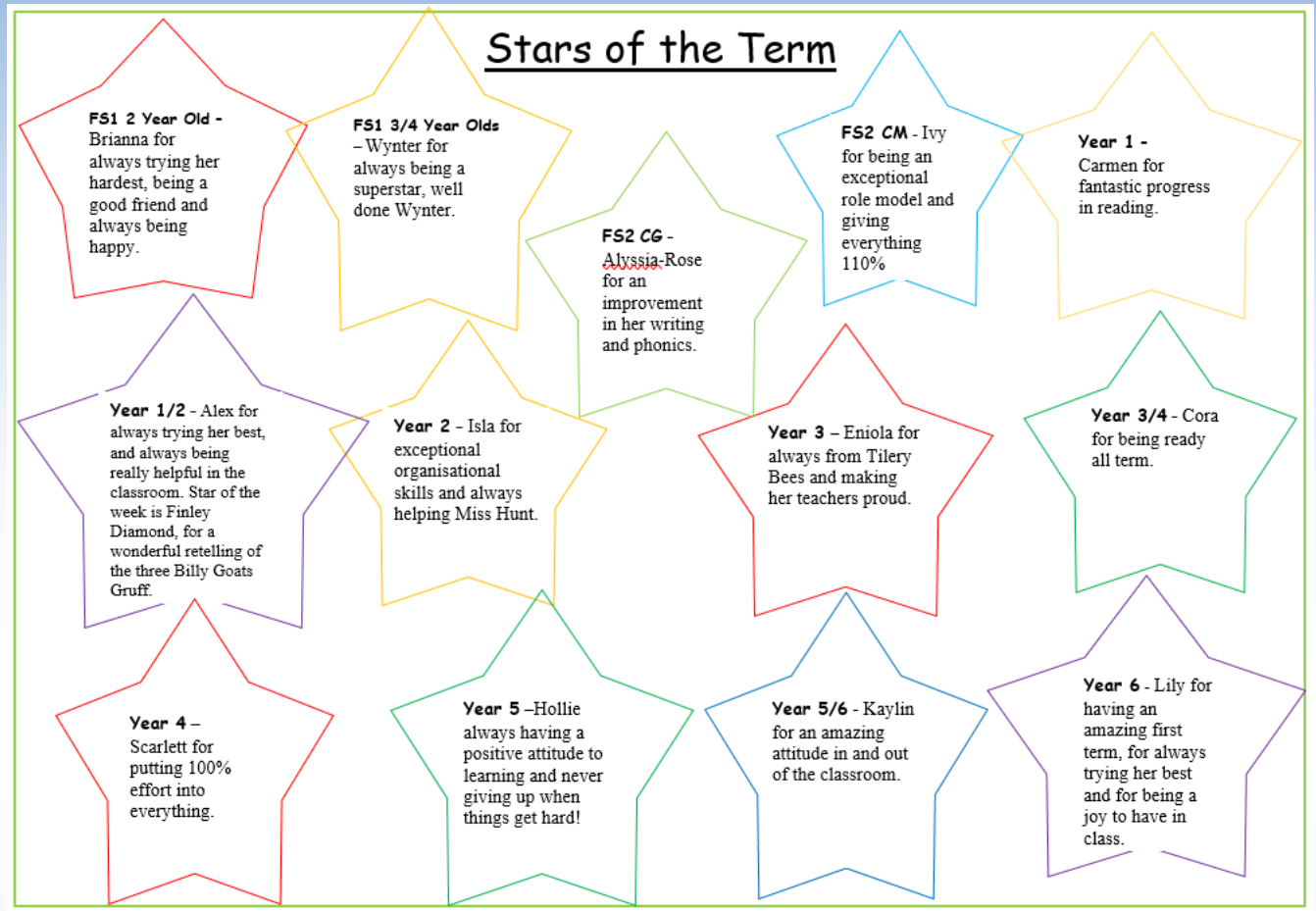

House	Weekly	Half Termly
Stephenson	1070	4790
Cook	855	4300
Grey-Thompson	873	3898