



## **DILTON MARSH CE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

### **Newsletter 1 Term 4 - Friday 23rd February 2024**

Dear parents

Now we're half way through the year we are starting to look forward to the summer, especially with the amount of rain we have been having! Currently we are busy organising trips for classes which include visits to London, Stonehenge, and the zoo. We appreciate that these trips can be costly and appreciate the financial support that FODS give to reduce the cost to individual parents. If you are struggling please contact us as there may be some additional support we can offer. We have also received information that Crosspoint is offering further financial support for families. If you are currently experiencing difficulty and need financial support for any of the following please get in touch with me.

Crosspoint can support with:

- Household utility bills
- Household items
- Access to food
- Transport costs
- Carer support

#### **World Book Day - Thursday 7th March 2024**

On the eve of World Book Day (Wednesday 6th March) we will be holding a stories by 'candlelight'. Children are invited back into school at 5pm in their pj's and with their teddies to listen to stories read by their teachers. More details to follow.

On World Book Day we will be celebrating a love of reading in school through the younger and older children sharing their favourite books. In addition we will have a book swap at lunchtime so please can each child bring one book from home they no longer read which they can then swap for a different one.

#### **Red Nose Day - Friday 15th March 2024**

Come in dressed as something funny for money or wear your school uniform with something red. Cash Donations - no noses please!

#### **Village Litter Pick - Saturday 16th March 2024**

The Eco Ambassadors are keen to promote the Village Litter Pick next month. Everyone, of any age, can take part simply by meeting at The Memorial hall at 10am on Saturday 16th March. Equipment is provided.

The Ambassadors are going to count participation from each of our classes—let's see who can pick the most! More information is available on the posters around school.

#### **Termly House result!**

We are pleased to share that MERLIN were the winners of the House Challenge that took place at the end of last term. Congratulations to them. We would like to invite them all to wear non-uniform on Friday 1st March.

## FODS update



### FODS Meeting - Monday 26th Feb

If you'd like to find out more about FODS activities or interested to get involved, please join us for a drink at The Hollies at 7:30pm on Monday 26th Feb. Or speak to our Chair Amy Pittaway or a FODS rep for more info. Our next event is the Easter Trail at school - details to follow.

### Bath Rugby Ticket Offer

Bath Rugby is extending an offer to members of the community, particularly families and children, to enjoy live rugby at The Recreation Ground this March.



They are offering junior tickets for just £5, adult tickets from £5, as well as a discounted family package.

The first match, a highly anticipated encounter against West Country rivals Gloucester, will take place on 9th March at 2.30pm. The following week, on St Patrick's weekend, Bath Rugby will face Irish and European giants Leinster Rugby on Friday 15th March at 7:15pm.

Tickets can be purchased at:

<http://bit.ly/3I6sIL7>

### PE kit

A quick reminder that school PE kit is black shorts or tracksuit bottoms with a T-shirt in their house colour. They may wear their school jumpers in the colder months if they are outside.

### National College Platform for parents

All of our Acorn Schools use the National College Platform for much of our training. This platform now offers the option for parents to sign up and access parent courses. There is a range of online safety courses and information on a range of social media and online sites to help keep children and young people safe on devices outside of school. Please use the link given below to sign up and see what is on offer.

<https://nationalcollege.com/parents>

### Parents' Events

This term we will be holding Parents' Evening sessions for all classes (except Oak Class) on Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th March 2024. Bookings will become available on Friday 8th March at 12 noon.

Don't forget our Class Showcase sessions start again in the week beginning 4th March - please see the dates overleaf for the exact dates.

## Let's celebrate!

### Headteacher Awards:

\* Rocken, Summer and Oscar in Lime Class for their excellent descriptive writing about a worm.

### Star of the Week:

<b>Lime Class</b>	Lacey B for showing great empathy towards her friends when they were sad.
<b>Cherry Class</b>	Olivia for having the confidence to always joining in class discussions with lots of enthusiasm.
<b>Ash Class</b>	Stephanie for her great attitude to learning - always doing her best!
<b>Willow Class</b>	Finley for always demonstrating our school values.
<b>Chestnut Class</b>	Ezra for great participation in lessons.
<b>Beech Class</b>	Kai for working extra hard all week.
<b>Oak Class</b>	Sam for great focus and attitude to learning.

### Dilton's Maths Magicians

<b>Lime Class</b>	Maxwell for quick identification of more than, fewer than and equal to.
<b>Cherry Class</b>	Lexus for having so much more confidence in her maths and not being afraid to have a go.
<b>Ash Class</b>	Emilia for explaining her problem solving carefully.
<b>Willow Class</b>	Harmony for fantastic improvement in times tables.
<b>Chestnut Class</b>	Isabella for wonderful progress in times tables since joining us.
<b>Beech Class</b>	James for great contributions in class.
<b>Oak Class</b>	Lewis for great problem solving.



### TT Rockstars:

In the last 7 days these children have earnt the following certificates:

Most improvement in accuracy – Harmony In Willow

Most improvement in Studio Speed – Harrison in Willow

Biggest increase in correct answers – Max in Chestnut

Star of the week – Highest number of minutes played – Max in Chestnut

Biggest increase in coins earned – Max in Chestnut

Well done Topsy in Willow Class for participating in the Wiltshire WheelPower Sports Festival held at Tidworth this week. It looks like you had lots of fun!



## Dates for your diary

Friday 9th February	End of Term 3 (normal finishing time)
Monday 19th February	Start of Term 4
Monday 26th February	FODS meeting, 7.30pm at The Hollies
Friday 1st March	Non-Uniform Day for MERLIN House
Monday 4th March	Lime Showcase
Tuesday 5th March	Year 5 & 6 trip to Houses of Parliament
Tuesday 5th March	Willow Showcase
Tuesday 12th March	Chestnut Showcase
Wednesday 13th March	Beech Showcase
Thursday 14th March	Ash Showcase
Tuesday 19th March	Oak Showcase
	Parents' Evening (not Oak Class)
Wednesday 20th March	Year 3 Experience Easter
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Monday 25th March	Easter Service at Holy Trinity Church - all welcome. 2pm.
Tuesday 26th March	Cherry Showcase
Thursday 28th March	End of Term 4 (12pm finish)
Monday 15th April	Start of Term 5
Tuesday 9th May	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check information session for parents - 3.15pm
Monday 13th - Thursday 16th May	Key Stage 2 SATs week
Friday 24th May	End of Term 5 (normal finishing time)
Monday 3rd June	Start of Term 6
Tuesday 4th June	Rags2Riches collection
Friday 7th June	Class photos
Monday 10th - Wednesday 12th June	Oak Class residential to Tile Barn
Wednesday 19th June	Lime Showcase
Thursday 20th June	KS1 Dance Festival at Bath Forum
Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th June	Matravers Year 6 Transition Days
Tuesday 2nd July	Chestnut Showcase
Wednesday 3rd July	Beech Showcase
Thursday 4th July	Ash Showcase
Monday 8th & Tuesday 9th July	Kingdown Year 6 Transition Days
Tuesday 9th July	Willow Showcase
Wednesday 10th July	Cherry Showcase
Monday 15th July	Oak Class production
Friday 19th July	End of Term 6 (12pm finish)