



DILTON MARSH CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter 5 Term 2 - Friday 1st December 2023

Dear parents

We hope some of you have had the opportunity to read our full Ofsted report. We are delighted with the report outcomes which rates us as 'Good' in all areas and praises the wonderful improvements made since our last inspection in 2019.

This achievement is a collective celebration for our whole school community, who rose to the occasion during this inspection to showcase their learning, behaviour and positive relationships. I am delighted that our pupils and staff were so highly praised and it's wonderful to see their hard work reflected in the report's outcome.

As a school, our priority is to encourage children to become independent, curious and resilient learners. We are ambitious for our future and have a shared commitment to driving improvement to ensure that each of our children develops a passion for life-long learning, striving for what's best for ourselves, others and the world.

Here are some highlights taken from the report that we are so proud of:

- Pupils benefit from trusting relationships with adults
- Pupils know the school values of 'hope, respect, compassion and perseverance' well
- Staff have high expectations of all pupils. Pupils respond positively to these expectations by behaving well and working hard
- The arrangements for safeguarding are effective
- Pupils leave Dilton Marsh ready for secondary school
- Pupils are highly engaged in their learning
- The school has inspired a love of reading and pupils attribute reading to supporting positive mental health
- Pupils show respect and tolerance to those with differing views and beliefs
- Pupils are well mannered and eager to discuss their learning
- In the early years, children follow established routines and learn to manage their emotions
- Children leave Reception ready for Year 1
- Pupils with SEND learn the curriculum well alongside their peers.

Important Safety Information

Over the last few days there have been two concerning incidents involving children in Westbury. Firstly, there was a near miss in our car park. Please do not let your child walk, scoot or play in this area. One of our staff narrowly missed a child who ran out between the parked cars as they came into work. The member of staff was visibly shaken by the incident. We are aware that the area is also used by parents or members of the community as a turning circle and unfortunately they are not always as aware of the possibility of the children running out.

We have also been notified of an incident on a railway crossing where 2 primary aged children did not heed the red light and crossed over the railway. The train driver reported that they were missed by only 15 seconds. We do share Network Rail resources with the children each year but if you would like to remind them please have a look at the education resources available on their website -

<https://www.networkrail.co.uk/communities/safety-in-the-community/safety-education/>

EYFS and Key Stage One Nativity (Lime, Cherry & Ash Class)

Children in Lime, Cherry and Ash Class have been practising hard ready for their Christmas performance of 'The Twinkly Nativity'. Thank you for supporting with costumes and helping them with their lines at home. Please can costumes be in school for Wednesday. Thank you.



There will be two performances to family members on Monday 11th December and Tuesday 12th December at 2.30pm. Due to space and fairness, we need to limit the seats to 2 per family in total across both performances. These can either be the same day or 1 on each day.

Seats can be booked by completing the following forms link:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=HBZ7jfaLS0axD625sK_wgqMJ2vEfjYJGuguYQNxFWRtUMUZNQVVERTIIWkw0WFU5TFNBRFBZQjBXM4u

We will operate a reserve system but cannot guarantee extra tickets will be available. The booking will close next Friday morning and we will notify those of you who have requested extra tickets at this time.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 5th December	Ash Class Showcase (2.30 - 3.15pm)
Thursday 7th December	Discos
Monday 11th December	KS1 Christmas performance (2.30 - 3.15pm)
Tuesday 12th December	KS1 Christmas performance (2.30 - 3.15pm)
Wednesday 13th December	Christmas Dinner Day - Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 14th December	Christmas Raffle Draw (3.15pm)
Tuesday 19th December	Christmas Service at Holy Trinity Church - all welcome (2pm)
Wednesday 20th December	Pantomime in school
	End of Term 2 (12 pm finish)
Monday 8th January	Start of Term 3
Tuesday 9th January	Walk Safe, Cherry, Willow and Oak Classes
Thursday 11th January	Young Voices (details to follow)
Tuesday 16th January	Walk Safe practical - Willow Class
Saturday 20th January	FODS Quiz Night
Friday 9th February	End of Term 3 (normal finishing time)
Monday 19th February	Start of Term 4
Thursday 28th March	End of Term 4 (12pm finish)
Monday 15th April	Start of Term 5
Friday 24th May	End of Term 5 (normal finishing time)
Monday 3rd June	Start of Term 6
Friday 19th July	End of Term 6 (12pm finish)

Let's celebrate!

Star of the Week:

Lime Class	Cheyenne for a fantastic learning attitude.
Cherry Class	Nancie for being so enthusiastic and supportive of others this week, particularly in our nativity practice.
Ash Class	Lowen for 100% effort in all of our play rehearsals.
Willow Class	Lyra for always showing our school values.
Chestnut Class	Alice O for a wonderful attitude to learning this week.
Beech Class	Vincent for always looking out for others.
Oak Class	Roarke for courage shown this week.

Dilton's Maths Magicians:

Lime Class	Maxwell for a super contribution during our maths input.
Cherry Class	Ella for persevering to solving some really complicated shape puzzles.
Ash Class	Stephanie for showing amounts of money in different ways.
Willow Class	George for some fantastic work on times tables.
Chestnut Class	Olivia for amazing multiplication and division work this week including reasoning.
Beech Class	Bobby for excellent multiplication skills when multiplying by 10, 100 and 1000.
Oak Class	Tom for focus on understanding fractions.



TT Rockstars:

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

Most improvement in accuracy – Lyra in Willow

Most improvement in Studio Speed – Sammy in Willow

Biggest increase in correct answers – Max in Chestnut

Star of the week – Highest number of minutes played – Oliver in Oak

Biggest increase in coins earned – Max in Chestnut

Tree decorations competition

Thank you to all children who made a tree decoration. There were some very creative entries which made judging very tricky! Congratulations to the following winners from each class:

Lime Class	Mia
Cherry Class	Tilly E
Ash Class	Amber
Willow Class	Layla
Chestnut Class	Maxwell
Beech Class	Elliott
Oak Class	Connor



Class Showcases

It has been lovely to see so many of you attend the Class Showcases. The children have thoroughly enjoyed sharing their learning with you and we feel these have been a huge success. We would welcome parents' views so please email head@diltonmarsh.wilts.sch.uk with any feedback you would like to share with us. Thank you.

Friday 1st December 2023 - Hamper donations

Thank you for all your donations this morning. The FODS team will be busy making these into lovely hampers ready for our raffle on Thursday 14th December at 3.15pm in the school hall. Raffle tickets will be available on that morning.

We will also be selling children's craft items which they will be making in class next week.

Thursday 7th December 2023 - Discos

Lime Cherry and Ash - 3.15pm to 4.15pm. Please bring a change of clothes to school.

Willow, Chestnut, Beech & Oak - 4.30pm to 5.30pm.

Tickets (£2.50) will be available from next week at the end of the school day via your FODS Class Rep (see below):

Lime – Mel Stevens

Cherry – Laura Kimpton

Ash – Laura Kimpton

Willow – Liz Fisher

Chestnut – Angie Gibbs


Beech – Amy Pittaway

Oak – Beccie Durham

If you are unavailable to purchase a ticket at pick-up, then please leave the money in an envelope with your child's name and class for the Class Rep to pick up.



Friends of Dilton School
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THURSDAY 7th DECEMBER 2023

DISCO

Lime, Cherry and Ash 3:15pm - 4:15pm
Willow, Chestnut, Beech and Oak 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Price includes sweets and drinks. Please bring a named bottle.

TICKET PRICE £2.50

To pay please see your FODS Class Rep
in the playground from Monday 4th to Thursday 7th December.

Lime, Cherry and Ash classes can bring their party clothes to school
and change in their classrooms before the disco.

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