



DILTON MARSH CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter 6 Term 1 - Friday 13th October 2023

Dear parents

As a school we work with a number of other professionals to support the children. Two of our regular visitors are advisory teachers for the visually and hearing impaired. This week these teachers worked with the whole of Chestnut class rather than an individual. Together they explained how life is different for those with visual and hearing impairments and how we can support and assist. The whole class found this really useful to aid their understanding of the challenges associated with difficulties in sight or hearing.

We have also had our Quality Assurance visit this week. This is organised by the Trust Exec team. Together we identify areas of focus and an experienced Ofsted inspector works with us to identify what we are doing well and how we can improve our practice. This involves lesson drop ins across the school, looking at children's work and talking to children and staff. This week we looked at Maths and History. We were pleased that teaching and behaviour came out positively, as did subject leadership and monitoring. We now need to ensure that approaches to the Knowledge Organisers in non-core subjects are consistent across the school and that in Maths children are encouraged to use the manipulatives which are there to help them. As a school the QA helps prepare us for the Ofsted inspection we are expecting sometime next term.

This week's spotlight - Early Morning Activities at Dilton Marsh

You may have heard your children come home and talk about the Early Morning Activities. These are activities which your children will get on with in the morning between when they come in at around 8.30 am and when the register is taken at 8.50am. Classes may do something slightly different but it is a task which most children will be able to complete independently. Tasks may be related to spellings or tables practice, arithmetic, completing tasks from the previous day or working with the teacher or teaching assistant. Children will be expected to get things ready for the start of learning after registration. This routine enables them to be settled and organised so that they are ready to learn. This is especially important for children who may need additional support or are neuro-divergent and need clear daily routines.



Julia Hubbs

Rags2Riches - Wednesday 1st November 2023

The Rags2Riches4Schools recycling scheme will be visiting us on Wednesday 1st November 2023 so please have a good clear out over half term in preparation for this. All clothing donations continue to be sent to Ukraine and the school gets 40p for every kilo we collect of reusable items so we would be really grateful if you could support us with this again. Please no uniform. Thank you.



Tag Rugby

We have been lucky to secure a coach from Bath Rugby FC again this Autumn to deliver some tag rugby sessions. Beech and Oak Class will need to come to school in PE kit on Wednesdays starting Wednesday 1st November. Please remember warm tracksuit bottoms / leggings as we will make the most of the weather if it is dry. They will then run an after school club - further details to follow.

FODS Events

FODS AGM – Monday 16th October 7.30pm at The Hollies pub - all welcome. Please come along to support FODS - find out what the role of FODS is, and what is planned for this academic year to support the school.



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| Friday 1st December | Mufti Day - hamper donations for Christmas raffle please |
| Thursday 7th December | Discos - further details and timings to follow |
| Thursday 14th December | Christmas Raffle draw (3.15pm) |

Dates for your diary

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| Monday 16th October | Walk to School Week |
| | Flu vaccinations |
| | FODS AGM—7.30pm The Hollies, Westbury. All welcome. |
| Wednesday 18th October | Hawk House Mufti Day |
| Wednesday 18th October | End of Term 1 (normal finishing time) |
| Monday 30th October | Start of Term 2 |
| Tuesday 31st October, Wednesday 1st November | Parents' Evenings |
| Tuesday 31st October | Deadline for secondary school applications |
| Wednesday 1st November | Rags2Riches Collection |
| Monday 13th November | Online Safety talk to parents from Wiltshire Police Youth & Early Intervention Team (5.30pm) |
| Tuesday 21st November | Chestnut Class Showcase (2.30 - 3.15pm) |
| Wednesday 22nd November | Lime Class Showcase (2.30 - 3.15pm) |
| Thursday 23rd November | Cherry Class Showcase (2.30 - 3.15pm) |
| Monday 27th November | West Wilts Dance Festival tickets on sale at The Forum (9am) |
| Tuesday 28th November | Oak Class Showcase (2.30 - 3.15pm) |
| Wednesday 29th November | Beech Class Showcase (2.30 - 3.15pm) |
| Thursday 30th November | Willow Class Showcase (2.30 - 3.15pm) |
| Friday 1st December | Mufti Day - donations for Christmas Raffle please |
| 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 |
| 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!

Headteacher's Award:

- * Alfie (Ash Class) for super reading using phonics.
- * Austin (Lime Class) for counting and using the stem sentence.

Star of the Week:

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| Lime Class | Jaxon for showing great enthusiasm towards his learning. |
| Cherry Class | Nancie for being so enthusiastic and encouraging in our phonics sessions. |
| Ash Class | Amber for being helpful, friendly and always caring. |
| Willow Class | Harry for his endless enthusiasm! |
| Chestnut Class | Robyn for working extremely hard on learning her times tables this term. |
| Beech Class | Oscar for always having the most thoughtful of answers. |
| Oak Class | Ethan for putting in 100% effort at all times. |

Dilton's Star Writer :

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| Lime Class | Summer for super letter formation in phonics. |
| Cherry Class | Mackenzie for some amazing independent writing this week using some interesting adjectives. |
| Ash Class | Alexis for using lots of adjectives in her descriptions. |
| Willow Class | Iris for some imaginative sentences about Stone Age Boy. |
| Chestnut Class | Juno for working hard on improving her handwriting. |
| Beech Class | Freddie N for an excellent Gorilla inspired story. |
| Oak Class | Tyler for use of imagery in his writing. |



TT Rockstars:

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

Most improvement in accuracy – Robyn in Chestnut
Most improvement in Studio Speed – Edison in Chestnut
Biggest increase in correct answers – William K in Chestnut
Star of the week – Highest number of minutes played – Elize in Chestnut
Biggest increase in coins earned – William K in Chestnut

Congratulations to Hawk House to being house winners this term! Your reward will be a mufti day next Wednesday.

| Hawk | Kestrel | Falcon | Merlin |
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Wessex Water

Please remember that Wessex Water will be carrying out maintenance along the High Street starting next Monday 16th October 2023 for an estimated two weeks which will include 4-way traffic lights along the High Street including on the mini roundabouts at St Marys Lane and The Hollow.

Please be safe, considerate and allow a little more time for travel during what will inevitably be busy and congested, particularly at the start and end of the school day.

Remember it is 'Walk to School Week' next week.