



DILTON MARSH C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 4 Newsletter 1 - 28th February 2020

Dear parents

It's great to see all the children back from their half term full of energy and full of stories about the exciting things they had got up to. Others had a fairly relaxed one, keeping out of the wind and rain!

This week some of the children have started completing their NFER tests. These assessments are carried out 3 times a year in Years 3 to year 5. Year 1 and 2 will undertake these at some point over the year. All the primary schools in the Acorn Education Trust use the tests and then results are assessed across all the schools. This enables the Trust to identify strengths and weaknesses and target training and support for school staff.

Ofsted Action Update

Together the staff have explored the Intent of the curriculum – why we have designed Dilton Marsh Primary School curriculum as we have. This ties in with our school vision statement and our mission as a church school. We would welcome any feedback parents may have:

At Dilton Marsh C of E Primary School we accept the widest possible definition of the word curriculum "All that is experienced in school, whether planned or unplanned". This definition encompasses concepts such as ethos, crucial to our definition as a church school, and holds the school accountable for the conscious and unconscious lessons it teaches the children in our care.

We have designed our curriculum to prepare our children for their future. We recognise that a curriculum has to be broad, balanced and offer pupils opportunities to grow as individuals as well as learners. Our children come from a range of backgrounds and we believe the role of our curriculum is to give everyone an equal chance of success in everything we do. Everyone is valued and everyone has a part to play in our school community. We are a caring, nurturing school and have faith that through inclusion everyone has the potential to succeed. Our knowledge of the children and our community demonstrates that opportunities are not equal for all; through our curriculum we attempt to even this out and give further opportunities outside of the classroom.

Believing in 'Nothing is impossible with God' enables pupils at Dilton Marsh to have the strength to challenge, believing all things are possible, and inspired by the stories about Jesus to have courage and strength. Our aim at Dilton Marsh CofE Primary School is to 'grow' individuals who have aspirations and are able to make positive contributions to our future society.

Our curriculum design is driven by our Dilton Drivers, the aspects that we feel our children need to develop through their time at Dilton Marsh:

Dreams and Aspirations

Responsible Citizenship

Inquisitiveness

Varied Experiences

Equal for all

Reflective & Resilient

Successful

Through the cyclical nature of the curriculum children are able to overlearn and reflect on links between areas and subjects. In this way ideas are remembered and learnt. New knowledge and skills build on what has gone before towards clearly defined end points. The curriculum enables children to reflect on their place in the world and in society, equipping them with the Cultural Capital they need to succeed. It opens up possibilities for their future. Through our curriculum we encourage children to become responsible citizens, prepared for the modern world.

People who help us

Children in Lime Class have an exciting term ahead learning about 'People who help us'. This week, Courtney from the Post Office came to visit. On Thursday all children walked to the local post box to post a letter home. Next week various people in the Medical Profession are visiting.



Achievements

Congratulations to Sebastian in Year 4 who has passed his Gold Skiing. Tallulah achieve her 2 star award.

Luke in Year 6 is currently enrolled at the Castle Combe outdoor Karting Academy. During Half Term, on a stormy Sunday, Luke competed alongside 12 other children in a race. Despite the treacherous weather conditions and being the youngest competitor, Luke held his nerve and achieved overall first place at the end of the day's event. Congratulations Luke.



Jewellery/uniform slippage

There seems to be more and more children who are wearing items of jewellery to school. Please can all such items and elaborate hair clips be left for weekend wear not during school time. Thank you.

Parents' Evening / Clubs

There will be no Choir or Year 6 SATs Club on Tuesday due to Parents' Evening. Netball will carry on as normal on Wednesday.

Year 6 Parents' Evening

Mr Foyle will be holding Parents' Evening for Year 6 on Monday 9th March 2020 from 3.15pm. We will share the booking information with you at the start of next week.

Attendance

Lime	100%
Willow	100%
Oak	98.5%
Beech	97.7%
Ash	97.7%
Chestnut	97.7%
Cherry	96.6%



Lime Class	Rose
Cherry Class	Oscar
Ash Class	Tallulah
Willow Class	Brinley
Chestnut Class	Max
Beech Class	Lyra
Oak Class	Bella

Dilton's Maths Magicians:

Lime Class	Carlos
Cherry Class	Elsie
Ash Class	Chloe
Willow Class	Wilson
Chestnut Class	Lucia
Beech Class	Mia B
Oak Class	Maddy

World Book Day—Friday 6th March

Remember to dress up in your favourite book character on Friday when we will launch our school book week.

Dates for your diary Term 4 2020

Tuesday 3rd March	Parents' Evening (Years R—5)
Wednesday 4th March	Parents' Evening (Years R—5)
Friday 6th March	Dress-up for World Book Day
Monday 9th March	Parents' Evening (Year 6)
Tuesday 10th March	Willow Class trip to Science Earth Centre / Whatley Quarry
Wednesday 11th March	Cherry Class Family Assembly 2.30pm
Thursday 12th March	Year 2 SATs parents' information session 3.05pm
Friday 13th March	Sport Relief Day
Wednesday 18th March	KS2 Classroom visits & coffee morning 8.30am (please note change of day)
	Lime Class Family Assembly 2.30pm
Friday 27th March	Non-uniform day—chocolate donations for Easter please
Friday 3rd April	Cake donations for the Easter Trail
	11am Easter Service followed by Easter Egg Hunt—finish at 12 noon
Monday 20th April	Term 5 begins
Tuesday 21st April	Lime, Cherry & Ash Classes Farm trip

Nut Free School

Please can I remind all parents that we are a nut free school. This includes any whole nuts or products containing nuts such as cereal bars, peanut butter, cakes.