



DILTON MARSH CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter 4 Term 2 - Friday 24th November 2023

Dear parents

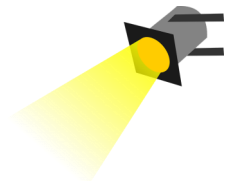
Thank you to all those parents who attended the Showcase sessions this week. I managed to spend some time in each and it was lovely to see the children so proud and eager to show off their work to the adults. There was a range of music, singing, history and geography. At the end of the sessions, the children shared the work in their books showing the progress they have made since the start of the year.

The remainder of the classes will sharing over the next two weeks before the madness of Christmas starts.

A Lime Class parent said, "It was lovely to see the difference in the work at the start of the year and now and how far he has come on in that time".

This week's Spotlight - Online Safety

Sometimes we all feel in the dark about what is available online so we were keen to engage with Wiltshire Police Cyber Crime Prevention officer to tell us what we don't know.



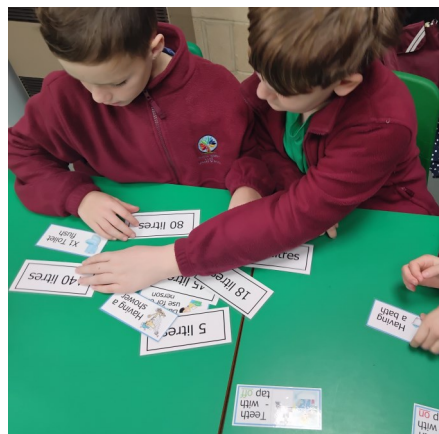
This was the first parent session run with the police team and offered an insight into how to keep your child safe online. During the presentation, parents and staff were given updates on new apps and technology and some of the risks associated with them. There was also an opportunity to discuss new terminology, the latest risks posed to children online and real-life stories. It was a real eye-opener to how quickly technology is changing and how updates are useful to help monitor and protect your child in an ever growing technological world.

We are hoping to run more sessions like this soon and will also be sharing some of the information learnt from the online safety session.

"Just to say thanks for the online session last night. It was really helpful and came just at the right time for me!"

Wessex Water visit

Children in Ash, Willow, Chestnut and Beech Classes were treated to a visit from Wessex Water this week where they learnt about the water cycle, water usage, sustainability and climate change, water for survival, diet, health and growth. You can see how enthralled Isla and Harrison were when learning about the journey of their sewage. Daisy and Ava in Chestnut Class demonstrate water wastage through leaks and Pixie in Beech Class said, "I liked it when we made filters with the different materials to turn the really dirty water into clean water".



Dates for your diary

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	Bring Christmas tree decorations to school
	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
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)

Proms in the Playground

We wanted to say again just how much we enjoyed visiting Dilton Marsh Primary School in the summer for the Proms in the playground. Our Brass Roots beginners group is developing wonderfully with members from across the schools in the area and this could not have been possible without your support.

We have two FREE concerts coming up where we are retelling the wonderful 'A Christmas Carol' with visuals, narration and of course the dulcet tones of the Bratton Silver Band! We would love to welcome the families of your school to both events to help get us all in the festive mood.

The concerts, though free entry, will require tickets to be obtained through the link/QR code or telephone number.



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700pm
Sat 9th December
The Laverton
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Let's celebrate!

Headteacher's Award:

Star of the Week:

Lime Class	Myla-May for persevering with her learning despite feeling poorly this week.
Cherry Class	Jacob for showing all of our values this week to overcome and achieve something that he didn't think was possible.
Ash Class	Emilia for supporting her friends when learning lines and songs.
Willow Class	Emily for her constant positivity and enthusiasm!
Chestnut Class	William G for great participation in lessons.
Beech Class	Amelia for being a wonderful team player in Beech Class.
Oak Class	Abigail for such a positive attitude.

Dilton's Star Writer :

Lime Class	Florentine for a super effort with her writing.
Cherry Class	Olivia for independently using her sound card and segmenting fingers to help with her writing during phonics.
Ash Class	Rafe for his amazing presentation and detailed writing.
Willow Class	Roman for some great vocabulary choices in sentence stacking.
Chestnut Class	Carlos for a super independent write this week.
Beech Class	George for working so hard to achieve his target in writing.
Oak Class	Noah for exploring metaphors and similes in his writing.



TT Rockstars:

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

Most improvement in accuracy – Grace in Chestnut

Most improvement in Studio Speed – Ezra in Chestnut

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



Well done to Natalia in Cherry Class who competed in her first ever dance competition last weekend in Wales and came 1st and 2nd place! Thank you for bringing in your trophy and medals to show Cherry Class.



Emily in Willow Class found out yesterday evening that she got a Distinction in her first ever ballet exam. Well done Emily!

Friday 1st December 2023 - Hamper donations please

Please remember next Friday 1st December is non-school uniform / mufti day. In return we are asking for donations that we can use for our Christmas Hampers. Thank you.

Thursday 7th December 2023 - Discos

Tickets will be available for from the week beginning 4th December 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.

Saturday 20th January 2024 - Quiz Night



Tree decorations reminder - Thursday 30th November 2023

Please can children bring their tree decorations to school on Thursday 30th November that can be hung on the school Christmas tree. The decoration must be no bigger than a postcard and not too heavy.

Please remember to write your child's name and class clearly on the back.

