



DILTON MARSH CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter 5 Term 3 - Friday 9th February 2024

Dear parents

This week has been a busy one as the advert for the new headteacher went live. I have loved the opportunity to sell our school, the staff, the children and the community, to potential applicants. The closing date for the advert is after half term and then interviews will take place in March. We will keep you updated as the process proceeds.

A real highlight this week was accompanying the Dance Club to the West Wilts Dance Festival. The children did brilliantly and really enjoyed the opportunity to perform on stage. Huge thanks to Miss Tout for the amazing choreography once again. We are now looking forward to seeing our younger children perform in the Key Stage One Dance Festival at the end of June.

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Here is what our parents thought of the event:

"I just wanted to say thank you so much for all of the work and effort you've put into Dance Club, which resulted in such an amazing performance on Tuesday night. I know I'm probably biased but Dilton were one of the best, if not THE BEST! Elsie has thoroughly enjoyed the whole process and loved attending Dance Club on a Tuesday. She's already buzzing to do it all over again next year! Thank you, I really appreciate what you do for the children". Kind regards, Claire H.

"I just wanted to thank you and congratulate you on an amazing evening. I know that I'm biased but I think that the Dilton children had the best dance. I can't believe how polished and professional they all looked - that is all down to your hard work and dedication. Freddie had an absolutely amazing time and was buzzing all the way home. I can't wait to watch the video". Zoe H.

Parking around the school site

Please can I remind everyone again that school car park must NOT be used for anyone other than staff and pre-approved visitors to school.

It must not be used for parking, turning, dropping off or picking up children for school, for Breakfast Club or Step Up pre-school unless this has been agreed with the school.

Please can I also ask you to be mindful and safe when parking and using the High Street and School Lane. Do not park illegally on the junction and do not park over a dropped kerb that people need for scooters / pushchairs / wheelchair access.

Please share this information with other family members who routinely collect from school.

Children's Mental Health Week

This week has been Children's Mental Health Week and nationwide children have been thinking about ways to 'Make their Voices Heard.' At school the year 6 Ambassadors took the lead in organising a House event for all of the children. We met in our 4 house teams and with the help of the year 6s, who were leading our groups, we shared our ideas and opinions about a range of themes linked to our school. The plan is to use the children's views to organise future activities, such as house Challenges, and to add to the things that we already do at school.

By taking part in activities such as this, the children are learning that their voices matter and that if something is bothering them they can speak out to make a change.



My VOICE MATTERS

TALKING TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH

Are you a parent or carer who wants to talk to your child about mental health?

This Children's Mental Health Week we went all children and young people, wherever they are, and wherever they are in the world, to be able to say - and believe - 'My Voice Matters'.

We visited primary and secondary schools to ask students what they wanted from the week - to help shape the activities we create for schools, then engaging we give to teachers, the tips we give to other children, and the advice we give to parents, carers and families.

Here's what children and young people told us they need from you:

- 1 We don't need to have 'one-off conversations about our mental health' - sometimes a chat on a journey or at bedtime is enough.
- 2 I need to know it's okay to talk to you about any and all of my feelings. Please hear what I have to say, without interrupting me.
- 3 Please listen to me carefully and acknowledge how I am feeling - it might seem silly to you but what I am going through is important to me.
- 4 Playing with pets can make me feel better. Same with playing football, basketball or whatever type of sport I am into.
- 5 Don't compare my experiences to your own when you were a child.
- 6 Sometimes I just need you to listen and hear what I'm saying - I don't always need answers (lectures).
- 7 Please don't worry about trying to fix things for me - I often just need to know you are there for me and understand what I am going through.
- 8 If you are open with me about your feelings, life can help me to be more open about mine.
- 9 Sometimes I don't want to talk. Please trust that I will come to you (or another grown-up or someone my own age) when I'm ready. Sometimes it's easier for me to talk to someone nearer my own age - my siblings, cousin, friends, younger teachers at school - because they 'get it'.
- 10 Sometimes a hug is all it takes to make me feel supported.

LOOKING FOR FREE PRACTICAL ADVICE TO HELP YOU SUPPORT YOUR CHILD?

Parenting Smart, Place2Be's site for parents and carers, is full of expert advice and tips on supporting primary-age children, and managing their behaviour, and act on their views.

PARENTINGSMART.ORG.UK

WHAT MATTERS TO YOU? CREATIVE VIDEO ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES

These wellbeing activities can help children and young people think about and share what matters to them.

For primary children: bit.ly/3PhOC08

For secondary children: bit.ly/3L8D2vK

CHILDRENSMENTALHEALTHWEEK.ORG.UK

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CONVERSATION STARTERS

Some ways to start a conversation with your child about mental health could be...

TELL ME ABOUT YOUR DAY

WHAT WAS THE BEST THING ABOUT TODAY?

WHAT IS THE BIGGEST STRESS/WORRY IN YOUR LIFE RIGHT NOW?

WHAT'S YOUR ONLINE LIFE LIKE?

WHO WOULD YOU TALK TO IF YOU WERE FEELING WORRIED ABOUT YOUR MENTAL HEALTH?

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP YOU?

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Let's celebrate!

Headteacher Awards:

- * Esme-Mai in Lime Class for great independent writing using her sound buttons.
- * Lacey B in Lime Class for great writing.
- * Joanna in Lime Class for remember capital letters, full stops and finger spaces.
- * Noah and Kallum in Oak Class for confident leadership of the House Assembly.

Star of the Week:

Lime Class	Mia for working really hard both at home and at school.
Cherry Class	Olive for having a great attitude to her learning this week.
Ash Class	Alfie for using his measuring skills brilliantly in DT.
Willow Class	Iris for a brilliant improvement in her handwriting.
Chestnut Class	Edison for always having a fantastic attitude to learning.
Beech Class	Zachary for always going above and beyond.
Oak Class	Isabelle for having such a positive attitude.

Dilton's Maths Magicians

Lime Class	Myla-May for composition of numbers five, six and seven.
Cherry Class	Brooklyn for trying so hard in her maths this week, becoming more confident and independent.
Ash Class	Thomas for asking and answering questions in our statistics work.
Willow Class	Henry for fantastic work with different amounts of money.
Chestnut Class	Ted for great work on area.
Beech Class	Amelia for excellent work with mixed numbers.
Oak Class	Tyler and Mia for challenging their own learning with percentages.



TT Rockstars:

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

Most improvement in accuracy – Alfie in Ash

Most improvement in Studio Speed – Ava in Beech

Biggest increase in correct answers – William K in Chestnut

Star of the week – Highest number of minutes played – Susie in Ash

Biggest increase in coins earned – William K in Chestnut

Dates for your diary

Friday 9th February	End of Term 3 (normal finishing time)
Monday 19th February	Start of Term 4
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
Wednesday 20th March	Year 3 Experience Easter
Monday 25th March	Easter Service at Holy Trinity Church - all welcome
Tuesday 26th March	Cherry Showcase
Thursday 28th March	End of Term 4 (12pm finish)
Monday 15th April	Start of Term 5
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)