



DILTON MARSH CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter 3 Term 2 - Friday 17th November



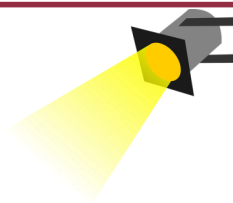
Dear parents

During this term I have the pleasure of showing our school off to potential parents whose children are due to start school in September 2024. We obviously spend a lot of the visit in Lime Class, but it is always a joy to walk down the corridor past the older classes and hear them busy at work. The children are always polite and the youngest class love to show off what they are doing to these families.

The closing date for applications for Primary School places is 15th January 2024 so if you have a pre-school child or you know someone who would like a tour please give Steph a ring to arrange. We do not have a fixed open day as we are aware that many people's work schedules make attendance on these difficult so we will always try to fit you in to suit your diary.

This week's Spotlight - What is a Showcase?

Next week Chestnut Class, Lime Class and Cherry Class are holding our first Showcase sessions with the other classes in the following weeks. We have planned the Showcases for the children to share their learning from the term. Each class will start with a whole class presentation which will be similar to a Sharing Assembly. This may include singing, dancing, sharing their writing or other work. It is really important that parents are here for 2.30pm so that they can see this section and the children are not distracted by your arrival. After this there will be chance for you to look through the work with your child. If you are not able to attend your child will share their work with an adult.



Shortly before the end of the school day the teacher will ask you to leave the classroom so that they can get the class ready for the end of the day. They will then discharge the children as normal.

We will have our next round of Showcase sessions in Term 4 and then Term 6:

Class	Showcase 2	Showcase 4
Lime	Monday 4th March 2024	Wednesday 19th June 2024
Cherry	Tuesday 26th March 2024	Wednesday 10th July 2024
Ash	Thursday 14th March 2024	Thursday 4th July 2024
Willow	Tuesday 5th March 2024	Tuesday 9th July 2024
Chestnut	Tuesday 12th March 2024	Tuesday 2nd July 2024
Beech	Wednesday 13th March 2024	Wednesday 3rd July 2024
Oak	Tuesday 19th March 2024	Monday 15th July 2024 (Year 6 production)

E-Safety Parents' Information Evening Monday 20th November 2023

Don't forget PC Darren Foulger will be in school on Monday evening, 5.30 - 6.30pm to talk through online risks and dangers. All welcome - please book your attendance through [this link](#)

Music Mark

In recognition for our commitment to music education we have been awarded the Music Mark again this year - well done to Mrs Lawrence for securing this for us.



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Dates for your diary

Monday 20th 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
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)

Tree decorations - Thursday 30th November 2023

We would like the children to make a decoration that can be hung on the school Christmas tree. The decoration must be no bigger than a postcard and not too heavy. To support our green pledge, our Eco Ambassadors have suggested that these be made from recycled materials.

Please can decorations be brought in on Thursday 30th November 2023. Please ensure the decoration has the child's name and class written clearly on the back.



Let's celebrate!

Headteacher's Award:

* Esme F (Chestnut Class) for amazing, expressive reading.

Star of the Week:

Lime Class	Isla for having a super attitude towards her learning.
Cherry Class	Lexus for persevering during phonics and growing in confidence.
Ash Class	Alfie for showing perseverance in all his learning.
Willow Class	Layla for some fantastic independent work.
Chestnut Class	Alice S for always demonstrating our school values.
Beech Class	Elsie for excellent campaigning skills for our biscuit election.
Oak Class	Ruby for her determination and resilience this week.

Dilton's Maths Magicians:

Lime Class	Rufus for great understanding of numbers to 5.
Cherry Class	Olive for some fabulous use of more than and less than symbols.
Ash Class	George for working hard to develop his explanation of problem solving methods.
Willow Class	Finley J for his brilliant problem solving skills.
Chestnut Class	Margot for great perimeter work this week.
Beech Class	George for excellent reasoning when finding factors.
Oak Class	Tallulah for working hard with her fraction calculations.



TT Rockstars:

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

Most improvement in accuracy – Sophia in Chestnut
Most improvement in Studio Speed – Harry in Willow
Biggest increase in correct answers – Max in Chestnut
Star of the week – Highest number of minutes played – Freddie N in Beech
Biggest increase in coins earned – Max in Chestnut

Dojo Behaviour Awards

Congratulations to Oliver (Oak Class) and Alice S, Daisy and Madeleine (Chestnut Class) for being the first children in school to achieve 500 awards and earn themselves a Ruby wristband. Well done to all of you!

The Royal British Legion

Thank you for supporting with the poppy sales at school which raised a massive £178.50 for The Royal British Legion.



Children in Need—runPudsey

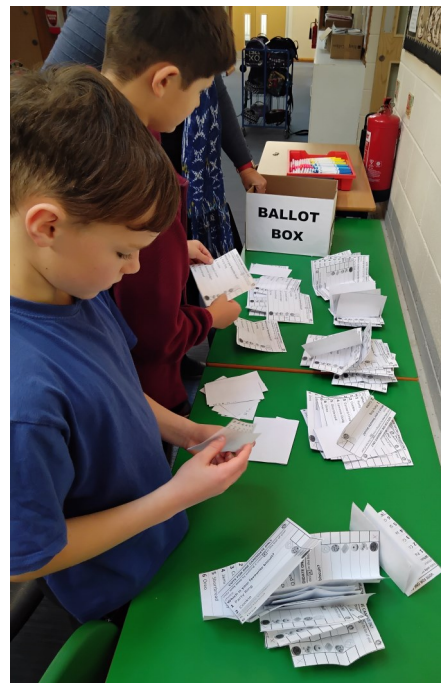
Thank you so much for supporting Children in Need via our online fundraising page. At lunchtime today this showed a massive £1224.50 raised.



Year 5 Parliament Week

Last week, Beech Class were learning about Parliament and democracy through elections for Parliament Week. From their learning, the children co-ordinated a 'Biscuit Election'. Children had to represent different parties and campaign across Key Stage Two to gain votes for the best biscuit.

Ballot Day was on Thursday and Beech Class had to run the polling station, count the votes and share their campaign strategies. They had a lot of fun and we are pleased to announce that the 'Oreo Party' gained the majority vote by a total landslide.



Elliot from Beech Class said, "The winning party (pictured above) are proud to have won the election using our slogan of, *Twist it, Lick it, Stick it, Vote for it!*"

We are now looking forward to eating the real Oreos!

Lime Class celebrate Nursery Rhyme Week

