



DILTON MARSH CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter 3 Term 5 - Friday 5th May 2023

Dear parents

This week much of the learning across the school has been about the Coronation. Whether a Royalist or not, this is an important occasion in the history of our nation. Much of this discussion will focus on the core British Values which underpin what it is to be a citizen in a modern and diverse Great Britain. These values are Democracy, Rule of Law, Individual Liberty, Mutual Respect and Tolerance of different cultures and religions. These values run alongside our own school values and are interwoven into much of our curriculum. For example in RE we will talk about respect and tolerance for all religions, in English we will highlight this in the texts which we share. To promote Democracy the children will be asked their opinion and given a say in what happens in their classes and the school. To promote Individual Liberty, the children take turns and listen to each others opinions in subjects such as PSHE.

This weeks spotlight - How do we use Teaching Assistants (TAs) at Dilton Marsh School?



TAs are one of our most valuable resources in school and they play a varied and vital role. At Dilton Marsh, TAs are not used as a substitute for a teacher - all students regardless of their needs primarily have access to a teacher. TAs then have the role of supporting and scaffolding the learning so that all children are able to access the work in class.

Over the day a TA might be:

*Working in the **classroom** - clarifying a teacher's expectations, writing key points and ideas for children to incorporate into their work, modelling how to do a task or scaffolding so that children can reach their goals independently.*

They might be delivering small group intervention in phonics, reading, maths, speech and language or emotional literacy or facilitating group work within the class.

They could also be 'checking in' with students to ensure that they are making the best possible progress.

They might be spending their time giving excellent pastoral support to the children.

We are proud that the TAs in our school want to help all children within the classroom and as such follow the Education Endowment Fund advice (moving away from the concept of a 1:1 TA) on the use of TAs insisting that they are mobile, dynamic and respond to all needs within the classroom. Thank you to our wonderful team.

Tom Nolan
SENCO

FODS

- **Saturday 13th - Sunday 14th May** – SCARECROW TRAIL – the much loved event will also have **CREAM TEAS** being served on SUNDAY 14th May between 12noon-2pm at the school. We are asking for donations of scones (home baked or bought) or any spare jars of unopened/in date strawberry jam you have in your cupboard please. Donations can be brought to school on the morning of Friday 12th May.



Outdoor Learning Project

This is really taking shape: the end of last term saw the children being introduced to their class planters and choose their growing project – and there was so much enthusiasm! This term the children will be getting ‘hands on’ and plant in their seeds and seedlings and start linking their learning with the outdoors. FODS are requesting a **WELLIE BOOT AMNESTY** – so please dig out all those pairs of wellies that are now outsized and sitting in the garage – WE NEED THEM! – please bring your wellies to Reception, and we will let them live on and utilise them at school in a ‘Wellie Hub’ for the children to use. Alongside this FODS are lucky to have some enthusiastic parents giving some extra gardening support, to gradually improve the outdoor space - so if anyone has **any spare plants** that they are happy to dig up and donate, then we would be delighted to re-home them!

Thank you.

Dates for your diary

Monday 8th May 2023	Bank Holiday - school closed
Tuesday 9th - Friday 12th May 2023	SATs week
Friday 12th May 2023	Cherry Class trip to Wardour Castle
Saturday 13th / Sunday 14th May 2023	Scarecrow Trail
Tuesday 16th May	Beech Class trip to Winchester Science Centre
Tuesday 23rd May 2023	Art Exhibition—in school hall after school
Wednesday 24th May 2023	Chestnut Class Pentecost experience
Friday 26th May 2023	End of Term 5
Monday 5th June 2023	Start of Term 6
	School nurse - Reception height & weight checks
Monday 12th June 2023	Oak Class Residential to Tile Barn
Thursday 15th June 2023	Year 7 Parents’ Evening at Kingdown—6pm
Monday 19th June 2023	Willow trip to Tutankhamun exhibition, Dorchester (details to follow)
Monday 19th - Wednesday 21st June 2023	Wiltshire Outdoor Learning activity days at school
Wednesday 21st June 2023	Class photos
Thursday 22nd June 2023	KS1 Dance Festival at Bath Forum
Monday 26th June 2023	Rags2Riches collection
Tuesday 27th / Wednesday 29th June 2023	Year 6 transition days to Matravers
Wednesday 28th June 2023	Ash class trip to the STEAM Museum, Swindon (details to follow)
Monday 3rd / Tuesday 4th July 2023	Year 6 transition days to Kingdown
Tuesday 11th July 2023	Year 6 Production 2pm and 6pm
Monday 17th / Tuesday 18th July	Oak Class Sailing (details to follow)
Wednesday 19th July 2023	Sports Day (Parents invited from 1pm—3pm for races)
Friday 21st July 2023	End of Term 6 (12pm finish)

Last week, Chestnut class visited the Roman Baths to learn more about life in Roman Britain. The children took part in a variety of activities including an archaeological dig, mosaic making, dressing up and an interactive fact finding mission!

Esme and Pixie said "I liked dressing up as a Roman."

Vincent: "I enjoyed digging for Roman artefacts."

Amelia: "Tasting the spa water."



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