



DILTON MARSH CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter 1 Term 6 - Friday 9th June 2023

Dear parents

I am always proud of the children at Dilton Marsh Primary School but this week I was particularly proud when Mr Phillips from Matravers met with the year 6 children who are transferring in September. He met each child individually asking them about their strengths and what they might need help with. He asked what they were worried about when they moved up. Listening in to their comments was fascinating and their responses were so mature. When Mr Phillips left he was so complementary about them all. What a great accolade to them! Next week we are really looking forward to taking them on their residential visit to the New Forest where they will be climbing, creating camps and other outdoor activities.

This week has been a quiet one. Our year 4 have completed their Multiplication Tables Check which Mrs Bown has talked about in the Spotlight below and they all tried their very hardest. Next week we will be completing the Phonics Screening for year 1 and some of Year 2.

As some of you will be aware, we are waiting each week for the phone call from Ofsted. It is now 3 and a half years since they inspected us and they were due to return after 2 years. They will phone us to let us know in the morning of the day before they arrive and then will be on site for 2 days to complete the inspection. Once we have the phone call we will inform you the same day and ask you to complete the parent view on the Ofsted site. They will take your responses into consideration and ask for evidence about any patterns which emerge.

This weeks spotlight - Multiplication at Dilton Marsh school

Multiplication is one of the fundamental key areas within calculation that we teach the children. Much of the key learning of multiplication tables happens across Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4. However this is not to say that we don't start thinking about multiplication until a child gets to Year 2. In Year 1 the children begin to count in multiples of twos, fives and tens, this setting the basis for what they learn in Year 2. It is also not to say that by the time we get to Year 4 and the children take the multiplication table check (MTC) in June that we then stop thinking and learning about multiplication tables. This is not the case; regular daily practice still happens in Year 5 and then in Year 6 the key is fluency and recall. The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12x12, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will also help you to identify if your child may need additional support.

It is fair to say that children who know their multiplication tables up to 12 x 12 (with a good amount of understanding as well as recall) cope better with the demands of the maths curriculum in many areas, such as formal written division, equivalent fractions, percentages and ratio and proportion.

One of the ways we support our children with learning their multiplication tables, is to use TT Rockstars in and out of school from Year 2 upwards. In term 5 we introduced a weekly celebration to enthuse the children in using TT Rockstars at home. Each week certificates are given out the children and their names also appear on the newsletter so they are celebrated across the school.



Let's celebrate!

Headteacher's Award:

- * Arlo in Cherry Class for extra special writing
- * Bay in Willow Class for amazing reading

Star of the Week:



Lime Class	Jacob for his effort and resilience in his learning.
Cherry Class	Emilia for always trying her best, especially in phonics
Ash Class	Elena for perseverance and positivity in everything that she does.
Willow Class	Faye for always trying her best in Maths.
Chestnut Class	Indie for always having a positive attitude to her learning.
Beech Class	Sam for excellent determination when using a protractor.
Oak Class	Evelyn for risk taking.

Star Writer:

Lime Class	Matilda for her effort in her descriptive writing.
Cherry Class	Finnley for writing super sentences!
Ash Class	Lyra for perseverance in her spelling this term so far.
Willow Class	Bay for being proud of his sentences and sharing them with the class.
Chestnut Class	Vincent for experimenting with vocabulary in sentence stacking.
Beech Class	Honor for an excellent start to her David Attenborough biography.
Oak Class	Brinley for effort and improvement in writing.



TT Rockstars:

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

Most improvement in accuracy – Miles in Beech
Most improvement in Studio Speed – James in Chestnut
Biggest increase in correct answers – Amelia in Chestnut
Star of the week – Highest number of minutes played – Topsy in Ash
Biggest increase in coins earned – George in Ash

Derby success

Congratulations to Harmony in Ash Class for winning the local donkey derby last weekend.



Dates for your diary

Monday 12th June 2023 - Wednesday 14th	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
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 28th June 2023	Year 6 transition days to Matravers
Wednesday 28th June 2023	Ash class trip to the STEAM Museum, Swindon
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	10am Year 6 Leaver's Service
	11am Year 6 Cream tea followed by 'Colour Run'
	End of Term 6 (12pm finish)

Forest School appeal

Over the year each class from year 2 to Year 6 has had at least a term of 'Forest School' activities on a Thursday with Mrs Withers. Despite the title, learning does not have to be in a forest or a wooded environment but can be delivered inside or anywhere in the school grounds. The children take part in curriculum linked activities which build self-esteem, resilience and confidence. We are currently looking at increasing our resources for this and are appealing for planks of wood, tree stumps or bamboo canes. If you are able to help please let us know. Thank you.

Catering Assistant

We have a vacancy for September for a Catering Assistant for 15 hours per week. If you think you would be interested please look at the [details on our website](#) and email Steph for an application form.

Warm weather

Now that the weather is warmer, please ensure your child has a sun-hat, a refillable water bottle and you apply sun-cream before school.

No Hot School Lunches

We will be unable to continue serving hot lunches for the last three weeks of term - week beginning 3rd July 2023. We will be able to offer a packed lunch as an alternative to all those who have pre-booked a hot meal or you can login to your ParentMail account to cancel the bookings. We will be in touch nearer the time to organise.