



DILTON MARSH CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter 2 Term 1 - Friday 15th September 2023

Dear parents

It is hard to believe we are at the end of our second week already and the first week of full time schooling for our youngest class. We are so proud of the way they have settled into school and how much progress they have already made. As they start school the focus is on routines, establishing them and teaching them the rules to make a happy classroom. Already I can walk into the classroom to see 28 four and five year olds 'school sitting' on the carpet.

The remainder of the school have also settled quickly into school routines and as I walk around the classrooms the behaviour is consistently good which enables all children to learn. The new behaviour recording system ensures that I can quickly pick up on any children who may be struggling. Our new members of staff, Mrs Moore in Year 1 and Miss Draper in Year 2 have definitely settled in well and are now part of the furniture!

Mr Nolan will continue to support us as SENCo this term and will be in school one day a week if you would like to arrange a phone call with him.

Healthy snacks and lunches

Please can we remind parents that we are a Healthy School and as such crisps and chocolate are not appropriate mid-morning snacks. Please can you send your child with a healthy alternative such as fruit, vegetables or cheese.

Dates for your diary

Monday 18th September	Lime Class Meet the Teacher 2.45pm
Monday 16th October	Flu vaccinations (registration link to follow)
Wednesday 18th October	End of Term 1
Monday 30th October	Start of Term 2
Tuesday 31st October, Wednesday 1st November	Parents' Evenings
Wednesday 1st November	Rags2Riches Collection
Monday 6th November	Year 5 & 6 Houses of Parliament trip (details to follow)
Wednesday 20th December	Pantomime in school
	End of Term 2 (12 pm finish)
Monday 8th January	Start of Term 3
Thursday 11th January	Young Voices (details to follow)
Friday 9th February	End of Term 3
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
Monday 3rd June	Start of Term 6
Friday 19th July	End of Term 6 (12pm finish)

Let's celebrate!

Headteacher's Award:

Star of the Week:

Lime Class	Philippa for good learning behaviours.
Cherry Class	Ellie for always making the right choices and being so enthusiastic in phonics.
Ash Class	Stephanie for her excellent attitude to learning.
Willow Class	Henry for always putting in maximum effort and enthusiasm!
Chestnut Class	Edison for sharing with his peers some great onomatopoeic words.
Beech Class	Charlie for always thinking of others.
Oak Class	Summer for adapting sentence stack ideas.

Dilton's Star Writer :

Lime Class	Joanna for fantastic writing.
Cherry Class	Ella for always thinking carefully about her sentence and using her phonics to build each word accurately.
Ash Class	Arlo for using a fabulous selection of adjectives.
Willow Class	Sammy for some fantastic sentences about pangolins.
Chestnut Class	Elize for always demonstrating our school values.
Beech Class	Zachary for excellent sentence stacking.
Oak Class	Leona for persevering with her learning.



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 – Esme in Chestnut

Biggest increase in correct answers – Max in Chestnut

Star of the week – Highest number of minutes played – Emily in Willow

Biggest increase in coins earned – Oliver in Oak

School Games

We are delighted to announce that Dilton Marsh Primary have achieved the School Games Gold Level Mark Award for the 2022/23 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community.

We are delighted to have been recognised for our success.



Academy Council Governor

Dilton Marsh CE Primary School

Would you like to take an active role in supporting our school and its pupils?

‘Preparing young people for their world in their time’.

This is the vision of the Acorn Education Trust that was formed in August 2014 to create a local solution to a national strategy. Through close collaboration and a shared vision we believe each school will achieve great things while retaining their individual identity.

The Academy Council Governors within the Acorn Trust join us through a variety of routes and with a range of different backgrounds, skills and experiences. They are all volunteers who work together for the benefit of the individual schools and Trust as a whole. Governors are the most important volunteer workforce in education and we value the link that governors provide between the academy councils and the communities they serve.

Dilton Marsh CE Primary school is currently looking for a parent Academy Council Governor. An Academy Council is what a traditional School Governing Body has evolved in to in our Academy Trust. While the role is slightly different and we would encourage anyone interested to get in touch and discuss what the role entails, we would also be delighted to hear from anyone who has:

- An interest in supporting our pupils from our most vulnerable to our most able
- An open and enquiring mind – with a good sense of humour!
- The confidence to ask questions
- The ability to work well with others
- Time to spare (there will be 4 meetings during the working day, either in person or via Teams, school visits, training and Chairs meetings)
- And most importantly enthusiasm!

What we can offer is:

- A real sense of achievement
- The pleasure of helping our pupils reach their potential
- The opportunity to work with our team of governors and staff in improving our school
- Training to develop an understanding of the role
- An insight into the education system including the structure of a Multi Academy Trust.

If you have the skills, time, commitment and discretion to help Dilton Marsh CE Primary School move forward please contact Zoe Stockley at zas@acorneducationtrust.com . **Closing date: Friday 6th October 2023**

Dilton Marsh CE Primary school and the Acorn Education Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All applicants will be subject to a full Disclosure and Barring Service check before appointment is confirmed.

We are an equal opportunities employer.