



# DILTON MARSH CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Newsletter 4 Term 4 - Friday 15th March 2024

Dear parents

Firstly it is great to see the children dressed up today. Through the school there are lots of different interpretations of dressing up 'Funny for Money' as you will see in the photos. The staff have all swapped with the children and are wearing school uniform, although I think a number of them would be sent home to change their shoes if they were actual students!

On Wednesday this week we had an Academy Council (AC) meeting. These are held 4 times a year and alongside our Chair, Hilary Fairfield, the parent representatives (Jennifer Johnson and David Brake) discuss issues pertinent to the school. This week we have agreed on a parent questionnaire which will come to you on Monday. The AC will then analyse the responses and bring them back to the meeting in June. This time we also had a presentation from Mrs Down who explained her role and challenges as SENCO.

This coming week the Acorn Executive team will be holding interviews for my replacement. The interview process will include leading Worship, speaking to staff and then a number of interviews on different aspects of headship. The successful candidate will work with us over the summer to ensure that they are ready to take on the role in September. Once we have more information this will be shared with you.

### Arbor Parent Portal/App launch

We are pleased to launch a new Parent Portal/App to streamline the sharing of information which will make it easier for you to tell us about changes in your contact information and reduce our paper use in school.

With the Arbor Parent App you can update your child's details as well as your own contact information, look at your child's attendance record and receive messages from us, all from your own pc or mobile device. Moving forward you will be able to book parents' evening appointments via the App. We hope that all parents will be enrolled by the start of April so we can migrate more functions onto the App.

The document attached to the email gives more information about the App, how to register and what to do if you have any problems.

### How to get started

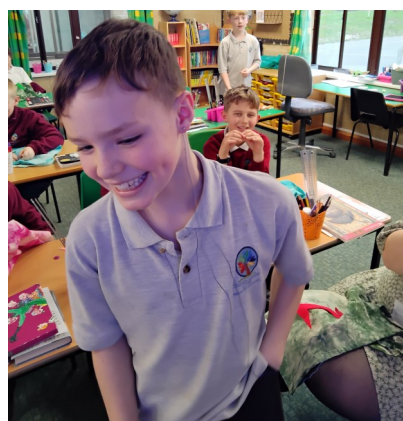
1. Go to <https://dilton-marsh-cofe-primary-school.uk.arbor.sc/>
2. On the Log In screen, select 'First time logging in?'
3. Follow the instructions to set up your password, by using the email address the school has on record for you as a parent/guardian. Please check if you are unsure.
4. To download the Arbor App go to the App Store or Google Play Store on your phone and search 'Arbor'
5. Click 'Install' on Android or 'Get' on iPhone then open the App 5. Enter your email, select the school, then enter your password.
6. Accept the Terms & Conditions and enter one of your child's birthday.

If you have any problems logging in or downloading the App please contact the school office and we will try to help.

## KS2 West Wilts Dance Festival 6th February 2024



## Beech Class DT

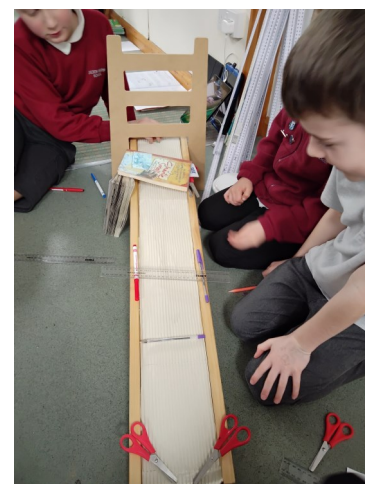


Beech Class have been busy designing and making bags this week for their DT project. The sewing was not without its challenges - particularly the re-threading of needles, avoiding sewing ones fingers and getting caught up in ear-piercings! We look forward to seeing the finished articles.

## Science Week



Lime class predicted that the salt would melt the ice the fastest as Joanna said "salt on the paths makes ice melt quickly" .



**Spring School Garden Tidy-Up:** We are helping make the garden areas ready for the children to bring their planters to life again! No experience required - just a willing pair of hands or wellies!  
12.30 - 2.30pm on Saturday 16th March 2024. Thank you.

### Easter Egg Competition

We will be selling entry sheets before and after school on Monday for 50p. Return entries by Friday 22nd March 2024. The best decorated egg from each class will be awarded with a chocolate egg.



### Dates for your diary

Saturday 16th March	Village Litter Pick 10am
	12.30 - 2.30pm School garden tidy up
Tuesday 19th March	Oak Class Showcase 2.30pm
	Parents' Evening (not Oak Class)
Wednesday 20th March	Parents' Evening (not Oak Class)
Monday 25th March	Easter Service at Holy Trinity Church - Parents welcome at 2pm.
Tuesday 26th March	Cherry Class Showcase 2.30pm
Thursday 28th March	End of Term 4 (12pm finish)
	Easter trail and bake sale



## Let's celebrate!

### Headteacher Awards:

- \* Harrison in Willow Class for great research at home on volcanoes.
- \* Pip in Lime Class for writing 2 amazing sentences on the whiteboard about Rosie.
- \* Ruby from Oak Class for determination when solving problems with ratio.
- \* Leila and Tilly E in Cherry Class for amazing writing about Pinnochio.

### Star of the Week:

<b>Lime Class</b>	Hallie for being a kind, compassionate member of Lime Class.
<b>Cherry Class</b>	Brooklyn for having such a positive mindset this week and working really hard in her phonics.
<b>Ash Class</b>	Iris for her enthusiasm and deep thinking in History.
<b>Willow Class</b>	Harmony for her enthusiasm and sharing her ideas with the class.
<b>Chestnut Class</b>	Madeleine for always being such a wonderful role model to all pupils.
<b>Beech Class</b>	Dylan for excellent ideas in Science Week.
<b>Oak Class</b>	Logan for putting in 100% effort in everything he does.

### Star Writer:

<b>Lime Class</b>	Bradey for using finger spaces in his writing.
<b>Cherry Class</b>	Jacob for always going above and beyond in his writing to make it so interesting to read.
<b>Ash Class</b>	Bodhi for his careful editing.
<b>Willow Class</b>	Emily for lovely sentences linked to 'Star in the Jar'.
<b>Chestnut Class</b>	Edward for working extremely hard to improve his handwriting.
<b>Beech Class</b>	Jack for writing a super rainforest transmission.
<b>Oak Class</b>	Harriett for applying techniques to build suspense.



### TT Rockstars:

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

Most improvement in accuracy – Delilah in Willow

Most improvement in Studio Speed – Bojack in Willow

Biggest increase in correct answers – Max in Chestnut

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

Biggest increase in coins earned – Max in Chestnut

Gymnastics success - Congratulations to Finley in Willow Class who placed 2nd on floor, 2nd on vault and 2nd place overall.



## Further dates for your diary - Terms 5 & 6

Monday 15th April	Start of Term 5
Monday 22nd April	Chestnut Class parents' information session for Multiplication Times Tables
Wednesday 24th April	Willow Class trip to Stonehenge (further details to follow)
Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th May	Scarecrow trail and cream tea
Monday 13th - Thursday 16th May	Key Stage 2 SATs week
Saturday 18th May	Soapbox Derby at Westbury White Horse
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
	Wiltshire Outdoor Learning activity days
Wednesday 19th June	Lime Class Showcase
Thursday 20th June	KS1 Dance Festival at Bath Forum
Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th June	Matravers Year 6 Transition Days
Tuesday 25th June	Chestnut Class trip to Roman Baths (further details to follow nearer the time)
Wednesday 26th June	Ash Class trip to STEAM Museum (further details to follow nearer the time)
Tuesday 2nd July	Chestnut Class Showcase
Wednesday 3rd July	Beech Class Showcase
Thursday 4th July	Ash Class Showcase
Monday 8th & Tuesday 9th July	Kingdown Year 6 Transition Days
Tuesday 9th July	Willow Class Showcase
Wednesday 10th July	Cherry Class Showcase
Monday 15th July	Oak Class production
Tuesday 16th July / Wednesday 17th July	Oak Class Sailing
Friday 19th July	End of Term 6 (12pm finish)

\* Trips / visits for Beech, Lime and Cherry to be confirmed at a later date.



**FOR NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD (LUKE 1:37)**