



DILTON MARSH C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 3 Newsletter 6 - 14th February 2020

It is hard to believe we are half way through a school year – we are already planning ahead for educational visits in the summer term to enhance the children’s learning. This term has been an interesting one as we published our Ofsted Report. Thank you to all our parents for their support and positive feedback and of course, our staff for working so hard to embrace changes in order to move the school to Good.

This week has been a busy one; visits from Fire Education, visits from Mrs Dinwiddy to Beech class and the Dance Festival of course. We are always proud of the way the children show respect to visitors and always receive positive feedback about them. The Dance Festival was a huge success, well done to all the children and many thanks to Mrs Down and Miss Tout who have been coaching the children through the last 6 months so that they could dance with so much confidence on the night.

Ofsted Action Updates

This week we have been developing English and Maths to ensure that there is more consistency across the school. This will ensure that Leaders are able to monitor what is being taught and when, more effectively.

Mr Bullen and I visited a school new to the Acorn Education Trust, Wansdyke Primary School, who have been using a Maths scheme for the last 18 months. They have had positive results, both in terms of teachers understanding of Maths Mastery, but also in terms of consistency of teaching approaches. We were impressed with what we saw and are now looking at how we can make this work in Dilton Marsh.

Mr Foyle, our Literacy Lead, has been reviewing our Literacy curriculum across the school, tying up when each area is taught. This has included ensuring that high quality texts are available in each class as either a whole class reading book or available for individual reading. As part of this he has been auditing how much reading is going on at home. It is the expectation that all children read at least 4 times a week and that parents sign that this is happening. For some children this will need to be with an adult every time, for others it may only be necessary once a week linked with questioning about what has been read. Mr Foyle is holding a reading meeting next term to give advice on the sort of questions you could ask to develop understanding.

Christingle contributions

Thank you for all your contributions to Christingle. 114 boxes were collected raising a total of £365.48 made up of £6704 coins!

Key Stage One SATs meeting - Thursday 12th March at 3.05pm

Mrs Broad would like to hold an information session with Year 2 parents to talk about the forthcoming Statutory Assessments (SATs) taking place during Term 5. Please come along if you can.

Nut Free School

Please can I remind all parents that we are a nut free school. This includes any whole nuts or products containing nuts such as cereal bars, peanut butter, cakes. We do have a child in school who is severely allergic so it is really important that everyone in our school community is aware of this. Thank you.

West Wilts Dance Festival 2020

On Wednesday evening, 26 of our children performed at The Forum in Bath for the annual dance festival. Team Dilton were amazing! They looked fabulous and delivered an energetic and synchronised routine with great big smiles. Apple a Day Supply Agency, who sponsor the event, commented on how much they enjoyed the Dilton Marsh display and how all the children looked like they were really enjoying the experience. We were very proud of them all and look forward to participating in the first Key Stage One Festival being held in the summer.



Riley & Liberty from Year 6 shared the following:

Driving to Bath Forum, with a sense of excitement and determination, we arrived to discover that the Forum was very busy and filled with people. Going through the doors, one of the Acorn Trust members guided us to our changing space where we had our hair and face paint done. After getting ready we were introduced to the stage and our seats, where we watched the first two dances, then quickly walked to a room where we waited. We were fifth in line to perform so it didn't take long until we were on stage performing our dance. After finishing our dance we went to get our photo taken and sadly missed a few dances. Then we went back to our seats to watch the rest of the festival. We faced many challenges at the start but with the help of Miss Tout and Mrs Down we achieved our goal and had a great time.

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Fire & Rescue

This week Wiltshire & Dorset Fire & Rescue visited Lime Class, Ash Class and Beech Class to talk about fire safety. The younger children, through story telling and props, learnt about common hazards in the home such as matches & birthday candles, how to evacuate their house in the event of a fire and the number to phone in an emergency. Ask the children from Ash Class to demonstrate the 'Stop, Drop and Roll'! Year 5 children were shown a video of a house fire and talked about escape plans and the importance of fire prevention and smoke alarms.



Special visitor to Beech class

The children in Beech Class had a special visitor this week. Mrs Dinwiddy (mum to Harriet in Year 5) works as an Osteoarchaeologist. She was able to share information to support their learning about the Victorians. Children from Beech Class shared the following:

"Very cool and since I like History, it was very interesting. Thanks for spending your time with us Harriet's Mum". Elsa.

" I like touching the old coins—it is the oldest thing I've touched. I didn't know a femur is so big!" Mia B



" The skull was fascinating" Harrison



Lime Class Ted
Cherry Class Vincent
Ash Class Ben
Willow Class Chloe E
Chestnut Class Emily
Beech Class Charlie Y
Oak Class Riley
Congratulations to our 'Shining Stars' this week.

Dilton's Star Writers this week



Lime Class Ezra
Cherry Class Debbie
Ash Class Harriett
Willow Class Archie
Chestnut Class Alex
Beech Class Mia H-G
Oak Class Luke G

Parents' Evening

We will be holding Parents' Evenings on Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th March which is an opportunity for you to talk with the class teacher about your child's progress. We will share the booking information with you after half term.

Year 6 Parents' Evening

Mr Foyle will be holding Parents' Evening for Year 6 on Monday 9th March 2020 from 3.15pm.

Dates for your diary Term 4 2020

Monday 24th February	Start of Term 4
Wednesday 26th February	Ash Class Family Assembly 2.30pm
Thursday 27th February	Willow Swimming starts (last session 26/3/20)
Tuesday 3rd March	Parents' Evening (Years R—5)
Wednesday 4th March	Parents' Evening (Years R—5)
Friday 6th March	Dress-up for World Book Day
Monday 9th March	Parents' Evening (Year 6)
Tuesday 10th March	Willow Class trip to Science Earth Centre / Whatley Quarry
Wednesday 11th March	Cherry Class Family Assembly 2.30pm
Thursday 12th March	Year 2 SATs parents' information session 3.05pm
Friday 13th March	Sport Relief Day
Wednesday 18th March	KS2 Classroom visits & coffee morning 8.30am (please note change of day)
	Lime Class Family Assembly 2.30pm
Friday 27th March	Non-uniform day—chocolate donations for Easter please
Friday 3rd April	Cake donations for the Easter Trail
	11am Easter Service followed by Easter Egg Hunt—finish at 12 noon
Monday 20th April	Term 5 begins
Tuesday 21st April	Lime, Cherry & Ash Classes Farm trip