



DILTON MARSH CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter 2 Term 5 - Friday 28th April 2023

Attendance

Our attendance over the last two weeks has been 94.5% - our school target remains 97%. Currently illnesses include: sickness, colds and coughs which is what we would expect at this time of year. We notice in the press that there is lots of talk about COVID. We would like to remind you that it is no longer necessary to test for this, instead we would ask you to keep your child at home until they are well enough to be at school - as with any other illness.

Clubs

Due to the Statutory Assessments and the additional bank holidays this term, we are reducing the number of clubs running. We will send an update of clubs available to start in Term 6.

Coronation picnic - Friday 5th May 2023 (see poster overleaf)

Next Friday we would like to invite you to a Coronation Celebration picnic at 12.30pm. There will be no hot lunches available - any prior lunch bookings have been cancelled. Please bring along a picnic, including lunch for your child and a picnic blanket. If you are unable to join us then please ensure your child has a packed lunch to eat.

After lunch, the children will all need to register at 1.15pm in their classrooms. You can then join them so that they can share their work with you before you take them home.

Dates for your diary

Monday 1st May 2023	Bank Holiday - school closed
Friday 5th May 2023	Family Coronation picnic / FODS cake sale
Monday 8th May 2023	Bank Holiday - school closed
Tuesday 9th - Friday 12th May 2023	SATs week
Saturday 13th / Sunday 14th May 2023	Scarecrow Trail
Tuesday 16th May	Beech Class trip to Winchester Science Centre (details to follow)
Tuesday 23rd May 2023	Art Exhibition
Wednesday 24th May 2023	Chestnut Class experience Pentecost
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)
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
Wednesday 12th / Thursday 13th July 2023	Oak Class Sailing (details to follow)
Friday 21st July 2023	End of Term 6 (12pm finish)

King Charles III Coronation Celebration Picnic

**Friday 5th May
12.30–1.15**

Please bring:

- Your own picnic, including food for your children
- A picnic blanket to sit on
- Money to buy delicious cakes from the FODS cake sale

Why not wear **red**, **white** and **blue** or something regal?!

After lunch, at 1.15, the children will return to their classroom for registration. Shortly after you are invited to join them to share the children's work.

Let's celebrate!



Star of the Week:

Lime Class	Nancie for being a super role-model in Lime Class.
Cherry Class	Finnley for showing perseverance with his writing.
Ash Class	Harrison for his detailed thinking during our Science investigations.
Willow Class	Edison for showing great perseverance in his learning.
Chestnut Class	Elsie for always being a positive role model to others.
Beech Class	Carys for challenging herself each and every day!
Oak Class	Alex for 100% effort all the time.

Star Writer:



Lime Class	Oscar for his fantastic effort in his independent writing.
Cherry Class	Chasie for using finger spaces.
Ash Class	Roman for his wonderful sentence stacking work about plants.
Willow Class	Ted for making some great languages choices this week.
Chestnut Class	Freddie N for experimenting with more powerful vocabulary choices in sentence stacking.
Beech Class	Hannah for excellent presentation of her work.
Oak Class	Teddy & Emilie for working at home on their plan for letter writing.



TT Rockstars:

Most improvement in accuracy – Sophia in Willow
Most improvement in Studio Speed – Olivia in Chestnut
Biggest increase in correct answers – Oliver in Beech
Star of the week – Highest number of minutes played – James in Oak
Biggest increase in coins earned – George in Ash

House Points

Week Ending 28/04/2023:

Termly running total:

Hawk	Kestrel	Falcon	Merlin
1st	2nd	4th	3rd

Hawk	Kestrel	Falcon	Merlin
52	61	55	57

It's great to be at least thinking this term means summer's heading our way.....which means there are few FODS activities coming up!

- **Friday 5th May – BAKE SALE!** – postponed from Easter, this will now be held at the beginning of the Family Coronation Picnic being held at school that day – a perfect occasion to celebrate with all things cake! Please bring all your bake donations to the school on the morning of Friday 5th.
- **Saturday 13th - Sunday 14th May – SCARECROW TRAIL** – the much loved event will also have **CREAM TEAS** being served on the SUNDAY 14th 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!

FODS really do appreciate the support that we receive from the families – it's what makes all these events and activities happen!!

