



DILTON MARSH CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter 1 Term 2 - Friday 3rd November 2023

Dear parents

Thank you all for your kind messages of support since Ofsted called on Monday. They have now completed the Graded inspection. This means that the inspectors have graded the school for each of the key judgements:

- Quality of Education
- Behaviour and Attitudes
- Personal Development
- Leadership and Management
- Early Years
- Overall Effectiveness

Over the 2 days the inspectors were with us, they completed a number of activities alongside leaders in the school. They spoke to children, teachers and teaching assistants. They explored lots of evidence and always ensured that evidence was validated by others. Any issues which emerged out of the pupil or parent surveys were discussed, this included free text comments. It definitely was a rigorous and exhausting process for us all! Huge thanks to all the staff, members of the Trust Exec team and finally the amazing children for everything over the past few years as well as over the last 2 days.

The inspectors gave the school leadership, including the CEO, Trustees of Acorn and our local Academy Council feedback and details of what will be included in the report. The final report will be published after a period of checking and quality assurance. We will receive the final report within 30 working days and we then have 5 working days to share with our parent body. We cannot share the outcome until that time.

Nut-Free Policy

Please can I remind parents that we aim to be a Nut-Free school so that we can protect children in our school who have severe allergies to nuts. Our 'Nut-Free Policy' means that the following items should not be brought into school as a snack or part of a packed lunch:

- Packets of nuts
- Peanut butter or Nutella sandwiches
- Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts
- Cakes made with nuts
- Pastries or cakes covered in almonds

Whilst staff cannot monitor all lunchbox items, if we do find any of these food types in school then we will either remove the item and / or the child to an alternative space to avoid the risk of any cross-contamination.

Thank you for your support with this.

THIS SCHOOL IS
NUT FREE



Royal British Legion

Our Year 6 Ambassadors will be selling poppies and other items after school next week.



Dates for your diary

Friday 17th November	Lime Class - dress up as favourite Nursery Rhyme Character
Monday 20th November	Online Safety talk to parents from Wiltshire Police Youth & Early Intervention Team (5.30pm)
NOTE CHANGE OF DATE	
Tuesday 21st November	Chestnut Class Showcase (2.30 - 3.15pm)
Wednesday 22nd November	Lime Class Showcase (2.30 - 3.15pm)
Thursday 23rd November	Cherry Class Showcase (2.30 - 3.15pm)
Monday 27th November	West Wilts Dance Festival tickets on sale at The Forum (9am)
Tuesday 28th November	Oak Class Showcase (2.30 - 3.15pm)
Wednesday 29th November	Beech Class Showcase (2.30 - 3.15pm)
Thursday 30th November	Willow Class Showcase (2.30 - 3.15pm)
Friday 1st December	Mufti Day - donations for Christmas Raffle please
Tuesday 5th December	Ash Class Showcase (2.30 - 3.15pm)
Thursday 7th December	Discos
Monday 11th December	KS1 Christmas performance (2.30 - 3.15pm)
Tuesday 12th December	KS1 Christmas performance (2.30 - 3.15pm)
Wednesday 13th December	Christmas Dinner Day - Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 14th December	Christmas Raffle Draw (3.15pm)
Tuesday 19th December	Christmas Service at Holy Trinity Church - all welcome (2pm)
Wednesday 20th December	Pantomime in school
	End of Term 2 (12 pm finish)
Monday 8th January	Start of Term 3
Tuesday 9th January	Walk Safe, Cherry, Willow and Oak Classes
Thursday 11th January	Young Voices (details to follow)
Tuesday 16th January	Walk Safe practical - Willow Class
Friday 9th February	End of Term 3 (normal finishing time)
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 (normal finishing time)
Monday 3rd June	Start of Term 6
Friday 19th July	End of Term 6 (12pm finish)

FODS Events

Friday 1st December	Mufti Day - hamper donations for Christmas raffle please
Thursday 7th December	Discos - further details and timings to follow
Thursday 14th December	Christmas Raffle draw (3.15pm)



Let's celebrate!

Headteacher's Award:

Star of the Week:

Lime Class	Elena for learning her letter sounds.
Cherry Class	Tilly T for being so enthusiastic and engaged in all of her learning this week.
Ash Class	Thomas for working with perseverance especially in his handwriting.
Willow Class	Rex for always being a kind and compassionate member of Willow Class.
Chestnut Class	Maxwell for super improvement in his handwriting.
Beech Class	Jack for showing all our school values throughout the week.
Oak Class	Mia for being such a positive role model for others.

Dilton's Maths Magicians:

Lime Class	Joanna for super quick subitising.
Cherry Class	Seb P for some fabulous reasoning and problem solving.
Ash Class	Chasie for working hard to add two, two digit numbers.
Willow Class	Finley F for his fantastic explanations of how to subtract with exchanges.
Chestnut Class	Daisy for continuing to make progress in learning her times tables.
Beech Class	Esme R for her superb skills when interpreting tables and graphs.
Oak Class	Oliver for super effort on TT Rockstars



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 – James in Beech

Biggest increase in correct answers – William K in Chestnut

Star of the week – Highest number of minutes played – Oliver in Oak

Biggest increase in coins earned – Henry in Willow

Crosspoint (Westbury) has been fortunate to receive a small amount of funding from the Wiltshire Energy, Food and Community Support Fund, and have asked us to let them know of individuals or families who may benefit from this funding over the winter.

The Fund is to provide financial assistance in crisis or one-off situations, for example:

- Unexpectedly high household bills for energy, water, broadband or phone
- Household items - fridges, freezers, ovens, slow cookers, heaters, clothing, blankets, curtains, draft excluders
- Access to food not otherwise provided by the Food Bank
- Transport costs support - to and from community activities, community transport, repairing a car, repairing or buying a bicycle
- Carer support

The usual grant would be £50. If you feel that you could benefit from these funds there is a short form which we would fill out together – please contact Mrs Hibbs to apply.

Westbury Mayor's Christmas Card Competition

Please obtain application forms from reception.



It's that time of year when Westbury Town Council would like the children of Westbury to design an amazing Christmas card for the Mayor's Christmas card competition.

Open to all children aged 3-11, either living or attending school in the Westbury area (BA13).

Entry forms are on our website and must be submitted with each entry.

Three winners will be chosen by The Mayor – one from each age category:

A – 3-5 years

B – 6-8 years

C – 9-11 years

Each winner will receive a £25 gift voucher

All entry's MUST be in by Friday 24th November.

One overall winning design will feature on the Westbury Town Council Christmas Card and the lucky winner will switch on the Christmas Lights