



# DILTON MARSH C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

## FRIDAY NEWS

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019

It gives me great pleasure to write to you as the new Headteacher of Dilton Marsh C of E Primary School and to welcome you to what I am sure will be a very busy and exciting term.

I am joining Dilton as its new Headteacher, having spent the last 7 years as Headteacher of a small village school in Market Lavington which has undergone remarkable improvements and three Ofsted Inspections. The skills and experiences I have acquired in this time will enable me to work with the staff, families, community and the Trust to make Dilton Marsh the best it can be.

I was certain from my first impressions, during my interview and subsequent visits, that Dilton was the perfect choice for me as Headteacher and since starting my post this week I have been tremendously impressed by the whole school, especially the children. Every time I step onto the playground I am welcomed by a sea of inquisitive smiley faces, each keen to learn and proud of their school.

As I am certain you are all aware, Dilton has some real strengths. The practice across the school is getting better and better and results are starting to show that. In Early Years Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 they achieve as well as or if not better than children in other schools. As you will be aware a key area of focus for the school has been to improve our Year 6 results, after three years of them not being where we would like them to be. This work has started, and will continue to develop, and is really bearing fruit in Key Stage Two.

I feel it is really important to assure parents/carers that I recognise work needs to be done quickly to improve the outcomes for all our children. This work has already been started by Miss Ronxin and the staff over the last year, and I look forward to working with Mr. Burr and Acorn to continue this work.

I believe Dilton is a school of huge potential and I am determined to secure a great future for the school. I have the very highest expectations of the staff and all the children and it is my intention, by working together, that we can make our school the best it can possibly be.

To close, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the numerous parents/carers who have made me feel so welcome as the Headteacher of Dilton, your well-wishes and positive comments have been greatly appreciated. I am looking forward to working closely with you in the future.

### **Attendance in Term Two**

After a busy and exciting term it is good to look back and reflect.

At the end of term one our attendance data was looking strong but there was still room for improvement and it is good to see that in term two there was an improvement in attendance in all classes.

The overall attainment for the school was 97%, which is good but now needs to be maintained or improved on. We also have 107 children who have an attendance of 98% or above which is wonderful.

Across the school 140 children have now earned their badges for 1 term's 100% attendance, well done to all of you and please keep up the good work, the more you are in school, the more you will learn and discover. At the end of this term there will be awards for children who have an attendance of 98% or above.

I look forward to giving out lots of certificates at the end of term 3.



### Celebration Assembly

Most weeks we hold a Class Celebration Assembly where we welcome families in to school to celebrate the children's amazing work.

Our next Celebration Assembly will be on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January and will be Oak Class.

Please join us at 2.30pm.

### **SCHOOL GAMES**

#### Forthcoming events:

- Young Ambassador's Conference (part 2)
- Gymnastics Festival
- Dance Festival
- Tag Rugby Tournament
- Athletics Competition

### Storytelling...

Congratulations to everyone who took part in our Story Writing Competition. All of the stories were fantastic. Our winner was Amy, well done!

We look forward to more story themed activities w/c 28<sup>th</sup> January when local author Joffre White will be visiting us and offering book signing to the relevant age groups, the Scholastic Book Fayre will be here and of course, many fun activities are planned within school.

To add to this action packed week, we would like to invite the children to **dress up as their favourite book character on FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY** – always a great event!

### Community Cohesion

Our Christian value for the term is:

## **RESPECT**

Each term we will have a focus on an important value in our school and within the community which will be high profile in class and feature in assemblies

### **The Dilton Players Present**



Dilton Memorial Hall

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 2.30pm & 7.30 pm

Tickets at Crowning Glory, Fairfield Farm and

Vicki on 07540 366948

Adults £6

Children £4

### **THE CLASH**

BATH RUGBY v BRISTOL BEARS  
SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019  
TWICKENHAM STADIUM

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**£40\***

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- TUNNEL OF NOISE
- PRE-MATCH SPECTACLE
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\*2 adults, 2 juniors. Conditions apply. Seating subject to change.

### House Point Scores

**HAWK**



**87**

**MERLIN**



**85**

**FALCON**



**69**

**KESTREL**



**64**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Charlie(5) Shannon(11) Archie(7)  
Hollie(7) Bobby(5) Riley Ch(10)  
Sam(11) Meira(5) Hannah(6)

### Christmas Card recycling

This year we are joining forces with Center Parc and Hills Waste to recycle all our old Christmas cards.

From 7<sup>th</sup> January '19 for two weeks we will have a collection bin at school for you to place your old Christmas and Birthday cards in.

At the end of this time Hills will weigh the amount of card we have recycled and we will receive a certificate.

Please help us to recycle ☺



### Reporting Absence

Please notify the office of absence before 9.00am each day. If we do not hear from you, we will phone you to ascertain the nature of absence. *Please note:* a child with sickness or an upset stomach should remain away from school for 48hrs after the last episode of illness.

Tel: **01373 822902** or e-mail [office@diltonmarsh.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:office@diltonmarsh.wilts.sch.uk)

**This week:** Attendance: 96.3%  
Absence: 3.7%

### Weekly Class Attendance Trophy

This week the winners are Cherry Class

**Congratulations**



### Treetops Breakfast Club

**Monday-Friday**

**Open from 7.30am–8.30am**

**£4 a session**

Forms are available on our website  
or from the office



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[www.diltonmarsh.wilts.sch.uk](http://www.diltonmarsh.wilts.sch.uk)

Every week, two children from each class are awarded the 'Shining Star' certificate. This award is given to children that are setting a good example by showing extra effort with their learning, perfect behaviour or generally having a good attitude to every aspect of school. Although this is celebrated in our Friday assembly, we thought the children deserved a special mention:

Lime Class: Kai & Amelia

Cherry Class: Ethan & Felicity

Ash Class: Poppy & Harry

Willow Class: Lucia & Mia

Chestnut Class: Charlie H & Lilly

Beech Class: Grace C & Stefano

Oak Class: Ruby & Isaac

**Congratulations to our 'Shining Stars'**



Each week, our Sports Coach will choose a 'Super Sports Star' from each class.

This week the awards were given to:

Lime Class: Amelia  
Cherry Class: Leona  
Ash Class: Khloe  
Willow Class: Noah H-G  
Chestnut Class: Josh H  
Beech Class: Aurora  
Oak Class: Oscar



**Congratulations to our 'Super Sports Stars'**

<https://www.yourschoolgames.com>

### Dates for your Diary

#### **January**

Tue 15 <sup>th</sup>		Young Ambassador's Part 2
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>		Oak Class Celebration Assembly
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>		Oak Class SATs & Residential meeting
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>		Beech Class Celebration Assembly
w/c 28 <sup>th</sup>		Storytelling Week
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>		Author Joffre White visiting
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup>	3-3.20pm	Scholastic Book Fair
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Christingle Service at the church
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>	3-3.20pm	Scholastic Book Fair
Thu 31 <sup>st</sup>	3-3.20pm	Scholastic Book Fair

#### **February**

Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>		Dress-up as a book character
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	3-3.20pm	Scholastic Book Fair
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	3-3.20pm	Scholastic Book Fair (final day)
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>		Acorn Schools Tag-Rugby Tournament
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>	9-11am	Kingdown School Talk & Tour
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>		Chestnut Class Celebration Assembly
Thur 14 <sup>th</sup>		Dance Festival at Bath Forum
<b>Fri 15<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Teacher Training Day</b>
<b>w/c 18<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>School holidays</b>
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>		Return to school
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>		Willow Class Celebration Assembly
Thu 28 <sup>th</sup>		Chestnut Class Swimming



### **Health & Safety**

Please do not drive cars in the school car park. This area is for staff only.

Also, please do not block the gates as they should be kept clear AT ALL TIMES, in case an emergency vehicle needs to attend.

Thank you for your co-operation.

### **Achievements**

- Amy C won our Story Writing Competition
- Oscar F passed Stage 7 swimming

***Congratulations to you both***

## **After School Annual Pass**



Fairwood Lakes have introduced a new pass which gives entry to their soft play from 3pm onwards, Monday to Friday, during term time.

Each pass will cost £10 which is a huge saving as usual admission is £2.50 for 1-3 year olds and £4.75 for children 4+

On top of this already fantastic deal, Fairwood Lakes have chosen to make this a school fundraising opportunity where the **ENTIRE** funds raised will go to school!

Thank you Fairwood Lakes.

If you would like to buy a pass, please speak to the office  
(Payment: cash only)

### **Therapy Dog**

We are excited to inform you that we will soon be welcoming a therapy dog in to school. Whilst this will be very exciting for most children, we understand some children may have a fear of dogs or an allergy. If your child has either of these, please indicate on the return slip below and return to the office **by Monday**. If we do not hear from you, we will assume this means you have no concerns. Thank you

### **Return to office by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Jan**

My child..... Year .....

**\*is allergic to dog fur**

**\*has a fear of dogs**

**\*is a little nervous of dogs**

**\*other (please state) .....**

Signed .....