



DILTON MARSH CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter 4 Term 3 - Friday 2nd February 2024

Dear parents

It has been lovely to see the children able to play in the sunshine this week - this makes a change after the rain and cold we have been enduring over the last couple of weeks. The sunshine certainly lifts everyone's spirits.



Next week is National Children's Mental Health week and the theme this year is 'My Voice Matters'. We will be using the week to talk about what else lifts our spirits and the need to talk when we have a problem or worry. As part of the week we have invited the 'I Am & I Can' bus into school. This team visit schools around the South West on the bus working with pupils and staff, providing valuable tools to help improve self-esteem and maintain good mental health. Workshops on the top deck of the bus are combined with pizza making in the converted kitchen on the ground floor. They will be working with our 2 oldest classes to explore their aspirations and how they can build their self-esteem. After school the I Am & I Can staff will be leading some staff development for us.

If you're worried about your child's mental health you can talk to your GP or someone at school.

You can also find a list of organisations that provide support and advice on our website:

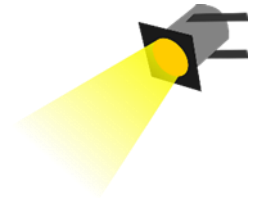
www.place2be.org.uk/help

If you wish to find out more about next week's theme for Children's Mental Health Week, please use this link:

www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/schools/primary-age-activities/#resources

This week's Spotlight - Internet Safety

Safer Internet Day 2024 is celebrated on 6th February 2024, with thousands of people across the UK working together to champion youth voice and engage in conversations about how we can all work together to make the internet a great and safe place.



Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity to focus on online safety with your child, whatever their age. This year's theme is all about change and influence online. Staying up to date with what children are doing online can feel like a challenge sometimes. However, you don't have to be an expert in every new app or service. Simply having conversations with your children about their lives online, and what to do if they need help or something goes wrong, is what's most important. Here are a few simple steps you can take to help bridge the gap:

- Talk little and often - Have a regular open dialogue with your child. Find out their favourite apps, games and online friends.
- Stay proactive - Following discussions, take time to research the platforms they are using. Check the age rating of the apps and games they are using but also look beyond this and check the content and privacy settings.
- Seek support - Each app and game has its own safety guidelines and reporting features. Seek help for your child if you have a concern.

If you would like more information, NSPCC and the Safer Internet Centre have created a range of pages to help you talk about these issues and ideas with your child, no matter how much time you have and in an age-appropriate way.

Caroline Tout

Nut-Free Policy

A further reminder please. We are a nut-free school and the following items must not be brought into school as a snack or part of a packed lunch:

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

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.

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School car park

Please can I remind everyone in our school community that the school car park must NOT be used for anyone other than staff and pre-approved visitors to school.

It must not be used for parking, turning, dropping off or picking up children for school, for Breakfast Club or Step Up pre-school unless this has been agreed with the school. Thank you for your co-operation with this.



Find school holidays a struggle?

Want to get out of the house?

Family Help drop in is running
Wednesday 14th Feb 9.30am-11am at Warminster Library

All Together

FACT
Family And Children's
Therapeutic programme

Wiltshire Council



Spectacular Science

Calling all families!

Join our fun online course and...
Discover science experiments you can create using items in your home.
Explore how you can support your child's learning at home.
Get creative as a family too!

February Halterm
Wednesday 14 February 2024
10:00-12:00 Online

Contact us to book your place.
Booking closes Wednesday 7 February 2024.
We will let you know a small list of household items needed for the course.

Contact details:
Call: 01225 770478
email: familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk
Website
<https://workwiltshire.co.uk/family-and-community-learning/>



Our courses are free if you are 19+ and have been a resident in UK/EU for 3+ years* (*some immigration status are exempt from the 3-year residency requirement) and have a Wiltshire postcode, and if you can tick any of these criteria: have less than 5 GCSEs grades A-C, in receipt of benefits (other than child benefit), are a military family, are a family with a child with additional needs, are unemployed and looking for work. If you are unsure about eligibility, we are always happy to talk things through.

Let's celebrate!

Headteacher Awards:

* Elin in Lime Class for super independent writing.

Star of the Week:

Lime Class	Joanna for always having a fantastic attitude towards her learning.
Cherry Class	Leila for consistently showing all of our values in all that she does.
Ash Class	Alexis for showing compassion when offering support to her friends.
Willow Class	Bojack for always demonstrating our school values.
Chestnut Class	Ava for always doing her best all of the time.
Beech Class	Esme R for giving her best in each lesson, even when feeling a bit poorly!
Oak Class	Oliver for always giving 100%

Dilton's Star Writer:

Lime Class	Esme-Mai for sounding out and writing words independently.
Cherry Class	Seb for working really hard to make sure all of his letters are formed correctly and taking such pride in his work.
Ash Class	Thomas for his creative ideas for a twisted tale.
Willow Class	Oliver for some lovely ideas in his independent writing.
Chestnut Class	Robyn for some great thinking and participation during our experience days.
Beech Class	Esme H for writing a wonderful start to her own chapter based on The Explorer.
Oak Class	Honor for quiet perseverance with fractions.

Congratulations to Vincent in Beech Class who has earned his pen license.



TT Rockstars:

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

Most improvement in accuracy – Mia in Willow

Most improvement in Studio Speed – Sophie in Willow

Biggest increase in correct answers – Max in Chestnut

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

Biggest increase in coins earned – Max in Chestnut

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 6th February	KS2 Dance Festival at The Forum, Bath
Thursday 8th February	I can & I am bus in school for Year 5 & 6 children
Friday 9th February	End of Term 3 (normal finishing time)
Monday 19th February	Start of Term 4
Monday 4th March	Lime Showcase
Tuesday 5th March	Year 5 & 6 trip to Houses of Parliament
Tuesday 5th March	Willow Showcase
Tuesday 12th March	Chestnut Showcase
Wednesday 13th March	Beech Showcase
Thursday 14th March	Ash Showcase
Tuesday 19th March	Oak Showcase
Tuesday 26th March	Cherry Showcase
Thursday 28th March	End of Term 4 (12pm finish)
Monday 15th April	Start of Term 5
Monday 13th - Thursday 16th May	Key Stage 2 SATs week
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
Wednesday 19th June	Lime Showcase
Thursday 20th June	KS1 Dance Festival at Bath Forum
Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th June	Matravers Year 6 Transition Days
Tuesday 2nd July	Chestnut Showcase
Wednesday 3rd July	Beech Showcase
Thursday 4th July	Ash Showcase
Monday 8th & Tuesday 9th July	Kingdown Year 6 Transition Days
Tuesday 9th July	Willow Showcase
Wednesday 10th July	Cherry Showcase
Monday 15th July	Oak Class production
Friday 19th July	End of Term 6 (12pm finish)