



DILTON MARSH C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 3 Newsletter 4 - 31st January 2020

Dear parents,

This week has been busy preparing for the Christingle Service. On Monday, we were visited by members of the church who helped our youngest pupils create their Christingle which were presented at the end of the service. As the children made them they were able to talk about the symbolism of the different components. The service itself was really well attended so thank you all. The reading and the singing made me well up with pride. A special mention to the Choir led by Mrs Lawrence who sang beautifully and really filled the church with their song. Thank you to Caroline Husband for leading the service. A huge thank you for all your generous donations in the collection boxes – we have passed these onto the church who will let us know how much we have raised. The money goes to help bring light to young people who are experiencing the darkest of times.



Ofsted Actions Update – Academy Council

One of the points for improvement from our Ofsted Inspection was to improve the effectiveness of the Academy Council so that they hold leaders to account. At this week's meeting the updated School Development Plan was presented to them for discussion. There were lots of constructive challenges which will help to move the school forward. We have put in place further training for the Academy Council which will be led by Stuart Porter, our Executive Headteacher, exploring how they can further support and challenge the school to get to Good. In addition, we explored ways in which we can communicate progress towards our targets with our parents and community. It was agreed that there would be a regular update in the school newsletter against a specific improvement area each week and the Academy Council would report directly to parents following each Academy Council meeting.

For your information our Academy Council members are:

Melinda Graves (Co-chair)
Joey Durham (Co-chair)
Caroline Husband
Ian Cunningham
Hilary Fairfield
John Bullen

There are two new members to our group; Caroline Thomas – Headteacher at The Avenue Primary School in Warminster, and Nicola Duke, one of our school parents. All meetings are also attended by myself and Stuart Porter.

Mrs Jill Hibbs
Headteacher

World book Day - Friday 6th March 2020

We will be celebrating World Book Day with various activities organised by Mr Foyle. All children can dress up as their favourite book character. We will share further details about the day nearer the time.

Book review

There's a Boy in the Girls Bathroom by Louis Sachar

There's a Boy in the Girls Bathroom is a hilarious novel about a mean little boy named Bradley Chalkers, who is in a big school with a lot of students. Bradley has big anger problems but a young counsellor called Carla thinks she can change Bradley for good. This book is an intriguing novel by a great author, Louis Sachar, which you should definitely read. When you read it you will find out if Bradley Chalkers can turn from a horrible person into a good person.



I would rate this book 5 star, for boys and girls and the age rating I would say would be from 7 to 12 years.

Henry B

Beech Class

FODS forthcoming events

Winter Disco (3.15 - 4.15pm KS1, 4.30 - 5.30pm KS2) - Thursday 6th February

Remember to come and register your child for the disco on Thursday—£2.

Litter pick - Saturday 21st March 10am at the Memorial Hall

Non-Uniform day - Friday 27th March 2020

Donations of chocolate for the Easter chocolate tombola please.

Easter celebrations - Friday 3rd April.

Service at Holy Trinity followed by Easter Hunt Trail, chocolate tombola and refreshments.

Reminder - Friday 7th February

EYFS and Key Stage 1 open morning 8.30am and refreshments in The hub from 8.45am

Please come in and share your child's learning on Friday morning from 8.30am.

Phonics talk for Year 1 parents 8.45am

Mrs Lazar will take Cherry Class' parents to the hall where she will share information about the Year 1 Statutory Phonics Screening that will take place this summer.

Attendance

Many of our families have been affected by a really nasty stomach bug this past week which has had a huge impact on our school attendance. We have been talking more frequently to the children, particularly the younger ones, about the importance of good hand hygiene and how this helps prevent us from becoming poorly. Please help support us with this at home.

Lime Class	100%	Whole school 27/1/20—31/1/20	95.8%
Willow Class	98.9%		
Ash	96.9%		
Oak	96.9%		
Beech	95.9%		
Chestnut	94.0%		
Cherry	87.9%		

Achievements



Lime Class	Ava
Cherry Class	Kai
Ash Class	Roarke
Willow Class	Jakob
Chestnut Class	Maisie
Beech Class	Henry
Oak Class	Immy
Congratulations to our 'Shining Stars' this week.	

Dilton's Star Writers this week

Lime Class	Maxwell
Cherry Class	Leo
Ash Class	Logan
Willow Class	Hollie
Chestnut Class	Thomas
Beech Class	Mia B
Oak Class	Harry



Dates for your diary Term 3 2020

Wednesday 5th February	Chestnut Family Assembly 2.30pm
Thursday 6th February	Chestnut Swimming (5/6)
	FODS Winter Disco (3.15—4.15pm KS1, 4.30—5.30pm KS2)
Friday 7th February	KS1 Coffee Morning & Open Classroom 8.30am
	8.45am—Phonics Screening information session for Year 1 parents
Wednesday 12th February	Willow Class Family Assembly 2.30pm
	West Wilts Dance Festival—The Forum Bath
Thursday 13th February	Chestnut Swimming (6/6)
Friday 14th February	End of Term 3 - 3pm finish
Monday 24th February	Start of Term 4
Wednesday 26th February	Ash Class Family Assembly 2.30pm
Thursday 27th February	Willow Swimming starts
Friday 6th March	Dress-up for World Book Day
Wednesday 11th March	Cherry Class Family Assembly 2.30pm
Wednesday 18th March	Lime Class Family Assembly 2.30pm
Saturday 21st March	Dilton Litter Pick—10am at the Memorial Hall
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