



# DILTON MARSH C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Newsletter 5 Term 1 - Friday 7th October 2022

Dear parents and carers

This week has been another busy one. On Tuesday this week as part of the Westbury Festival events, we were really lucky to have a visit from local Archaeologist Julian Richards who brought The Stone Age to Willow Class. The children were so excited and had prepared lots of questions. Here is what some of them shared after the visit:

"We learnt that they could potentially cook fish fingers and pizza! Also he showed us what materials they would have used in The Stone Age and what it takes to be an archaeologist" Ezra

"Julian showed us if you found an outline of a house you could put materials there to bring the house back to life." Elize

"Julian showed us how the people would have made bread with the fire." Juno

"Julian showed us how a special tool was used so that the animal fur could be used as a rug." Alice. O.

"I learnt that living in Stone Age Britain would have been really hard work. Even the children had to do lots of jobs!" Edison.

"I learnt how they would have done their cooking. They even put food in the roof to smoke it." Madeleiene.

"We saw how each layer of dirt revealed some new and exciting information." William K.

"I would love to be an archaeologist so that I could learn all about the past." Margot.

"We took off layers and each one revealed more about the past. We did have to be really careful so that we didn't ruin anything though as it would be very fragile." Matilda.



*Elize*



### Harvest donations

We would welcome any donations by Wednesday next week ready to deliver to our local Food Bank on Thursday. Thank you.



### Rags2Riches

We have signed up to the Rags2Riches4Schools recycling scheme again this Autumn to raise money for the school and help others benefit from our good quality unwanted clothes. All donations continue to be sent to Ukraine. The school gets 40p for every kilo we collect of reusable items so we would be really grateful if you could support us with this again.

We have a collection booked for **Tuesday 8/11/2022** so please keep good clothing for us until then. Thank you.



## Let's celebrate!

### Headteacher's Star of the Week

<b>Lime Class</b>	Nancie for her great effort and hard work during our phonics lessons and her fantastic blending.
<b>Cherry Class</b>	Emilia for showing perseverance and respect with her concentration on the carpet.
<b>Ash Class</b>	Isla for her enthusiasm and effort in all of her English work.
<b>Willow Class</b>	Bay for really persevering this week to become more independent and contributing some amazingly creative ideas in our class discussions.
<b>Chestnut Class</b>	Vincent for working really hard on his handwriting.
<b>Beech Class</b>	Logan for his excellent effort when joining in whole class discussions.
<b>Oak Class</b>	Ruby for consistently trying her best in all she does.

### Dilton's Maths Magicians:



<b>Lime Class</b>	Oscar for his fantastic effort in Maths when exploring more and less.
<b>Cherry Class</b>	Chasie for super work on number bonds.
<b>Ash Class</b>	Finley J for explaining how he solved maths challenges.
<b>Willow Class</b>	Ted for not only putting his all into his own work but also showing compassion and helping others.
<b>Chestnut Class</b>	Jack for working really hard in our work on negative numbers.
<b>Beech Class</b>	Isabelle for working so hard to add and subtract numbers up to 1,000,000.
<b>Oak Class</b>	Logan for perseverance in all maths learning.

### House Points

Hawk	Kestrel	Falcon	Merlin
16	13	10	12

### FODS Update

With Term 1 racing by, we are already starting to think about next term, particularly Christmas events!



With that in mind, please keep these dates in your diary and keep a look out for further information.

14th November -	FODS AGM (at The Weavers Pub)
Dates TBC -	Film nights
1st December -	Discos
2nd December -	Christmas Jumper Day / hamper donations
13th December -	Christmas Dinner Day & Santa's Christmas message Christmas raffle draw
16th December -	Whole school Pantomime production

Yr 5/6 Football tournament at Kingdown	Monday 10th October 2022
Parents' Consultations	Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th October 2022
End of Term 1	Tuesday 18th October 2022
Inset Day - school closed to children	Wednesday 19th October 2022
Start of Term 2	Monday 31st October 2022
Rags 2 Riches collection	Tuesday 8th November 2022

Welcome to the Acorn Senior Executive Column. Once a month we will share information and ideas with you about our roles and our work.

I thought I would start with a few key facts on Acorn Education Trust (AET). We comprise:

- One central senior executive and school improvement team
- Two standalone nurseries – The Avenue Children’s Centre and Heytesbury Hedgehogs
- Fourteen primary schools – Bulford St. Leonards CE Primary School, Dilton Marsh CE Primary School, Durrington All Saints CE Infants School, Great Wishford CE Primary School, Heytesbury CE Primary School, Keevil CE Primary Academy, Netheravon All Saints CE Primary School, New Close Primary School, Rowde CE Primary Academy, St John’s CE Primary School, St Michael’s CE Primary School, The Avenue Primary School and Children’s Centre, Wansdyke School, West Ashton CE Primary School
- Three secondary schools – Avon Valley Academy; The Clarendon Academy and Kingdown School
- 5060 children or young people
- 848 staff
- Our vision - “transforming lives through education”.
- Our mission – “preparing young people for their world in their time”.
- Our values:
  - ◇ Active and visible leadership
  - ◇ Care, support and challenge
  - ◇ Opportunities for all
  - ◇ Readiness to reach out
  - ◇ Needs of all are paramount

The Senior Executive Team is:

Karen Bannister – Head of Primary Operations  
Max Burr – Executive Headteacher Primary Schools  
Katy Dunnion – Head of Business Strategy  
Sara Edwards – Chief Executive Officer  
James Evans – Head of Estates  
Sue Fulbrook – Head of Disadvantaged and SEND  
Elaine Fullick – PA to Sara Edwards  
Rob Knott – Head of IT  
Rob Price – Director of Education – Secondary  
Charlotte Robinson – Director of Education – Primary  
Jo Ronxin – Head of Safeguarding, Communications and School Support  
Fiona Simpson – Head of Finance  
Anna Williams – Head of HR

The role of the team is to implement the strategy created by the Board of Directors, lead on all operational matters ensuring that we are economically efficient and effective, safe, resources are of a good standard and every nursery/school is improving.

Sara Edwards  
CEO