



# DILTON MARSH CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Newsletter 5 Term 1 - Friday 6th October 2023

Dear parents

This coming week as a school we are celebrating the Harvest Festival. This will include class worship and whole school worship where we will give thanks to God for the bountiful Harvest we can see around us this year. On Tuesday, Reverend Caroline will come into school to lead our Harvest Festival service. This year we will worship in school. To support our local community, we would ask for donations of long life foods or toiletries which we will donate to the Westbury Food Bank. Please could any donations be in school by the end of next week. Thank you.

The week beginning Monday 16th October is 'Walk to School Week'. We are asking families to walk to school wherever possible to encourage daily exercise and support the environment. This coincides with the work by Wessex Water in our area. We do remind you to show consideration to our neighbours during this time especially.

### Wessex Water

We have been notified by Wessex Water that they will be carrying out maintenance along the High Street starting on Monday 16th October 2023 for an estimated two weeks. They will be installing 4-way traffic lights along the High Street including on the mini roundabouts at St Marys Lane and The Hollow.

This will inevitably cause congestion and delays during busy periods, particularly at the start and end of the school day. Parking will also be extremely limited.

### Admissions reminder

#### Will your child be transferring to Secondary School in September 2024?

You must apply for a Secondary School place by midnight on 31st October 2023

#### Will your child be starting Primary School in September 2024?

You must apply for a Primary School place by midnight on 15th January 2024.

[Apply online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk)

Please email or phone the office to arrange a visit.

### Reminder flu vaccinations - Monday 16th October 2023

Please can I remind all parents to complete the consent for the flu nasal vaccinations via the link below:

<https://schoolimms.hcrgcaregroup.com/flu/2023/wilts>

As you may have seen in the media this week, the NHS are prioritising vaccinations for school aged children to prevent them from getting seriously ill from flu this winter and to help break the chain of transmission of the virus to the wider population and those who are vulnerable to being hospitalised.

Currently we have 113 / 175 children who are signed up to receive the vaccine here in school before half term. It would be really positive to get those remaining 62 children included.

The vaccination is free and is a quick, simple and painless spray up the nose. Even if your child had the vaccine last year, the type of flu can vary each winter, so it is recommended to have it again this year or they won't be fully protected from different strains.

### Rags2Riches - Wednesday 1st November 2023

The Rags2Riches4Schools recycling scheme will be visiting us on Wednesday 1st November 2023 so please have a good clear out over half term in preparation for this. All clothing donations continue to be sent to Ukraine and 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. Please no uniform. Thank you.



### Dates for your diary

Monday 16th October	Flu vaccinations
	FODS AGM—7.30pm The Hollies, Westbury. All welcome.
Wednesday 18th October	End of Term 1 (normal finishing time)
Monday 30th October	Start of Term 2
Tuesday 31st October, Wednesday 1st November	Parents' Evenings (bookings available from 12th October)
Wednesday 1st November	Rags2Riches Collection
Wednesday 13th December	Christmas Dinner Day
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)

### Church Events

The local church's are running some events and services this term that they would like to bring to your attention, see [website](#) for details.

At Holy Trinity Church, Dilton Marsh – there is Soul Space Café, every 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month 2-4pm and Lego Church every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 3-4pm between January to November.

At All Saints in Westbury there is a special remembrance service for anyone who has lost a baby or child at any time in the past, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 7:30pm.

There will be family friendly events in December in Dilton including a Christingle service on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, a bring in and display Nativity set festival on 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> December and at All Saints in Westbury there will be a Christmas Tree Festival in early December.

## Let's celebrate!

### Headteacher's Award:

#### Star of the Week:

<b>Lime Class</b>	Oscar for always being ready to learn both in a group and independently.
<b>Cherry Class</b>	Seb H for showing such enthusiasm about our new history topic all about The Great Fire of London.
<b>Ash Class</b>	Susie for putting 100% effort into everything.
<b>Willow Class</b>	Harrison for always being kind and showing our school values.
<b>Chestnut Class</b>	Maia for always persevering even when things may be difficult.
<b>Beech Class</b>	Esme H for working extra hard to push herself.
<b>Oak Class</b>	Harry for enthusiasm and determination in spelling.

#### Dilton's Maths Magicians:

<b>Lime Class</b>	Bradey for super understanding of 'how many altogether'.
<b>Cherry Class</b>	Natalia for great use of the Rekenreks which we have started using this week to help with our fluency.
<b>Ash Class</b>	Finnley for using perseverance in solving tricky maths problems.
<b>Willow Class</b>	Ryley for some fantastic explanations about exchanging.
<b>Chestnut Class</b>	Edward for always being able to explain your answers.
<b>Beech Class</b>	Leo for excellent column addition and subtraction.
<b>Oak Class</b>	Hannah for perseverance with division.



#### 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 – Alfie in Chestnut

Biggest increase in correct answers – Max in Chestnut

Star of the week – Highest number of minutes played – Freddie N in Beech

Biggest increase in coins earned – Logan in Willow

Congratulations Lacey in Lime Class who has successfully achieved her level 3 Duckling swimming award.



Well done to Harry in Willow Class for earning a Sport Blue Peter badge for trying tennis over the summer.



# Parental Relationship and Parenting Programmes

Email: [parenting@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:parenting@wiltshire.gov.uk)

Being a parent can be amazing, but we all need some help, advice, and practical tips at times. Parenting programmes can provide just that, whether its from our trained facilitators or other parents and carers. We offer courses that are suitable from pregnancy all the way up to age 18.

## **Parenting Courses:**

PREGNANCY TO PARENTHOOD

BEING A PARENT

TIME OUT FOR PARENTS (children with additional needs)

TRIPLE P (positive parenting programme)

SWAPP (autism parenting programme)

STOP (pre-teen and teen parenting)

## **Parental Relationship Courses:**

OnePlusOne

TRIPLE P FAMILY TRANSITIONS

WITHIN MY REACH

"I feel so much more confident as a parent, and understand my child"

"I understand my special needs child better also my own special needs and how to manage better as a parent."

"I have skills to cope better."



"How to communicate and have a calm conversation when times are stressful"

"It has changed my whole approach to parenting"

"I felt so lost and alone, but this course helped with more than just my parenting"

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