



DILTON MARSH CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter 4 Term 1 - Friday 29th September 2023

Dear parents

We're officially in the second half of the term with only 2 and a half weeks left until the half term holidays. It is at this point we are noticing both the children and the staff are starting to flag! There seems to be lots of coughs and colds around at the moment, as well as the threat of covid. Please remember that we will always contact you if you have sent your child into school and they are struggling. Currently our whole school attendance is above national at 97% which is excellent and we would love to be able to maintain that into the new term which is traditionally when our attendance figures dip. The Acorn Education Trust monitors all its schools attendance and we get a weekly report sharing how we compare with the other schools in a number of different measures. Please remember that our registers close at 8.50am so if your child arrives after that they will be marked as late.

Phonics session

Thank you to all of you who attended the phonics and reading information session on Thursday. We hope you found this helpful and feel happy in how you can support your child with reading at home.

Uniform reminder

I would like to remind you all of the following uniform requirements:

- ◆ No nail varnish or gel nails to be worn at school.
- ◆ PE kit consists of a plain house coloured T-shirt, black shorts/leggings or tracksuit bottoms. School jumper in colder weather. Plain dark daps / trainers please.
- ◆ All long hair must be tied back.
- ◆ Stud earrings only.

Please ensure all uniform items are named so that if items are misplaced we can get them back to their rightful owner.

Important Admissions information

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)

Book donation

We are hugely grateful to Mrs Catherine Wiltcher (mum to Jess in Oak Class) who has donated £520 to purchase a selection of the Year 6 Dilton 50 and additional library books. The children are delighted with these new books and this is such a lovely parting gift as Jess leaves Oak Class today to start at Monkton Combe in Bath. 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
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)

FODS Update

FODS Charity (Friends of Dilton School) will be holding their AGM on Monday 16th October 7:30pm at The Hollies. We'll be talking about and planning upcoming school events for the children. We always welcome new members, so if you feel you could lend a hand then please come along. All welcome.



Gardening Club

We would be grateful for donations of any of the following items:

- * A bag of compost
- * A big bag of daffodil bulbs
- * Gardening gloves (medium child's size)
- * 3 trowels
- * 2 pairs of secateurs
- * 2 small spades
- * Selection of tulip bulbs

Thank you.

Let's celebrate!

Headteacher's Award:

- * Olivia (Beech Class) for a great information report on Hinduism.
- * Eden (Lime Class) for matching initial sounds and writing her name.

Star of the Week:

Lime Class	Esme-Mai for being a super role model.
Cherry Class	Jasmine for persevering and using her grow the code chart independently to complete her writing.
Ash Class	Rafe for excellent effort in everything.
Willow Class	Sophie for being a good role model and a ray of sunshine!
Chestnut Class	Madeleine for always having a great attitude to learning.
Beech Class	Sheldon for excellent participation in lessons.
Oak Class	Jessica for being Mrs Godfrey's able assistant in many things.

Dilton's Star Writer :

Lime Class	Elin for beautiful letter formation.
Cherry Class	Leila for using some fabulous adjectives in her work this work to describe what she noticed about wolves.
Ash Class	Lowen for fabulous editing of his story.
Willow Class	Isla for some fantastic 'deepening the moment.'
Chestnut Class	Charlie for great planning ideas.
Beech Class	Henry for amazing sentences all about Hinduism.
Oak Class	Kallum for exploring language to ensure the intent.



TT Rockstars:

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

Most improvement in accuracy – Esme H in Beech
Most improvement in Studio Speed – Marley in Chestnut
Biggest increase in correct answers – Max in Chestnut
Star of the week – Highest number of minutes played – Max in Chestnut
Biggest increase in coins earned – Oliver in Oak



Well done to Freddie from Beech Class who entered the afternoon carnival procession in Frome as 'The Golden Pirate'. He came second in his class and was awarded the Chairman's Choice Cup from all the entries!

Congratulations to Orla and Indie in Beech Class who attended an art club during the summer. The children's work was exhibited in Warminster Library and then auctioned raising £165 for the Goatacre Animal Sanctuary in Calne.