

DILTON MARSH C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL FRIDAY NEWS

Friday 24th March 2017

It is with great sadness that I have to inform you that Miss Griffin has decided to leave the school at Easter. Unfortunately for us, Laura has decided to leave the teaching profession to start a family and set up a new farming venture with her partner, based in Ilminster. As you may be aware Laura has been making the daily commute from Ilminster, every day since October. This is not only tiring and a long journey but also it is not giving her as much time as she needs to help develop their new business venture.

It is sad news, not only for everyone here at Dilton Marsh Primary School but also for the teaching profession. Laura will be dearly missed by our whole Dilton Marsh community, she is a fabulous teacher. We wish her well in her new adventure and different career, we hope that she will still visit us regularly, keeping us informed of changes and events on the farm. Hopefully she may allow school visits to the farm in the future.

We also say a farewell to Mrs Penny Southby at Easter. Mrs Southby has been working at Dilton Marsh for the last 4 years in Key Stage 2 and has been a huge part of our school community. Unfortunately, due to ill health Mrs Southby has been absent from school since Christmas. Mrs Southby has bought many a smile to the children she has taught and the staff who have had the privilege of working with her, especially with her amazing vocabulary and constant ability to lose her glasses. The phrase "to the left, to the left" will always be remembered by the year 6 children she has taught. We wish Penny a speedy recovery and hope that she will be fit enough to visit us to say farewell soon.

After Easter, we welcome a new teacher to school, Miss Aide who has a vast amount of teaching experience and is excited about joining our school team. She will be teaching Lime Class full time from Easter to the end of the summer term.

Mrs Turner and Mrs Mee will continue to teach Beech Class until the end of the summer term also.

For September, we have successfully appointed two permanent teachers from a very strong field of 40 applicants.

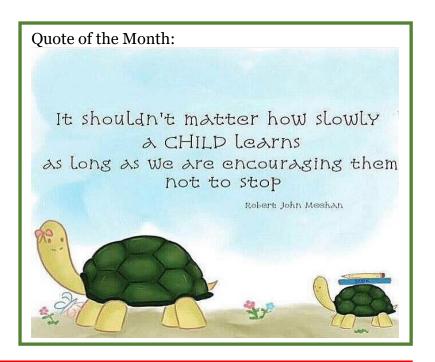
Our new Reception Class teacher in Lime Class, from September, will be Miss Bethan Williamson. Miss Williamson currently teaches in a Primary School in Salisbury and is very much looking forward to bringing her knowledge and enthusiasm for teaching EYFS and KS1 to Dilton Marsh, along with her sports experience.

Our new Year 5 teacher in Beech Class, from September, will be Mr Chris Foyle. Mr Foyle is currently teaching Year 6 at a Primary School in Bath. He is also very much looking forward to joining our Dilton Marsh staff team, he will be bringing a lot of experience of teaching Key Stage 2. Chris is currently an Achievement 4 All ambassador for his school and is also a keen sportsman.

Have a lovely weekend,

Jill





Thank you for your support. We have raised £ 301.14 so far and still have cakes to sell at 3pm!

All proceeds will go to Red Nose Day.







Lime Class enjoyed their trip to the Bishop's Palace on Monday...











Dates for your Diary

March

Mon 27th Yr 2& Yr 6 Fire Safety Talks

Mon 27th Orienteering at Kingdown School

Mon 27th Military Wives Rehearsal at the Garison

Tues 28th Chestnut 'Anybody Can Cook' session

Wed 29th Gymnastics Competition

Wed 29th Beech Class Celebration Assembly

Fri 31st KS2 VE Day party

Fri 31st Choir Concert with the Military Wives

<u>April</u>

Mon 3rd Tag-Rugby

3rd - 5th Beech Residential to Mill on the Brue

Wed 5th Bird of Prey visit

Thu 6th Easter Service in the Church

Thu 6th Easter Egg Hunt at school (tickets on sale now)

Fri 7th Teacher Training Day

w/c 10th & w/c 17th Holiday

Mon 24th Return to school

May

Mon 1st Bank holiday

w/c 8th KS2 SATS Week Fri 12th Class Photos

27th-29th Scarecrow Trail weekend

w/c 29th Holiday

<u>June</u>

5th-7th Year 6 Residential to Mill on the Brue

Easter Service Thursday 6th April 2pm Please join us

ASDA Frome: tokens are still being collected but we are not in the lead any more – please help us by asking your family and friends to place their tokens in the Dilton School section when they shop.

The **SAINSBURY** tokens collection box is now in the main reception area. Please help us collect as many as we can.

Birthdays



Tillie(11) Grace C(8) Hanna(11) Maisie(6)



Free advice and support for children

Reporting Absence

Please notify the office of absence before 9.00am each day. If we do not hear from you, we will phone you to ascertain the nature of absence. *Please note:* a child with sickness or an upset stomach should remain away from school for 48hrs after the last episode of illness.

Tel: 01373 822902

E-mail: office@diltonmarsh.wilts.sch.uk

This week: Attendance: 96.3%

Absence: 3.7%

Learning time lost this week: 38.5 days

Weekly Class Attendance Trophy

This week the winners are Chestnut Class **Congratulations**



School Registration times:

KS2-8.45am

(Willow, Chestnut, Beech, Oak)

KS1-8.55am

(Lime, Cherry & Ash)

Contact us:

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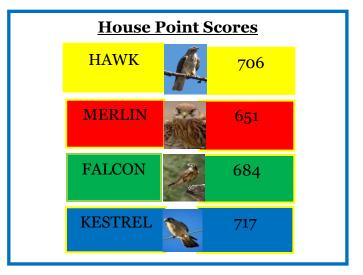
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Treetops Breakfast Club

We currently have spaces at our Breakfast Club

Monday-Friday Open from 7.30am-8.30am





Sports Corner

After a day of rain on Monday, the sun finally came out in time for the Yr 5/6 Hockey Festival at Kingdown School. The children enjoyed practising hockey skills and playing mini matches.

On Tuesday, 12 children represented our school at the Westbury Swimming Gala. All children took part in individual heats and relay races. The children were amazing and completed the Gala in 3rd place – only 2 points away from 2nd!!

Next week we will be taking part in Orienteering and Gymnastics Competitions.

Out of school

Ruby M achieved Vault Award, Level 5 & Stage 3 Swimming.

Congratulations to you all





Community Cohesion

Our Christian value for the month is:

FORGIVENESS

Each month we will have a focus on an important value in our school and within the community which will be high profile in class and feature in Assemblies

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Morgan & West Time Travelling Magicians Sat 8th April 7.30pm

Tickets available from Crowning Glory & Fairfield Café Suitable for all the family

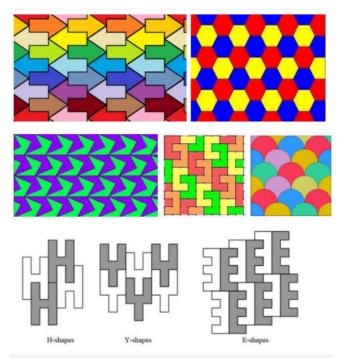




THIS WEEKS MATHS CHALLENGE...

Tremendous Tesselations!

This Maths Challenge is to design, draw and colour your own tessellating / repeating pattern, like the ones below. Be creative; the brighter the better!



Answers to Mr Bullen by next Friday please. There will be a certificate for the best response!

Tickets are now on sale from the school office for £2 each







Biggest Launch in British

Development programme for 5 to 8 vear olds

Encourages a healthly happy and active lifestyle

TROWBRIDGE CRICKET

Follow the link to ensure your children are involved

EIGHT WEEKS START-17 MAY TIME: 4 TO 5PM

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c/o Ali Goddard,
Head of Youth Cricket

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17th May – 4pm to 5pm