



# DILTON MARSH C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

## FRIDAY NEWS

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2016

What an amazing week we've had at Dilton Marsh! I feel blessed to lead such a wonderful school with such a dedicated team of staff and children.

The week started with our girls football team taking part in the West Wilts Tournament over at Kingdown. There were twelve schools taking part and our girls played incredibly well. They won two games in their group, drew one and lost two. Overall we came third in our group. This is an amazing achievement, especially after only 3 training sessions. The girls were very supportive of each other and worked well as a team.

The rest of our week has been filled with singing and performing. I am so proud of all our children, they have worked incredibly hard over the past few weeks and it showed this week during all the performances we've seen. Every play has been inspiring and such a joy to watch. We started the week with Willow and Chestnuts performance of Hosannah Rock. They lifted the roof of the hall with their beautiful singing and even had the audience on their feet hand jiving! Then Lime, Cherry and Ash entertained us over three performances of Born in a Barn. They looked wonderful in all their amazing costumes, sang beautifully and impressed us with their loud voices. Today we have had a sneak preview of Oak and Beech Classes play "Sleeping Beauty, the ugly truth" – it was simply Amazing!

Yesterday, the choir along with Mrs Lawrence and Miss Driscoll entertained the crowds outside Bath Abbey. Unfortunately I missed it, as I was on a Data / Ofsted training conference – however I have been reliably informed that they wowed a huge crowd with their Christmas Carols. This is such a lovely opportunity that not many schools are given. We are grateful to Mrs Lawrence for not only organising this for us, but also preparing all the songs and working so hard with our choir. If you missed them in Bath, they will be performing again on Monday evening at the Rotary Carol Concert in Westbury All Saints Church.



Other news this week has been the arrival of a Christmas Elf in School. Have you spotted him around school? Look out for him, he has been spotted under the Christmas Tree, reading a book in the library and was last seen hiding in the Hawk House Point tube!

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who helped and supported our Christmas fayre last Friday Night. It was a wonderful evening filled with Christmas Cheer. The corridors, classrooms and hall were full to bursting with parents, grandparents, villagers and friends of the school.

I can hardly believe we only have one more week left before the Christmas holiday starts and its set to be a busy one. We've got Oak and Beech Classes play, the Rotary Carol Concert, Christmas Lunch, Christmas Jumper day, Christmas parties and finally our own Christmas Carol Concert in the Church on Friday afternoon.

I Hope you all have a wonderful weekend

Jill





## **Sports Corner**

The re-scheduled Kingdown Tournament took place on Monday...

The girls braved the cold and played some fantastic football, finishing in 3rd place. Well done girls! Thank you again to parents for their ongoing support and help with transport and Mr Broad and Mrs Farndale for accompanying the children – these events would not be possible without this teamwork.

## **Out of school**

Toby Morris has been selected for the County Golf development squad.

Grace Till got a Distinction in her Regional Grade 6 Gymnastics Competition in Plymouth.

Lucia Green achieved Badge 8 for Gymnastics.

***Congratulations to you all***

## **Christmas Jumper or Christmas T-Shirt Day**

*(PLEASE NOTE THIS IS NOT A NON-SCHOOL  
UNIFORM DAY, SO SCHOOL TROUSERS/SKIRTS &  
SHOES ETC MUST BE WORN AS NORMAL)*



Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

***Join the fun & dress for  
Christmas Dinner!***



## **THIS WEEKS MATHS CHALLENGE...**

**Ben has three coins in his pocket what  
total amounts of money could he have?  
Can you think of a logical way to find all  
of the solutions?**

**The coins don't have to be the same  
type!**

Well done to Rebekah Slarke who correctly  
answered last week's problem.

Look out for next week's Christmas themed  
challenge!

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

## **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](mailto:office@diltonmarsh.wilts.sch.uk)

This week: Attendance: 96.9%  
Absence: 3.1%

## **Weekly Class Attendance Trophy**

This week the winners are  
Oak Class

**Congratulations**



## **Carol Service**



Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December  
1.45pm

**Please join us**

### Can you help?

Unfortunately we had a camera malfunction and do not have any good photos of Hosanna Rock, Willow and Chestnut's play.

If you have any photos, please e-mail to [office@diltonmarsh.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:office@diltonmarsh.wilts.sch.uk)

Thank you

### Dates for your Diary

#### December

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Beech & Oak Community Performance

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Rotary Concert at All Saints Church

Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Oak & Beech Productions 1.30&6pm

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Christmas Dinner

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Christmas Jumper Day

Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Carol Service in Church 1.45pm

Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Last day of term (3pm finish)

#### January

Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> Teacher Training Day

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Return to school

#### February

w/c 13<sup>th</sup> Holiday

### CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAYRE



Thank you for joining us.  
You helped us raise an amazing  
£1,400

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The Lucky program winner was  
number 74.  
Please claim your prize from the  
office.

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

Michael(11) Maddison(8)  
Poppy(5) Mia(9)  
Morgan(6)

### Magical Reindeer Food

Still available from the office  
£1 a bag



Congratulations to Debbie Roberts and Melinda Graves who were successful in the vote to become parent Academy Councillors

Menus for January can now be found on



### **Reminder:**

Year 5 payments for Mill on the Brue can be by instalments on

Full payment by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February.



Can you spare an hour a week to listen to readers? If you can, please speak to the office so we can organise a DBS check ready for the New Year. Thank you

### **Contact us:**

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### **School Registration times:**

**KS2-8.45am** (Willow, Chestnut, Beech, Oak)

**KS1- 8.55am** (Lime, Cherry & Ash)

Encourage your children to eat healthy food...

Meet the entertaining characters in this book, learn about the fruits and vegetables and try out the lovely recipes.

The book costs £14.99 and £5 from each book sold will be donated to school.

Books can be viewed in the main Reception area.



The choir raised £292.79 while singing at Bath Abbey & very kind donations after this week's plays have raised a further £136.27. We are now able to buy new cameras for the classes. Thank you so much for your generosity.

### Community Cohesion



Our Christian value for the month is:  
**COMPASSION**

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

### Celebration Assembly

Every Wednesday 2.30pm  
Please join us to celebrate the children's work

### Governor Visits

Several Governors enjoyed the fantastic school productions this week.

Lisa Reynolds also visited today:

*"Today I came in and joined Willow class. As I walked into the classroom there was a buzz of excitement as the children were participating in a number game (a Mrs Southby special). Lots of strategies were being formed which resulted in two good friends pitting against each other, but there could only be one winner! After break it was Christmas paper chain time, Dilton style. Lots of colourful creations, with a serious lack of red pens, which was the talk of the room! Thank you to Willow Class and Mrs Driscoll for making me feel so welcome, and shouting Merry Christmas as I left, very festive!"*

### **PLEASE RESPECT THE NEIGHBOURS AND LOCAL RESIDENTS...**

Despite our many pleas for drivers not to block or turn by the school gates or on peoples private driveways, we are still receiving complaints of repeated incidents and concerns for children's safety BOTH outside the school gates and along The Hollow.

**PLEASE, PLEASE THINK ABOUT YOUR PARKING/DROPPING OFF, NONE OF US WOULD LIKE TO THINK OF A CHILD BEING INJURED!**

### **What's on in the Community...**

Please see the new link on our website under Parent Information.

Please help raise money for our school by recycling your old clothes. Collection bags to be returned to school on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** please



Look out for Father Christmas when he tours Dilton Marsh with Dilton Rovers FC tomorrow



### House Point Scores

HAWK



765

MERLIN



635

FALCON



679

KESTREL



623

### Achievements

Chloe Hudd passed Grade 1 piano with distinction.

**Congratulations**

