



DILTON MARSH C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY NEWS

Friday 3rd March 2017

This week saw the arrival of spring, (well, in meteorological terms anyway) however, the weather hasn't been particularly spring like though and has affected a few of our planned activities this week but not our enthusiasm.

Rev. Steve led our worship on Tuesday morning where he used a puppet to discuss Shrove Tuesday and the start of Lent. Lots of pancake activities followed our worship. The children in Lime class followed the instructions and made pancakes after reading Mr Wolf's Pancake story and there was great excitement when it came to choosing their favourite topping.

The children in Willow, Chestnut, Beech and Oak classes weren't going to let the rain stop them on Tuesday afternoon and they carried out their Pancake races in the hall, whereas Ash, Cherry and Lime classes waited for drier weather and did theirs outside on Wednesday morning. A lot of fun was had by all with house points being earnt for the best Pancake flipping.

Over the next few weeks on the run up to Easter we will be learning about Lent and using our Christian Value of the month "forgiveness" to help us prepare for Easter. Lent lasts for 40 days (not including Sundays) and it is the time when Christians prepare for Easter by thinking of the things they have done wrong. It is a solemn time which reminds them of the time in Jesus' life when, after giving up his work as a carpenter, he began to teach people about God. Jesus prepared for this by spending 40 days without food alone in the desert. Lent used to be a time for fasting or going without food as Jesus had done. Nowadays many people give up a favourite thing they enjoy like sweets and often give money to charity. We have been thinking about the things we are going to give up for Lent, the children have been coming up with some challenging choices. I'm giving up biscuits, which is particularly tricky. I think I'm going to have to remove the biscuit tin in my office to reduce the temptation.

It has been wonderful to see so many parents in school this week for Parents Evenings. I hope you all enjoyed the opportunity to discuss your child's progress and see the work they have been busy doing in class.

Luckily the weather was kinder to us on Thursday, meaning not only our footballers could practice on the field but also our new Hockey club could make use of the playground in the sunshine.

We've also had a busy week planning lots of forthcoming events. Today we had a visit from an author/storyteller from Bath Spa University who is going to lead some creative writing sessions with the children next term. Cherry and Ash Class have their trip to Chepstow Castle to look forward to on Monday. We have Netball, Football, Gymnastics, Tag Rugby and Swimming tournaments and competitions coming up too. And don't forget Book Week activities next week.

Have a lovely weekend, and don't forget to take your extreme reading photographs, have a sort through your bookcases to see if you have any books you would like to swap in our book swap next week, and enjoy the hopefully drier weather.

Jill Farndale

NEXT WEEK IS BOOK WEEK...

We are going to celebrate our love of reading and enjoyment of books next week. During the week, each year group will focus on a different books in their lessons; they will carry out various activities and produce work based on reading and books.

Book Swap

The children can bring any books from home they no longer want and swap them for a new book.

Extreme Reading Challenge

Books can be read anywhere and everywhere! Therefore we are inviting you to take part in an extreme reading challenge. Find an exciting, fun and SAFE place to read your book (there may even be a link to the story) and get an adult to take a picture of you reading. A winner for each year group will be selected based upon the most original picture. Please see the Extreme Reading Challenge poster for more details.

Share a Book Reading Time

We are inviting Parents and Grandparents into school during Book week to share a book with the children during the school day. Each Class has a day when they will open the classroom doors and have time to read with family members. Due to space limitations we only have enough space for one parent/Grandparent per child.

Oak Class: Monday 6th March 2:30 – 2:55pm
Beech Class: Tuesday 7th March 2:30 – 2:55pm
Chestnut Class: Monday 6th March 2:30 – 2:55pm
Willow Class: Wednesday 8th March 2:30 – 2:55pm
Ash Class: Friday 10th March 2:30 – 2:55pm
Cherry Class: Friday 10th March 2:30 – 2:55pm
Lime Class: Wednesday 8th March 2:30 – 2:55pm



Bedtime Story

On Wednesday 8th March at 5:45 – 6:15pm the children are invited back to school for Bedtime Stories and Hot Chocolate. Come dressed in your PJs and bring a non-breakable NAMED mug. The Book Fayre will be open in the hall for parents to stay while the children hear stories in the classrooms.



We are really looking forward to the week and are sure that the children will thoroughly enjoy it.

Dates for your Diary



March

Mon 6th Cherry & Ash to Chepstow Castle
Mon 6th Hockey Tournament at Kingdown
Tues 7th Football & Netball at Warminster School
7th - 13th Scholastic Book Fayre 3-3.30pm
Thu 9th Lions Concert 6pm at Matravers
Mon 13th Willow & Chestnut to Steam Museum
Wed 15th Ash Celebration Assembly
Fri 17th Wessex Water Assembly
Mon 20th Lime class trip to The Bishop's Palace
Mon 20th Tag-Rugby Festival at Boreham Fields
Wed 22nd Willow Celebration Assembly
Fri 24th Red Nose Day: Non-Uniform Day
Fri 24th & Coffee Morning & Cake Sale 9-10am
Fri 24th 10am FODS meeting
Fri 24th Deadline for Scarecrow makers
Mon 27th Yr 2& Yr6 Fire Safety Talks
Mon 27th Orienteering at Kingdown School
Tues 28th Chestnut 'Anybody Can Cook' session
Wed 29th Beech Class Celebration Assembly
Fri 31st Science & Maths Celebration Assembly
Fri 31st Choir Concert with the Military Wives

April

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
Fri 7th **Teacher Training Day**
w/c 10th & w/c 17th **Holiday**
Mon 24th **Return to school**



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 : 21.5 days

Weekly Class Attendance Trophy

This week the winners are
Cherry Class
Congratulations



BOOK FAIRS

7th - 13th March
3pm - 3:30pm in the school hall

Each class will have the opportunity to browse the books during the school day.

ASDA tokens are currently being counted.

The **SAINSBURY** tokens collection box is now in the main reception area, please ask your family & friends to help us collect as many as we can.

Contact us:

Tel: **01373 822902**

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

Website: www.diltonmarsh.wilts.sch.uk

Birthdays

Holly(11)

James(6)



School Registration times:

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

KS1- 8.55am (Lime, Cherry & Ash)

Treetops Breakfast Club

We currently have spaces at our Breakfast Club
Monday-Friday
Open from 7.30am–8.30am



House Point Scores

HAWK		267
MERLIN		293
FALCON		230
KESTREL		283

NEW MENUS ARE NOW ON

WisePay

**Good Luck to the members of the
School Choir representing our school
at the Lions Concert on
Thursday evening.**



Sports Corner

10 Yr 6 children will represent school at the
West Wilts Hockey Tournament on Monday.

30 Yr3/4 children will take part in football
and High 5's Festivals at Warminster School
on Tuesday.

Good luck 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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Lunch Guests

This week we welcomed
Basil Nenkevell from Wiltshire Library &
Lisa Reynolds – School Governor



Malin, Logan, Elsie & Abbie entertained our
guests with Creamy Ham & Mushroom Pasta
Bake followed by Bumbleberry Pie & Cream

Cake Sale

Saturday 4th March

10am – 12 noon

at Dilton Marsh Church

Following our recent visit from the
Wiltshire Air Ambulance, Rebekah,
Madison & Evie will be running the cake
stall at the Dilton Marsh Coffee Morning
& Table Top Sale. Please support them.



If you would like to donate cakes for their
stall, please take your contributions to the
Church on the day.

Well done girls!

Fairfield Farm College's
EASTER EGG HUNT



Wednesday 5th April 10am-2pm

Entry £2



Cake Stall /Craft Stall

Win a lovely cake in our raffle!



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Choirs
Warminster

In concert with
Dilton Marsh Primary
School choir

Friday 31st March

Holy Trinity Church

High Street, Dilton Marsh

Doors open 7pm

Concert 7.30 – 9pm

Refreshments available

Tickets- £10 adults, £4 children

Available from the school office and Crowning Glory hairdressers,
High Street, Dilton Marsh

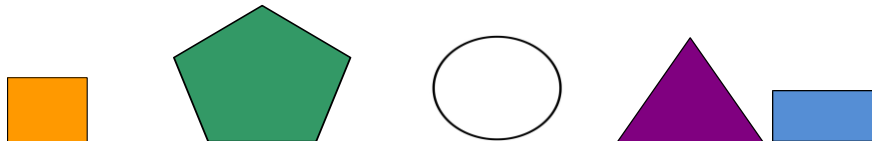
Proceeds from ticket sales for the Friends of Dilton School towards outdoor play equipment

THIS WEEKS MATHS CHALLENGE...



This Week's Maths Challenge:

What can you tell Mr Bullen about these shapes?



Can you name the shapes and find 3D objects that have these shaped faces?

Can you name any of the angles in the shapes?

Are any of the shapes symmetrical? How can you prove it?

What types of angles are there? Can you find examples of these angles in the shapes?

What are the properties of a circle?

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

Extreme Reading Challenge

Where is the most extreme place your child has ever read a book?

Whether it is up a tree, on top of a mountain or stood on their head, we want your photos!

We are inviting you ALL (including parents!) to take the Dilton Marsh Extreme Reading Challenge.

Your challenge is to take a picture reading somewhere extreme and send it in to school by Friday 10th March.

The winning photo will win a Book Voucher.

We will display all entries, so to help us with the display please bring in a 5x7 or 6x4 size photo.

Obviously, we encourage you to keep safe (I wouldn't recommend reading in the jaws of a crocodile!) but we are really looking forward to seeing who in school has such a passion for reading that they have to do it anywhere and everywhere!

The Challenge has been set. Are you an Extreme Reader?



PH Sports are running an After School Hockey Club from 3pm – 4pm on Thursday's. The club is open for children in Key Stage 2 and will run for 5 weeks. The club will begin on Thursday 2nd March. If you are not in Football Club and would like to join, please complete the slip below.

Also, Dance Club has now finished so Miss Driscoll will be running Board Games on Mondays, beginning Monday 6th March. If you would like to join, please return the slip below.

Name

Class

Would like to join Club

Medical Requirements

My child will be collected at 4pm by.....