



DILTON MARSH PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY NEWS

Friday 23rd September 2016

We are rapidly nearing the end of September, and the mornings this week have certainly had a more Autumnal feel to them than the last two weeks. Looking around the school grounds there are many signs of autumn beginning to appear, from the beautiful dew covered cobwebs, to the leaves changing colour and the conkers dropping from the tree outside the school entrance. Even though it happens year after year, I always find the arrival of autumn a little surprising, it's nearly time to pack away the sandals, yet we have been lucky to still have some lovely summery sunshine. This has certainly helped Ash Class with their BFG shadow challenges this week. The sports coaches and teachers are also making the most of the lovely weather and teaching PE outside. This reminds me, the children look amazing in their new PE t-shirts – thank you!

I have spent time in each class again this week, joining in with the learning and admiring the wonderful work the children are creating. Oak Class have been particularly creative this week in trying to create a model of Stonehenge. The slight difference is the fact they were using “Cheesy Puff Crisps” and water. They had to think about the shape of the stones and how they were situated in a circular shape, also thinking about how to stick them down.

The children in Beech class impressed me with their literacy skills on Wednesday morning. They were writing detailed character descriptions of the Stone Boy using similes and subordinating conjunctions. There was a lot of discussion around whether they had used their comma sandwiches!

You will be pleased to know there have been no more invasions this week between Chestnut Class and Willow Class; however both classes have been continuing their work on the Romans and Celts. Chestnut class have been learning all about the features of Information Texts (with the help of Pokémon!) this then led onto them creating information texts about Roman Emperors. Lots of facts were researched and included. I enjoyed joining in during a Numeracy lesson in Willow Class on Monday morning. Miss Driscoll was challenging the children to reason about numbers and explain their mathematical thinking. They were also working on solving mental calculations. Willow class continue to enjoy their weekly swimming lessons over at Warminster Pool. They leave with big smiles on their faces and return with bigger smiles and wet hair! Ash Class wowed us all this week during our first celebration assembly on Wednesday afternoon. They had so much work to show considering we had only been back at school for 2 1/2 weeks. They shared their amazing Giant Posters and dream jars. We were even treated to a Numeracy demonstration using the Enormous Crocodile story to help with “Greater than and Less than.”

Cherry class had me singing and dancing as I joined them in a Numeracy lesson on Wednesday. I was incredibly impressed at their counting skills to 100! Lots of fabulous number work and counting activities were going on both inside and outside, along with beautiful singing to start the lesson and impressive dance moves too!



Lime Class deserve a special mention this week as they have stayed all day, every day! I joined them on Monday morning for a phonic session and I was incredibly impressed by their concentration and learning skills. They were hunting for things beginning with “s”. Lots of playdough snails, sausages, stones and slugs were made, and they showed off their detective skills when they went on a picture treasure hunt outside despite the rain. The children used their BFG ears to listen and find things that began with the letter “S”. I asked a couple of children whether they had enjoyed staying at school all day and their response was a unanimous yes! They also told me they love school dinners and wanted to know if they could have seconds!

This week we also held the first of our open days for children who are due to start school next September. Our tour guides did an amazing job showing large groups of people around our school. It was lovely to hear how proud the children are of school as they gave the tours, expertly sharing information about each class, the events and the systems we have in school. We also welcomed many of you back to school for our “Meet the Teacher” information sessions. It was lovely to see so many of you and your children listening to all the exciting things each teacher has planned for the year. Don’t forget, if you didn’t manage to make a meeting please ask the class teacher for the information handout.

Look out for our new feature on the Friday News – Our Sports Corner! We have a lot of sporting events happening and felt it deserved a spot of its own.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and enjoy the last few rays of summer sunshine.

Jill Farndale



Sports Corner

This is a new feature of our Friday News. As well as sporting news from school we would love you to share your sporting achievements from out of school. Let us know when you achieve a sporting reward and we will share it in the Sports Corner. We have been busy this week with lots of sporting events.

Kwik Cricket

A group of 12 children from Year 5 and 6 represented school at a Kwik Cricket event held at the Christie Miller Sports Centre in Melksham. The children all came back with a medal for taking part and huge smiles on their faces. Well done to Beth, Malin, Sakura, Adam, Ruby, Chelsea, Poppy, Joe, Gil, Josh, Kitty and Holly.

Cross country running at Warminster School

Today 24 children have competed in a cross country running event held at Warminster School. We sent 4 teams from Year 3, 4, 5 & 6. The children were excellent ambassadors for school, showing grit, determination, resilience and all the while encouraging each other to keep running.

Well done to all our sports men and women. This year it is our aim to provide an opportunity for as many children as possible to take part in representing our school. Next week we will be sending 32 children to a Rugby Tournament at Westbury RFC.

Out of school...

Felix has completed his Bronze Rookie Lifeguard training.

Congratulations



Dates for your Diary

September

Tues 27th Open Day for new parents
Wed 28th Kingdown Open Day 9am-11am
Wed 28th Willow Class Celebration Assembly
Wed 28th FODS AGM 7pm at school- please join us
Fri 30th Macmillan Coffee Morning 9-10am
Fri 30th Tag Rugby Tournament

October

Mon 3rd Beech & Oak to Stonehenge
Tues 4th School Photos
Wed 5th Lime, Cherry & Ash Science Dome
Wed 5th Chestnut Celebration Assembly
Wed 12th Oak Class Celebration Assembly
Wed 19th Beech Class Celebration Assembly
Fri 21st Harvest Festival
w/c 24th Holiday

November

Fri 4th Willow & Chestnut to Roman Baths
Wed 9th Cherry Class Celebration Assembly
Wed 16th Lime Class Celebration Assembly

December

Fri 16th Last day of term

January

Tue 3rd Teacher Training Day

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

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This week: Attendance: 98% Absence: 2%
Learning lost =16.5 days

Weekly Class Attendance Trophy

This week the winners are Lime & Cherry
Congratulations



My name is ...

Please clearly label all uniform, PE kits, coats and lunchboxes to help the children and adults find the rightful owners.

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Please ensure your children are at school in time for their registration...

**Lime, Cherry & Ash :
8.55am**

**Willow, Chestnut, Beech & Oak :
8.45am**

Thank you for your co-operation.

Harvest Festival Friday 21st October

**9.30am
in the church**

This year we will be collecting donations for



The Foodbank support local families when they are in times of crisis by supplying them with donations of food. Their stocks are running very low so we would like to help build-up their stock, but we need help... Please bring in donations of non-perishable goods: tinned potatoes, tinned vegetables, tinned tomatoes, baked beans, tinned meat, tinned fruit, tinned pasta, milk puddings, dry pasta, pasta sauces, long-life fruit juice, long-life milk, biscuits, rice, jam or marmalade. Collection baskets can be found in the main reception area. Thank you

Contact us:

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Website: www.diltonmarsh.wilts.sch.uk

School Registration times:

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

KS1- 8.55am (Lime, Cherry & Ash)



Harmony (11)
Joe (11)

Please place your dinner orders on



House Point Scores

HAWK



293

MERLIN



349

FALCON



287

KESTREL



329

HEALTH & SAFETY

We have been asked to share some concerns from local residents about the safety of the children...

Cars have been seen reversing across roads and pavements where children are walking or getting in to cars and a few 'near misses' have been witnessed. Please consider carefully where you park and manoeuvre your car.

Thank you



Community Cohesion

Our Christian value for the month is:

Courage

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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Celebration Assembly

Every Wednesday 2.30pm

Join us to celebrate the children's work

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If your child is due to start school in September 2017 you are invited to visit our school.

We are holding new parent

Open Day

Tuesday 27th September'16

Tours 9.30 – 10.00am

and 11.00 – 11.30am

Please pop in or ring 01373 822902 to book a tour.

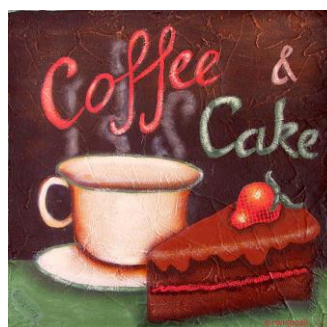
We look forward to meeting you.

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Macmillan Coffee morning

Friday 30th September

9am -10am in the school hall



Please bring cake donations & join us to help raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support

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Barn Dance

Saturday 29th October

At the Memorial Hall

Proceeds will be split between school and the church.

(More details to follow)

Dilton Marsh Carnival 2016

The Carnival is over, but what a lovely afternoon we had! Perfect weather after the village had been drenched on the Saturday, what luck that the Carnival Committee had decided to change the date and chosen the Sunday. It was fantastic to see so many families enjoying a chilled afternoon with tasty food, drink, music and lots to do. Congratulations to Mary, winner of the Spud Murphy Award for a tray garden and runners up Darcy and Mia. All three entries were brilliant.

A huge thank you goes to the Carnival Committee members and many supporters who helped to make it such a success. A number of people have shown an interest in joining the team, which is very encouraging. We will have our AGM soon, so you can come on board then. Please look out for the date. Meanwhile, if you have any comments, suggestions or questions, please call me on 01373 301656 or 07708 351323.

With thanks and best wishes to you all.

Kathy Hutt, Chair of Dilton Marsh Carnival Committee

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2016-17

August/September						
Monday	29	5	12	19	26	
Tuesday	30	6	13	20	27	
Wednesday	31	7	14	21	28	
Thursday	1	8	15	22	29	
Friday	2	9	16	23	30	
Saturday	3	10	17	24		
Sunday	4	11	18	25		

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December						
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March						
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6	13	20	27			3

Bank and Public Holidays 2016/2017

Christmas Day Holiday	26th December 2016	Term 1	37
Boxing Day Holiday	27th December 2016	Term 2	35
New Years Holiday	2nd January 2017	Term 3	29
Good Friday	14th April 2017	Term 4	35
Easter Monday	17th April 2017	Term 5	24
May Day Holiday	1st May 2017	Term 6	35
Spring Bank Holiday	29th May 2017	TOTAL	195
Summer Bank Holiday	28th August 2017		

5 days are also available for professional training day closures during term time, set by the Headteacher and Governors of each school.

Dates are correct at time of publication.

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