



DILTON MARSH C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 1 Newsletter 6 - Friday 18th October 2019

I cannot believe that we have finished a very busy term 1 already!

All children have settled into their classes well and have embraced new classroom routines and learning challenges with focus and enthusiasm.

Thank you for your support for our Harvest Festival where you donated an impressive 83kg of food items for the Warminster & District Foodbank. At the start of next term we will be supporting the Royal British Legion with the sale of Poppies and other items.

Wishing all of our families a restful Half -Term break and see you all again on Tuesday 5th November.

Absence reporting and lateness

Please can I remind you that any absence must be reported directly to the school office. This can be done via email (sc@diltonmarsh.wilts.sch.uk), by telephoning the school or by coming into the school office in person. Please do not send absence messages via elder siblings, other parents or staff around the school site. Dental and Doctors appointments should ideally be made outside of school hours unless an emergency. Absence for Hospital or Paediatrician's appointments should be supported by an appointment letter which we will ask to copy. If there is any unknown absence by 9am, then we will phone to clarify the reason.

We are also noticing that some children are repeatedly arriving late for school. Some mis-haps or reasons for occasion lateness are inevitable. Repeated lateness however, would perhaps suggest a change in morning routines are needed. Children arriving late is disruptive for their learning and the learning of the rest of the class. We will monitor lateness patterns alongside attendance and teachers will share any concerns they may have. Thank you for your support with these procedures.

Staffing update

Some of you may have been aware that Mrs Elkins left us during the summer holidays to take up a new role at the Post Office in Fairfield. Miss Bailey, who has been supporting Ash Class, will sadly be leaving us at the end of this term to work in a school closer to where she lives. I would like to thank both for their commitment and care for the children at Dilton Marsh and we wish them both well in their new roles.

Vacancies

We have a vacancy for a Teaching Assistant / MDSA to start as soon as possible. All information and application forms are available on the school website www.diltonmarsh.wilts.sch.uk

Lime Class World Nursery Rhyme Day—22nd November 2019

Lime Class will be enjoying a focus on well-loved nursery rhymes. We are asking all Lime Class children to dress up as their favourite nursey rhyme character to celebrate this day.

Reminder—hot lunches for next term

Please remember to book and pay for any hot meals for next term by the end of Tuesday 22nd October please so we can place the order with Kingdown School before the end of term. Thank you.

Christmas arrangements—save the dates!

As always, there are many events planned for Christmas next term. We are excited to be holding two afternoon performances for our Key Stage One Christmas production on Thursday 12th and Friday 13th December at 2pm. Booking and any costume information to follow nearer the time.

The FODS Christmas Fayre will be held on Thursday 5th December from 4.30—6.30pm.

We will be having Christmas lunch on Wednesday 18th December. Booking information to follow.

Key Stage Two will be leading our Christmas Extravaganza / Carol Service at Holy Trinity Church on Friday 20th December at 11am. All welcome. Please note we will be finishing at 12pm that day for the Christmas holidays.

Learning Highlights

Walk safe

Children from Willow Class received some practical road safety training this week where they learnt about common hazards and the importance of being visible—particularly during the winter weather. Evie from Willow Class shared, “ We have to keep our feet 2/3 inches from the kerb; if you are too close you might fall off into the road! Before you cross the road you need to look left and right and listen for any cars. Always cross the road with a grown up!”



Football tournament

We had outstanding success at the Inter-Schools Football tournament held at Kingdown School on Monday evening. Both the Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 teams demonstrated amazing football skills and teamwork to both finish in 1st place (for the second year running!) Well done to all children involved and thank you to parents for supporting.



Key dates for your diary

Monday 21 st October	OAK Class Sharing Assembly 2.30pm
	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 22 nd October	Parents' Evening
	Last day of Term 1
Wednesday 23 rd October	INSET DAY—School closed to pupils
Monday 4 th November	INSET DAY—School closed to pupils
Tuesday 5 th November	Term 2 begins
Wednesday 6 th November	Film Night—organised by FODS—further details to follow
Wednesday 13 th November	Willow Class Sharing Assembly 2.30pm
Thursday 14 th November	Beech Class Swimming starts
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need Day
Wednesday 20 th November	Cherry Class Sharing Assembly
Friday 22 nd November	KS1 Classroom visits and coffee morning Lime Class Nursery Rhyme dress-up day
Wednesday 27 th November	Ash Class Sharing Assembly
Friday 29 th November	Non-uniform day—donations for Christmas Fayre
Thursday 12 th December	KS1 Christmas performance (1) 2pm
Friday 13 th December	KS1 Christmas performance (2) 2pm
Thursday 5 th December	Christmas Fayre 4.30—6.30pm
Wednesday 18 th December	Whole school Christmas lunch
Friday 20 th December	Whole school Christmas service at Holy Trinity Church 11am. Last day of Term 2—12pm finish

FODS

The FODS team are working hard to organise events over the next term. Please keep an eye on the Parents' notice board at the front of school and the FODS tab on the school website for further details.



Lime Class	Matilda
Cherry Class	George
Ash Class	Leona
Willow Class	Alex
Chestnut Class	Maisie
Beech Class	Jude
Oak Class	Sofia

Congratulations to our 'Shining Stars' this week.

Star Writers this week are:

Lime Class	Bay
Cherry Class	Orla
Ash Class	Charys
Willow Class	Eleanor
Chestnut Class	Sebastian
Beech Class	Charlie
Oak Class	Noah

