



DILTON MARSH C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY NEWS

Friday 15th December 2017

We had a very wintery start to the week which has been a very busy one in school. We have seen wonderful Christmas plays from Lime, Cherry, Chestnut and Beech classes which have been very entertaining with all of the children truly entering into the Christmas spirit. The children performed beautifully and were the utmost professionals in terms of learning their lines and songs.

A huge thank you to all of our staff who have played such a crucial role in getting the children prepared for their roles. We still have Ash and Willow classes play to look forward to on Monday with two performances; one in the afternoon and one in the evening.

Although next week is a shorter week in school, it remains a packed one. Tuesday is Christmas jumper and Christmas lunch day and on Wednesday we have our Carol Service, led by year 6. Please join us in the church at 2pm. After the service, we will bring the children back to school ready for normal collection at 3pm, so please enjoy the refreshments provided at the church.

I do hope you all can enjoy a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas break. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

I look forward to seeing you again in 2018. (We return on Thursday 4th January).

Warm regards

Jo Ronxin

Acorn Education Trust

The Trust recently set out its core vision and purpose and we thought it was important to share it with you. The Trust's new website goes live in January. If you have any questions about the Trust please get in touch.

Active and visible leadership

Care, support and challenge

Opportunities for all

Respect, resilience and recognition

Needs of all are paramount



Christmas Jumper Day Tuesday 19th December



Join the fun & dress for Christmas Dinner!

(Please note, this is **not** a non-school uniform day, so school trousers, skirts and shoes etc must be worn as usual)

Carol Service

Wednesday 20th December
2pm in the church
Please join us

N.B. the children will be brought back to school for normal home time arrangements at 3pm

Holiday Birthdays

Mia J (8) Morgan (7) Soren (5)
Theo (10) Wilf (10) Solomon S (8)
Finley (5) Emma (7) Harrison (8)
Finlay-Ray (6) Oliver M (8)
Alexander H (6) Archie P (9)



Dates for your Diary

December

Mon 18 th	Ash & Willow Play	*1.30pm & 6pm	*please note change of time
Tues 19 th	Christmas Dinner & Christmas jumper day		
Wed 20 th	2pm Carol Service at the church		
Wed 20 th	3pm Break up for Christmas		

January

Thu 4 th	Return to school
Tue 23 rd	Young Ambassadors Conference (Part 2)

February

Tue 6 th	Dance Festival
Fri 9 th	Teacher Training Day
w/c 12 th	Holiday
Mon 19 th	Return to school



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 or e-mail: office@diltonmarsh.wilts.sch.uk

This week:

Attendance: 96.6%

Absence: 3.4%

Learning time lost this week: 36.5 days

Weekly Class Attendance Trophy

This week the winners are Lime Class with 1 day lost

Congratulations



School Registration times:

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

KS1- 8.55am (Lime, Cherry, Ash)

Contact us:

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Website: www.diltonmarsh.wilts.sch.uk

Quote of the month:

Listen To Instructions
Enter And Exit Prepared
Always Try Your BEST!
Respect Yourself & Others
NO EXCUSES!

House Point Scores

HAWK



435

MERLIN



669

FALCON



542

KESTREL



625

Please place your January dinner orders on

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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

Wednesdays 2.30pm

1st Dilton Marsh Rainbows



- We are girls aged 5-7
- We meet every Monday 5.15pm - 6.15pm
- We do lots of arts and crafts as well as play games and do lots of fun activities.

For details please contact us:

07812-912675

Jackienewell88@yahoo.co.uk

Christmas Bedtime Stories

At Westbury Library

Monday 18 December 5.45 – 6.30pm

Come and join us for a selection of Christmas stories for families with children aged 4 years and older

Pyjamas and dressing gowns optional!

No booking required – free activity



Treetops Breakfast Club

Monday-Friday

Open from 7.30am-8.30am

£4 a session

Forms are available on our website or from the office



Achievements

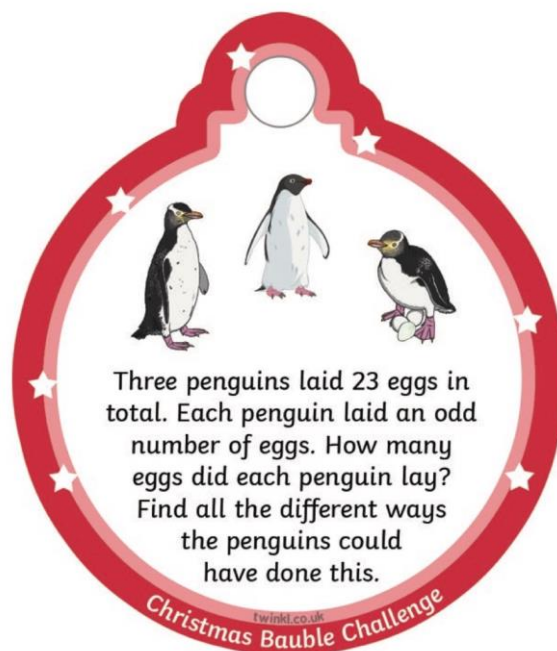
Amelia F passed Bronze Exam in
'Hip Hop' dancing
Congratulations

Dilton Café Church

Sunday 16th December, 10-11am
at the Memorial Hall.

Please come along, we have Open the
Book joining us

WEEKLY MATHS CHALLENGE...



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

Ever thought about volunteering?

Wiltshire's Primary Mentoring Scheme is looking for people who can spare a couple of hours of their time each week during the school day.

Wiltshire's Primary Mentoring Scheme is providing a mentoring program for primary school age pupils who are at risk of developing social, emotional and mental health difficulties. The aim of the scheme is to improve resilience and the emotional wellbeing of children by providing support, positive guidance and encouragement. This will help children to achieve their goals and aspirations. The volunteer mentor will support each child on the areas identified in their individual mentoring plan which could include areas like self-esteem, friendships, bullying, anxiety and transitioning to secondary school.

We are looking for people aged 18 and over with excellent listening and communication skills and an understanding of the issues facing young people today. The volunteer will need to be patient, flexible, committed, and reliable as well as having common sense, good empathy skills, a sense of fun and the willingness to try something new.

Our volunteers gain a great deal of satisfaction in making a difference to a child's/young person's life. It is also a great opportunity for volunteers to develop new skills and to gain experience in the field of working with children.

If you would like further information please contact Sue Nash, Volunteer Coordinator, Wiltshire Council. Tel: 01225 716623 or email: sue.nash@wiltshire.gov.uk

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Curriculum Information booklets

Many parents and carers ask us how they can help their child with maths. One of the best things you can do with your children is talk to them about maths. Sometimes it is even more important that you listen and let them explain what they are doing and why.

We have created a series of booklets to enable parents and carers to support their children in maths. Each booklet contains information about the mathematical skills most children will learn by the end of the relevant school year.

We have also created a pack based on KIRFs (Key, Instant, Recall Facts). These KIRFs are important facts that children should be able to recite quickly. The quicker they recall these facts the easier certain aspects of maths become.

This information can be found on our website www.diltonmarsh.wilts.sch.uk – Parent Information – Curriculum Information Booklets