



DILTON MARSH C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY NEWS

Friday 3rd February 2017

This week has flown by. As I sit here writing this for the newsletter I can't quite believe just how much we've managed to fit into one week. On Monday morning Lucia and Thomas arrived at my office door with a large envelop full of letters written by the children in Cherry Class. They have been learning all about the story of The Jolly Postman. The letters were full of advice for me on the best materials to use to build a den in my garden. They used their knowledge of the Three Little Pigs building materials and most of them suggested that I should use bricks and not straw, however I was particularly impressed with Emily's idea of building it from jewels as it would look beautiful and shine in the sunlight. The children's use of the conjunction "because" to explain their reasoning was very impressive.

On Monday afternoon we welcomed some visitors from the church into school to help each child make their Christingle orange, it is always an exciting time turning the cocktail sticks, candle and orange into a Christingle. The older children also helped the younger children. On Tuesday we welcomed Mrs Tomlinson, a student teacher from Bath Spa University. Mrs Tomlinson will be in Lime Class alongside Miss Griffin for the next 3 weeks. Lime Class have been learning about Chinese New Year, have made Chinese lanterns and even managed to recreate a Chinese dragon dance in their outdoor area. On Tuesday afternoon it was the turn of Oak Class to take part in the Anyone Can Cook session, they made Couscous Sandcastles, Pizza and Melon boats. Also on Tuesday we welcomed our local parishioners in to school for another "Open the Book" assembly. We do enjoy these assemblies and the children are always keen to participate with the acting.

Our Christingle on Wednesday afternoon over at the church was lovely. Christingle is a church service I always remember attending as a child. Some of our year 6 children read their prayers and the choir sang beautifully. Most of the children managed to resist the temptation to eat the sweets on our walk back to school. Look out for the candle collection boxes in book bags, as promised by Reverend Steve, for the Children's Society.

The other exciting news this week is about our Internet connection; (I know it may not seem that exciting to some) but we have been waiting for a very long time for an improved internet service to school. Now thanks to Rob Knott and his IT Team from Kingdown we have super-fast broadband! Rob has worked incredibly hard and has shown determination and lots of perseverance in getting it sorted for us. We are extremely grateful to him and the team. Faster internet in school means the children can all use the internet at the same time, teachers can upload photos onto the webpages without having to go and make a cup of tea while they waited for it to work and the ladies in the office and I can continue to work online when a class visits the IT Hub. This is revolutionary to us and now enables us to continue to improve the resources we have for Computing in school – Miss Tout our Computing Subject Lead is very excited; she has already put a long list together of things we can do now. It is also perfect timing for "Safer Internet Day" next Tuesday. As I'm sure you are all aware the virtual world is becoming more and more a part of daily life for our children both at home and at school. Safer Internet Day aims to promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people. Each class will be learning about the importance of safe online use and completing different activities during the week. We will be starting the week off with an assembly. Look out for our Safer Internet Day Competition on page 6.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend

Jill

Dates for your Diary



February

Fri 3rd Deadline for Mill on the Brue payments
Mon 6th Hockey Festival at Kingdown School
Tues 7th Yr 5's Kingdown Open Morning 9-11am
Tues 7th Oak Class to Matravers to watch 'Oliver'
Tues 7th Beech 'Anybody Can Cook' session
Wed 8th Visit from the Dog Trust
Wed 8th Cherry Celebration Assembly
w/c 13th **Holiday**
Mon 20th **Return to school**
Tues 21st Willow 'Anybody Can Cook' session
Wed 22nd Oak Class Celebration Assembly
Thurs 23rd Dance Festival
Mon 27th Girls Tag-Rugby at Warminster School

March

Wed 1st Lime Celebration Assembly
Wed 1st Parents Evening 5pm -7pm
Thu 2nd Parents Evening 2.30pm – 5.30pm
Mon 6th Hockey Tournament at Kingdown
Tues 7th Football & Netball at Warminster School
7th - 13th Scholastic Book Fayre
Thu 9th Lions Concert 6pm at Matravers
Fri 10th Book Week Celebration Assembly
Mon 13th High 5's at Kingdown
Wed 15th Ash Celebration Assembly
Fri 17th Wessex Water Assembly
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
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
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

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This week: Attendance: 96.1%
Absence: 3.9%

Learning time lost this week : 54.5 days

Weekly Class Attendance Trophy

This week the winners are
Beech Class

Congratulations



ASDA tokens...

Please help our school by placing your green counters in our school section when you shop in Asda Frome – if we win, we will receive a donation of £500!



Birthdays

Thomas(7) Josh(11)Sebastian(6)
Bailey(11) Emily W(6)



Contact us:

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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

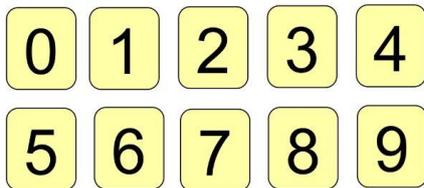


House Point Scores

HAWK		589
MERLIN		736
FALCON		688
KESTREL		705



THIS WEEKS MATHS CHALLENGE...



Use 3 cards to make a total of 15.

Easy eh!

But what I want to know is:

how many ways are there of making 15 by
adding three cards?

(Don't forget to use the nought card!)

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

Sports Corner

Oscar & Alfie took part in a District Swim Badge Event at Cubs and received their badges at Melksham Blue Pool on Saturday.

Isabella Green earned Badge 6 for gymnastics.

17 children will be attending a Hockey Festival at Kingdown School on Monday. The children will complete some skills based activities and play some mini games.



Community Cohesion

Our Christian value for the month is:

FRIENDSHIP

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 Guest

This week we welcomed Mrs Hampson



Beth, Holly, Connor & Joe entertained our guest with Cheesy Broccoli Pasta Bake followed by Strawberry Shortcake

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Valentines Fun for children
at Westbury Library
Tuesday 14th February
10.30am – 11.30am

Age 4+

Children must be supervised
Tel: 01373-822294 for more info



Kingdown School
Believe | Aspire | Achieve

Parents of Year 5 students who will be submitting their applications for secondary school places in October 2017 are invited to our **Talk & Tour** event, which takes place **on 7th February'17**
9am – 11 am
& 5pm to 6.30pm.

THE NEXT 5 WEEKS DINNER MENUS
CAN BE FOUND ON

WisePay

Please order as soon as possible.



Phoebe Brazier, currently the only Ofsted Registered Childminder based in Dilton Marsh.

Vacancies on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons 3-6pm. Also, early birds from 7am – 8.30am daily.

Fully insured, paediatric first aid qualification, food and hygiene qualification, safeguarding training and DBS checked. Registered to accept childcare vouchers.

Please contact Phoebe for more information: 07725 333125

or email phoebebrazier@hotmail.com

Facebook: Little Owls Childcare



Anybody Can Cook

This week Oak Class enjoyed making Couscous Sandcastles, Pizza's and Melon Boats.



Parents Evenings

Wed 1st March 5pm - 7pm

Thu 2nd March 2.30pm – 5.30pm

Please book your appointments on e-schools

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Also, please log-in to our Website... we are constantly adding photos and information for you. There are details of many events under 'Parents Information' in 'What's on – Community Links' which may help with holiday planning!

Also, don't forget to place your dinner orders on WisePay. Thank you



1. UK Safer Internet Centre



UK Safer Internet Centre: The European Commission appointed UK Safer Internet Centre is made up of three partners; Childnet International, the South West Grid for Learning and the Internet Watch Foundation. Together we raise awareness about internet safety, develop information materials and resources and organise high profile events such as Safer Internet Day. You can access a range of resources from across the UK, Europe and wider afield at www.saferinternet.org.uk/parents.



Registered UK Charity: 1080179

Childnet: Childnet International is a non-profit organisation working in partnership with others around the world to help make the internet a great and safe place for children. The Childnet website hosts all the online resources detailed below, as well as a number of recommended resources for young people, parents, carers and teachers. The Parents and Carers area also contains key advice, information on reporting and detailed information on a range of e-safety topics in the Hot topics section. www.childnet.com



Registered UK Charity: 1120954

South West Grid for Learning: The South West Grid for Learning (SWGfL) is a not for profit, charitable trust dedicated to the advancement of education through information and communication technologies. They provide safe, supported broadband internet, teaching and learning services for 2,600 schools in the South West of England and e-safety education and training regionally, nationally and internationally. They provide professionals, parents and children with advice, resources and support to use internet technologies safely to enhance learning and maximise potential. www.swgfl.org.uk



Registered UK Charity: 1112998

Internet Watch Foundation: The Internet Watch Foundation is the UK's hotline for reporting illegal content found on the internet. It deals specifically with child abuse and criminally obscene images hosted in the UK and internationally. The IWF works in partnership with the online industry, law enforcement, government, and international partners. It is a charity and a self-regulatory body with over 100 Members from the online industry. www.iwf.org.uk

2. Safer Internet Day



Safer Internet Day: Celebrated globally every year, Safer Internet Day offers the opportunity offers the opportunity to highlight positive uses of technology and to explore the role we all play in helping to create a better and safer online community. It calls upon young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers, and wider, to join together and play their part for a better internet. Ultimately, a better internet is up to us! www.saferinternetday.org.uk

3. Factsheets/information for parents and carers



Supporting Young People Online: A free guide created by Childnet providing information and advice for parents and carers on supporting young people online. The advice is also available in 12 additional languages including Arabic, Hindi, Polish, Spanish, Urdu and Welsh. www.childnet.com/resources/supporting-young-people-online



Information and Advice for Foster Carers/Adoptive Parents: The UK Safer Internet Centre has worked together with Islington Council to create leaflets for foster carers and adoptive parents. The leaflets, which are free to download and easy to print, include top tips and conversation starters to help foster carers and adoptive parents get to grips with internet safety. www.saferinternet.org.uk/fostering-adoption



Keeping Under Fives Safe Online: Children love using technology and are learning to navigate websites, online games and consoles, and touch screen technology like iPads and smartphones from a younger and younger age. This advice contains top tips for parents and carers for keeping children aged five and under safe online. www.childnet.com/resources/keeping-under-fives-safe-online

Safer Internet Day Competition

Design a “Safer Internet Superhero”



Think about your Super Heroes Skills
What is the message they are giving to help keep you safe
online?

All entries to be into school by **Friday 10th February**

Prize for the winning design.