

DILTON MARSH C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL FRIDAY NEWS

Friday 31st March 2017

It is hard to believe we are almost at the end of term 4 and now over half way through the year. We have had yet another busy week at school. Here are just a few of the things we have been up to this week;

With the sun shining our group of roving orienteers' headed out on an adventure around Kingdown after school on Monday. In pairs the children worked together to solve clues and find markers as they explored the grounds. The children had great fun and really enjoyed their first experience of Orienteering. Thank you to Miss Driscoll who accompanied the children.

On Monday evening, at the Garrison Church, our choir had the wonderful experience of rehearsing with the Warminster Military Wives in preparation for tonight's concert. We were all made to feel very welcome and enjoyed an evening of singing along with some very talented adults. We would like to wish Mrs Lawrence and all our choir members good luck for tonight's performance. It is going to be an amazing concert.



On Wednesday we entered a team of Gymnasts into a school gymnastics competition. The girls were judged on the vault and their floor routine. All the scores were added together and we came an amazing 13th out of 25 teams. We had great fun throughout the day using the beams, trampolines, bars and climbing out of the foam pits. This is definitely a competition we will be entering again next year.



Today, as we are typing this, the children in Key Stage 2 are enjoying a VE Day celebration as a finale to this terms topic. The weather is fine, so an outdoor street party is currently being enjoyed by all, complete with costumes, food, music and dance it is a true celebration.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend.



Tickets are on sale from the school office £2 each



Dates for your Diary



March Fri 31st Choir Concert with the Military Wives April Mon 3rd Tag-Rugby 3^{rd} - 5^{th} Beech Residential to Mill on the Brue Bird of Prey visit Wed 5th 2pm Easter Service in the Church Thu 6th 3pm Easter Egg Hunt at school Thu 6th Fri 7th **Teacher Training Day** w/c 10th & w/c 17th Holiday Mon 24th Return to school Wed 26th No Celebration Assembly Thu 27th **Chestnut Class Swimming** May Mon 1st **Bank holiday** Chestnut Class Celebration Assembly Wed 3rd $w/c 8^{th}$ KS2 SATS Week Wed 10th No Celebration Assembly Fri 12th **Class Photos** Wed 17th Cherry Class Celebration Assembly 27th-29th Scarecrow Trail weekend w/c 29th Holiday June $5^{\text{th}}-7^{\text{th}}$ Year 6 Residential to Mill on the Brue For events and activities through the **Easter Holidays** Please check out our website

www.diltonmarsh.wilts.sch.uk Parent Information

WE WON!!!!!!!

ASDA Frome: There is a cheque for £500 on the way to us. Thank you all for helping us win

The **SAINSBURY** tokens collection box is in the main reception area. Please help us collect as many as we can.

Birthdays

Harry(5) James(10) Grace T(8) Elicia(9) Leon(6) River(7) Rhys(10) ChildLine

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.

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This week:Attendance:96.3%Absence:3.7%

Learning time lost this week : 33.5 days

Weekly Class Attendance Trophy

This week the winners are Beech Class **Congratulations**



School Registration times:

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

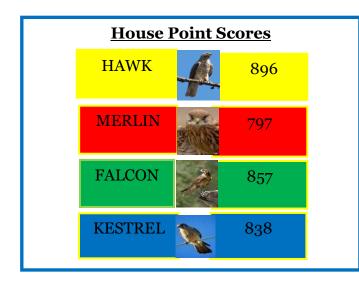
> KS1- 8.55am (Lime, Cherry & Ash)

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





Sports Corner

On Monday 10 Yr5/6 children enjoyed themselves in the sunshine when they took part in orienteering at Kingdown School.

On Wednesday Erin, Lottie, Grace, Evie, Bethany and Courtneigh took part in a Gymnastics Competition at The School of Gymnastics in Melksham. The girls all performed a floor routine and a vault exercise and finished in 13th place out of 25.

Out of school

Erin passed Stage 4 swimming.

Sam L passed Level 5 swimming.

Coco came 4th in an Aquathlon (50m swim and 600 m run) in Burnham on sea last Sunday.

Congratulations 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

> Lunch Guests This week we welcomed Zara Elkins & David McGirr



Gil, Sakura, Harmony & Ben entertained our guests with Cheese & Potato Pie with Carrot & Courgette Chips & Sweetcorn followed by **Chocolate Brownies & Cream**



Morgan & West **Time Travelling Magicians** 7**.30**pm Sat 8th April

Tickets available from Crowning Glory & Fairfield Café Suitable for all the family

THIS WEEKS MATHS CHALLENGE ...



Creepy Crawlies

Ross collects lizards, beetles and worms. He has more worms than lizards and beetles together. Altogether in the collection there are twelve heads and twenty-six legs. How many lizards does Ross have?

Answers to Mr Bullen by next Friday please. There will be a certificate for the best response! There will be a donation tin in main reception next week in memory of Bob Donnelly.

All proceeds will go to Friends of Warminster Hospital.



Chestnut Class enjoyed their 'Anybody Can Cook' session this week. They made Melon Boats, Pizza's and Couscous Sandcastles.



All classes have now enjoyed an 'Anybody Can Cook' session. We would like this opportunity to thank Sarah Hopkins for running the sessions and the Bishop Wordswoth Educational Trust for the Westbury Area Schools Partnership for funding the sessions. Their aim is to get children cooking healthy food with their families and seeing how many family members arrived, showed this is possible. Thank you all for your support. If you haven't already, please have a look at the photos on our website.







Dear Parents,

Thank you very much for the generous collection you made on behalf of the Children's Society at the Christingle Service. I have been 'Box Secretary' for the society for a long time and the people of Dilton Marsh have always been very generous in supporting the work carried out by the society on behalf of vulnerable young people in our own country.

I am looking for one or two people willing to help with the village collection (September each year), with a view to taking over from me now that I am getting older. I would of course, be willing to help any new volunteers. The Treasurer counts and banks the money at present. If you are interested, please contact me after Easter.

Thank you,

Enid Holbrow

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Westbury Lions are offering 24 people a FREE day trip to Paulton's Park on Sunday 7^{th} May. Both the coach and the admission will be free.

The coach will pick up from the road outside school at 8.45am, then will leave Paulton's Park at 4pm, so should be back in Dilton at 5.15/5.30pm.

If you are interested, please complete the slip below and hand in to the school office **<u>by Tuesday</u>** next week. All completed forms will then be put in as hat and the winners will be the first ones pulled out.

To make this fair, the Lions Club are offering the maximum of 2 tickets per family - 1 adult & 1 child (obviously the adult will need to supervise the child they are travelling with).

If you are a winner, you are advised to take your own picnic as the food there can be quite expensive.

Return to school office by Tuesday 4th April

I would like to be entered in to the draw for the Paulton's Park Day out on Sunday 7th May.

Name of adult(please print)

Contact Number

RE recent increase in cases of Scarlet fever and Chicken Pox in schools reported to PHE South West Centre

At present, PHE are receiving an increased number of calls from schools reporting cases of Scarlet Fever and Chicken Pox. This letter outlines simple advice about protecting children from these infections.

Chickenpox

Chickenpox is a mild and common childhood illness that most children catch at some point. It causes a rash of red, itchy spots that turn into fluid-filled blisters. They then crust over to form scabs, which eventually drop off. To prevent spreading the infection, keep children off nursery or school until all the spots have crusted over. For most children, chickenpox is a mild illness that gets better on its own. But some children can become more seriously ill and need to see a doctor.

Scarlet fever

Scarlet fever is also a mild childhood illness but unlike chickenpox, it requires antibiotic treatment. Symptoms include a sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting, followed by a fine red rash which typically first appears on the chest and stomach, rapidly spreading to other parts of the body. On more darkly-pigmented skin, the scarlet rash may be harder to spot, but it should feel like 'sandpaper'. The face can be flushed red but pale around the mouth. As the rash fades the skin on the fingertips, toes and groin area can peel.

If you think a child has scarlet fever:

• they need to see their GP or contact NHS 111 as soon as possible

• Make sure that the child takes the full course of any antibiotics prescribed by the doctor.

• Stay at home, away from nursery, school or work for at least 24 hours after starting the antibiotic treatment, to avoid spreading the infection

Complications

Children who have had chickenpox recently are more likely to develop more serious infection during an outbreak of scarlet fever and vigilance is required for symptoms such as a persistent high fever, cellulitis (skin infection) and arthritis. If you are concerned for any reason please seek medical assistance immediately.