



DILTON MARSH C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter 6 Term 3 - Friday 12th February 2021

Dear parents and carers

Finally, it is the last day of term and we are all looking forward to a well-earned rest over the holiday. In school, we have so much respect for our home parent teachers – you have all been amazing. You have adapted and taught your children, whilst trying to keep up with work and trying to be parents, all at the same time. Next week, there is no home learning. Next week, it is time to enjoy your children for the wonders they are. Enjoy the time, get out but please stay safe.

We are looking forward to an announcement on Monday 22nd February about a possible return to school on 8th March. We will find out what that looks like at the same time as you, whether that is the return of the whole school or certain year groups.

Our key workers, vulnerable children group will return to school on Monday 22nd February.

Jill Hibbs
Headteacher

World Book Day—Thursday 4th March 2021

On Thursday 4th March, we will be celebrating World Book Day. Each class will be preparing their own activities for the day. We would like all the children to dress up as their favourite book character whether we are on TEAMS or at school. We would love to see your photos! Further information to follow.

Fundraising

Indie from Ash Class keeps up her challenge to raise £50 for Cancer Research. If you would like to donate please follow the link below:

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Learning news

In science this term Ash Class have been thinking about materials including recycling.

Bobby went out with his family on Sunday collecting rubbish around where they live. They collected 4 bags of rubbish. Bobby was really proud of himself saying he was helping the planet and wildlife.



Harriett and Oliver from Willow Class had to design an animal mask in the style of Henri Rousseau.



Let's celebrate!

'Lockdown Legends'

- Lime Class:** Emily for her fabulous 'Where is Teddy?' video, using her prepositions.
- Cherry Class:** Carlos for concentrating so well and always working so hard.
- Ash Class:** Indie for all of her marvellous challenges that she has completed this week.
- Willow Class:** Tyler for writing a great version of his own story based on 'Into the Forest'.
- Chestnut Class:** Evelyn for an amazing piece of Rousseau inspired art.
- Beech Class:** Marshall for showing great enthusiasm for his writing and reading.
- Oak Class:** Erin for such brilliant story writing.

'Blazing Bubbler'

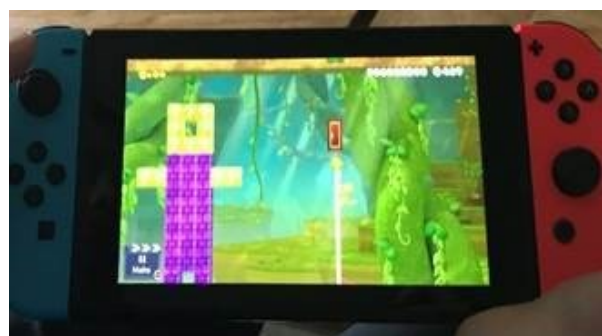
- Year R nominated by Miss Ward:** Harrison for his fabulous progress with writing sentences.
- Year 1/2 nominated by Mrs Lazar / Mrs Broad:** Elijah for concentrating on his writing this week and really thinking about what sounds he needs to build his words.
- Year 3/4 nominated by Miss Tout / Mrs Bown:** Noah for some excellent answers during art this week.
- Year 5/6 nominated by Mr Foyle / Mr Bullen:** William for good effort in class this week.

House Captain challenge

Over the last few weeks our brilliant House Captains have been thinking of a range of challenges for families to complete at home. This week's challenge has been thought up by Henry. He would like you to participate in a 'Funny Photo Challenge'. In the 'Funny Photo Challenge' we would like you to focus on the funniest places that you have done your learning this week. Please message our Facebook page with your photos.

Children's Mental Health Week

Children in Chestnut Class have been 'Expressing themselves' this week. Evelyn and Eleanor capture their outer and inner self through art. James created a game to reflect his personality.



Important message from Wiltshire Council

‘Wiltshire Council is urging parents, children and young people to continue to follow social distancing guidance during the half term holidays’.

Kate Blackburn, Director of Public Health for Wiltshire, said: "The rate of COVID-19 cases reported in Wiltshire has fallen over the last seven days and this is largely due to the fact that local people have played their part and followed the lockdown rules.

"Next week is the school half term holiday and I am appealing to parents, children and young people to continue to [follow social distancing guidance](#). I know this will be hard and that many children are missing their friends, but please do not be tempted to break the rules; this will help to contain the virus and so make it possible for children to go back to school and meet up with friends again in the future.

"I am also asking people not to hold sleepovers this half term, as Halloween sleepovers held during the October half term break led to a number of outbreaks last year. By following the rules, you are helping to reduce the spread of infection so we can all get back to normal faster."

During half term, parents can form a **childcare bubble** for a child under 14, with one other household, ideally who live locally. The childcare bubble is for childcare only and should not be used to mix with another household for social reasons.

A [childcare bubble](#) is different to a [support bubble](#) which is a support network linking two households. You can only **form a support bubble** if you meet one of the following criteria:

- You live by yourself
- You have a child under one
- You're a single adult living with one or more children under 18
- You're the only adult in your household not in need of continuous care
- You have a child under 5 with a disability who requires continuous care
- You're aged 16 or 17 living with others of the same age and without any adults

During half term there are a number of activities available for families:

- The [Active Communities](#) page on the Wiltshire Council website has details of activities and resources for families during half term. The resources, activities and ideas support mental health, promote physical activity and ideas to do something new or different.
- The Reading Agency has a [Winter Mini Challenge](#) which challenges children to read at least three books by Friday 19 February. If they review the books online, children unlock limited edition virtual badges and a special certificate
- Wiltshire libraries have [recordings of story times, author talks and craft activities](#)
- A number of [Wiltshire Council libraries](#) are offering an order and collect service with bookable computers for essential use
- Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre is setting families a challenge to record their creative activities - a record that could become part of our [Living in Lockdown archive](#).

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and education