



DILTON MARSH C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter 7 Term 2 - Thursday 17th December 2020

Dear parents and carers

Wow! What an autumn term we have had! I love my job and I love seeing the children every day and making great progress but this term has to have been the hardest in my career. Every day is possible due to the support we have all received from each other.



A huge thanks to the teachers and teaching assistants who have come into school regardless of their own fears and worries, put on a happy face and taught your children. Thank you for helping the children learn and be confident. Thank you for wiping noses and knees! Thank you for making us all smile and supporting each other.

Thank you to our band of cleaners who have gone over and above to ensure every surface is cleaned to an inch of it's life!

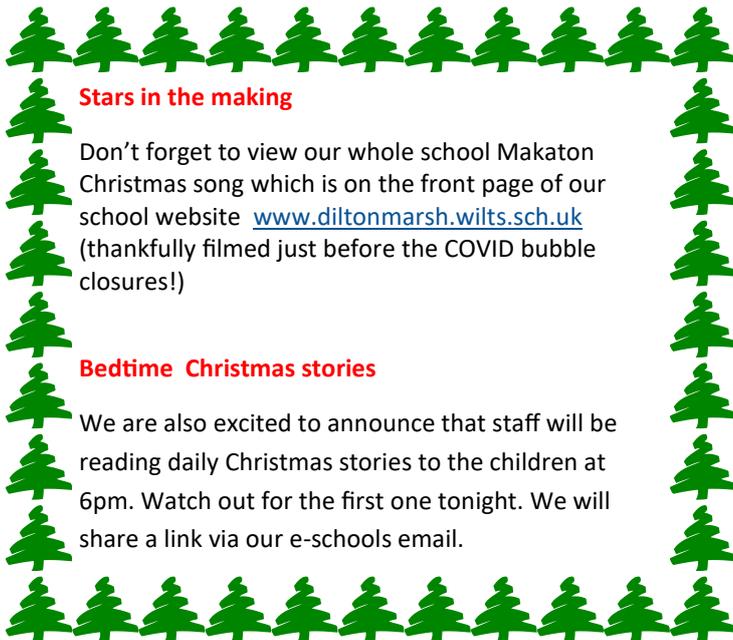
Thank you to Mrs Smith for all the jobs she has had this term – dinner lady, toilet cleaner, playground assistant, TA, and anything else I've missed!

Thank you to Miss Coleman who always tries to answer all your queries with a smile but also puts up with me interrupting her with more jobs everyday!

Thank you to FODS for making our final Christmas week a little more Christmassy with the raffle and the Fayre to Share bags - which the children have loved and finally ...the Santa video (see below).

Finally, my biggest thanks must go to the children and families who have put their faith in us to keep them safe. We have had to make some difficult decisions this term which sometimes go against our 'teacher instinct' but have been made to keep everyone safe. The children have adapted to the new ways brilliantly. We do ask that you continue to contact me over the first part of the holidays if you or the children test positive so that I can inform other parents through track and trace – please see the poster attached.

Today I was very excited to receive a message from Santa. I rushed into Cherry, Ash and Chestnut classes to let them know and the children were wowed to see a personal video. If you would like to see the video FODS have created an event which you can join : <https://facebook.com/events/s/a-message-from-santa-for-the-c/393386188552119/?ti=icl>



Stars in the making

Don't forget to view our whole school Makaton Christmas song which is on the front page of our school website www.diltonmarsh.wilts.sch.uk (thankfully filmed just before the COVID bubble closures!)

Bedtime Christmas stories

We are also excited to announce that staff will be reading daily Christmas stories to the children at 6pm. Watch out for the first one tonight. We will share a link via our e-schools email.

Tim Hubby





Monday 4/1/2021	Inset day - school closed to pupils
Tuesday 5/1/2021	Start of Term 3