



DILTON MARSH C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY NEWS

Friday 16th December 2016

This is my favourite week in school and we have certainly packed in lots of festive activities!

Amongst other things, this week we've had three performances from Oak and Beech Class. They certainly entertained us with their production of Sleeping Beauty - the ugly truth. Everyone enjoyed the singing, acting and fabulous comedy moments. The children were outstanding and many visitors commented on the talent we have in school!

On Monday evening I had the pleasure of accompanying the choir at All Saints Church in Westbury for the Rotary Carol Service. The choir performed 3 Christmas songs perfectly – despite the church being cold, they warmed everyone's hearts with their angelic voices.

Christmas dinner on Wednesday was lovely. A big thank you to all the kitchen staff – they worked so hard to provide a delicious dinner for 186 children and 23 staff. We managed to set the hall with enough seats for all of the children and staff to eat together this year. It was wonderful, Liam came to tell me it was the best Christmas lunch he'd had at school because all the staff got to sit with the children. The afternoon ended with a school Christmas Cinema.



This has been a very busy but wonderful term and I would just like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all the children and staff. Over the past couple of weeks we have been treated to three totally mesmerizing Christmas Productions in which every child in school has taken part. The singing and acting has been outstanding. I am incredibly proud of all the children for working so hard and of course the staff for all their dedication, hard work and enthusiasm!

On behalf of all the children, staff and Academy Councilors', I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. Enjoy the Christmas break and we will see you all again on Wednesday 4th January 2017.





THIS WEEKS MATHS CHALLENGE...

12 Days Of Christmas

According to the traditional song, on the first day of Christmas (25th December), my true love sent to me:

. A partridge in a pear tree

On the second day of Christmas (26th December), my true love sent to me THREE presents:

. Two turtle doves
. A partridge in a pear tree

On the third day of Christmas (27th December and so on) my true love sent to me SIX presents:

. Three French hens
. Two turtle doves
. A partridge in a pear tree

This carries on until the the twelfth day of Christmas, when my true love sends me:

Twelve drummers drumming
Eleven pipers piping
Ten lords a-leaping
Nine ladies dancing
Eight maids a-milking
Seven swans a-swimming
Six geese a-laying
Five gold rings
Four calling birds
Three French hens
Two turtle doves
A partridge in a pear tree

After the twelve days of Christmas are over, how many presents has my true love sent me altogether?

Solutions to Mr Bullen by Friday 6th Jan please. There will be certificate for the best response!



Sports Corner

Out of school

Tillie, Riley & Sophie completed the 'Santa Dash' 3km fun run at Leighton. Tillie was 3rd in the under 10 girls category, taking 20 minutes to complete the course. Madison & Ashton Hibberd both passed their grading to become Yellow Belts in Martial Arts.

Harrison passed Stage 1 swimming and is now a green belt in Mixed Martial Arts. Mia M passed Stage 5 swimming.

Congratulations to you all

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**

E-mail: office@diltonmarsh.wilts.sch.uk

This week: Attendance: 96.9%
Absence: 3.1%

Learning time lost this week : 38 days
Learning time lost this term : 286 days

Weekly Class Attendance Trophy

This week the winners are
Beech Class
Congratulations



Christmas Dinner

We wore our Christmas jumpers while enjoying Christmas Dinner on Wednesday. A huge thank you to Mrs Till, Mrs Hibberd and Mrs Hodgkinson-Rowe for cooking **209** lovely Christmas Dinners.

The children and staff ate together in the hall with Christmas music playing and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. Thank you ladies!

School Registration times:

KS2-8.45am (Willow, Chestnut, Beech, Oak)
KS1- 8.55am (Lime, Cherry & Ash)

Contact us:

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Dates for your Diary

January

Tue 3rd Teacher Training Day

Wed 4th Return to school

Wed 4th No assembly

February

w/c 13th Holiday

Can you spare an hour a week to listen to readers? If you can, please speak to the office so we can organise a DBS check. Thank you



Carol Service



Thank you for joining us, I'm sure you will all agree, it was a lovely end to the term.

Thank you also to the Church for kindly providing refreshments for our parents.

Please place your dinner orders for January on



Reminder:

Year 5 payments for Mill on the Brue can be by instalments on **WisePay**

Full payment by Friday 3rd February.

Music Lessons in January...

Violin starts Friday 6th January
&

Piano & Guitar start Tuesday 10th January



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

Every Wednesday 2.30pm

Please join us to celebrate the children's work

Thank you for your donations, we received 300kg of clothes and a cheque for £120!



House Point Scores

This terms winners are Hawk.

Congratulations!!!

£25 is being sent to Macmillan

HAWK



765

MERLIN



635

FALCON



679

KESTREL



623

Holiday Birthdays

Theo(9) Wilf(9) Solomon(7) Finley(5) Emma(6) Harrison(7) Finlay-Ray(5) Ollie(7)



After School Clubs will start w/c 9th January and available clubs will be issued the week we return to school.

Can you help?

We would like to offer a High 5's Netball Club & a Tag-Rugby Club but need coaches with the relevant qualifications/experience. Obviously you would need a DBS check completed before starting, but we are happy to organise this.

Please e-mail office@diltonmarsh.wilts.sch.uk if you are interested and we will contact you in the New Year. Thank you

Attendance

As you know, attendance is carefully monitored by the Government and Local Authority; so please help us by ensuring your child is at school unless they are poorly. Wherever possible please book any medical appointments and holidays to coincide with the school holidays.

Raise Your Childs Attendance - Raise their Chances!

What does **"Good attendance"** mean?

90% attendance - Is that good?

90% attendance = ½ day missed every week!!

(Would your boss like you to be off work this much??). That's practically part time!

Every Lesson Counts....

Congratulations to the following children who have achieved an outstanding 100% attendance since the beginning of this academic year:

From Lime Class - Emilie Arnold, Evelyn Brown, Khloe Edmonds, Poppy Hyatt, Heidi Kearl and Brinley Sloper

From Cherry Class – Matthew Darch, Lucia Green, Alexander Naulls, Imogen Savides and Milo Talbot

From Ash Class – Charlie Amor, Courtney Cranston, Lilly-Mae Galley, William Harris, Ollie Murray, Ella Reeve and Solomon Stansfield

From Willow Class – Isabella Green, Luke Green, Aurora Hodgkinson-Rowe, Maddison Lux, Jessica Meadows, Toby Morris, Zoe Reeves, Noah Savides, Caroline South and Grace Till

From Chestnut Class – Jasmine Amor, Emily Cooke, Theo Fletcher, Oscar Froggatt, Sophie Geary, Thandoe Katsande, Charlie Oley and Mia Walter

From Beech Class – Lottie Farndale, Madison Hibberd, Chloe Hudd, Matilda Stansfield, Liam Till and Ruby Yates

From Oak Class – Izabella Campbell, Harmony Curtis, Jessica Hiscock, Courtneigh Meadows, Hector Ritchie, Adam Rutt, Connor Shelbourne, Amy Walter and Felix Wells

EXTREME HAIR-CUTS

Please remember tramlines and Mohican hair-cuts are not allowed at school.

Thank you for your co-operation



Carols on the Village Green

On Wednesday 21st December
join us for an evening of
traditional Christmas Carols
and Songs on the Green,
Stormore

Singing begins at 7:30pm

In the event of bad weather,
we will adjourn to the Prince of Wales

