



Dear parents,

Who would ever imagine the end of Term 4 would be so quiet? At school we have carried on with our Easter activities, making cards, creating gifts and designing and building a vehicle to carry eggs. Please have a look on our Facebook page, @DiltonMarshSch, where we try to keep everyone updated and keep in touch. This week staff have been in school on a rota system. Staff not in school are kept busy completing online training or writing the children's Annual Report, whilst juggling their own childcare or family responsibilities. Annual Reports will be sent home in the first week after Easter.

We are preparing for the current situation to continue after the Easter holidays. Teachers have already started to plan work for the children which will be available each week. Don't forget if you have any difficulties accessing work give us a ring. Phones are always manned until 11am and we are happy to print out work and leave them in the entrance for you to collect at your convenience.

Just as we finished school we set up the children's pages where they can submit their work. They can use this page to chat to their teachers and to their friends. All the teachers have access to the chats so can monitor to ensure that all conversations follow our e-safety rules. If your child was away at that time they may not have taken home or collected their log in so please get in contact and we can send that information.

This week we have been busy organising Easter care for families of Key Workers. This will take place at The Avenue School in Warminster. We will re-open Dilton for our Key Worker and Vulnerable families after that. We have also been sent information about the supply of Free School Meal vouchers from the start of Term 5. We will be sending home shopping vouchers but these are only for children in receipt of Free School Meals, not those children in Lime, Cherry and Ash classes who receive Universal Infant Free School Meals. If you think you may now qualify for Free School Meals please go to Wiltshire Council website - <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-free-school-meals>

Headteacher

Council hub set-up to support vulnerable people during COVID-19

The council has set up a dedicated hub to take phone calls from people who need support during the ongoing COVID-19 situation.

The Wiltshire Wellbeing Hub is available to anyone who is struggling during this difficult time, and our team can signpost them to where additional help is available in their local area – with hundreds of community groups set up across the county providing invaluable assistance. We can also support with deliveries of food and other essentials.

People can get in touch with the hub by calling 0300 003 4576 and it's available from 8am-8pm Monday-Friday and 10am-4pm Saturday and Sunday or via email at wellbeinghub@wiltshire.gov.uk

There are also various support networks locally which can be found in the latest edition of the Parish Newsletter. This can be found on our school website <https://dilton-marsh.eschools.co.uk/website/>

Headteacher's Awards - well done all!



- ◇ Mia from Chestnut Class has successfully passed her Stage 5 swimming.
- ◇ Henry in Beech Class, nominated by Miss Driscoll, has produced a brilliant powerpoint on Rivers as part of their Geography home-learning.
- ◇ Mrs Miller for being the first TA to log on to Teams and send me a message.
- ◇ William K in Lime Class, nominated by Mrs Broad, for being an aspiring engineer with great designs for the egg vehicle.
- ◇ Tallulah in Ash Class for the great quantity of work she has been producing at home.
- ◇ Sophia and Josh from Chestnut Class, nominated by Mr Bullen, for engaging so well in their home-learning activities.

Your news

Thank you to all of you who have shared your news with us and ways in which you have been keeping active and busy at home.



Elijah making banana bread



Faye has been practising making repeating patterns



Mia from Beech Class has been exercising with her dog, Odie.



Daily morning ballet for Ava.

Respect

Fulfilling our school value of Respect Arthur K demonstrated great leadership and team spirit when working on the Egg Vehicle challenge at school this week. He showed great sportsmanship and the importance of being fair - suggesting that everyone should win as they all tried equally.

Thank you

Thanks to everyone who has been so generous bringing us gifts.

We've had plenty of sweet treats to keep us going from parents, Mrs Cooper and even the Easter bunny!

Wishing you all a Happy and safe Easter.



Challenge of the week - you may win a prize!

BOOK SCAVENGER HUNT

- Find an animal in a book.
- Find the word spring in a book.
- Find someone helping someone in a book.
- Find a picture of a sun in a book.
- Find a book that makes you laugh.
- Find a bug in a book.
- Find someone sleeping in a book.
- Find a character eating in a book.
- Find a pet in a book.
- Find a cat in a book.
- Find a superhero in a book.
- Find a bike in a book.



Record a list of the title and author of the books you find each item in.

Email your list to admin@diltonmarsh.wilts.sch.uk