



DILTON MARSH C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY NEWS

Friday 24th November 2017

Beautiful singing has been heard across school this week, with lots of excitement as rehearsals for Christmas Plays are well under way. The only trouble with Christmas Plays is that the songs are extremely catchy and you often find yourself humming along to the tune while shopping in the supermarket. The choir has also been raising our roof with their incredible voices as they rehearse for the forthcoming Christmas Carol Concert and the opportunity to sing outside of Bath Abbey. As well as singing, other signs that Christmas is around the corner are appearing in school too. Glitter pots are out in classrooms and amazing entries for the Christmas Tree Decoration Competition are arriving.

It was lovely to see so many of you at Parents Evening this week. We hope you found the meetings informative, especially the opportunity to see your child's Literacy and Numeracy books and the sharing of your child's targets.

Lime Class wowed us with a wonderful assembly on Wednesday afternoon, their first celebration assembly of the year. They were amazing, they sat beautifully, spoke clearly and showed off some of their brilliant work they have completed so far this term. I was particularly impressed by their confidence when speaking in front of a huge audience, they were fabulous.

Earlier this week we welcomed Gemma from the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust. She led an informative assembly about recycling. The children have all been given a Waste Watcher Challenge Card to complete at home with prizes available to all who complete the challenges of recycling, reducing and reusing waste over the next two weeks. The teachers have also agreed to take up the challenge.

Finally, I'd just like to say Thank you!

Thank you for all your help, support, trust and friendship over the 17 years I have been part of this incredible school. I have had the privilege of working with, and more recently leading, a highly dedicated, talented group of staff and working with the most amazing children ever. I am looking forward to the new challenge ahead of me during my secondment and I am taking with me many experiences from my time at Dilton Marsh, including being part of the team who achieved "Outstanding Ofsted" and more recently, leading the school through its "Outstanding SIAMS." I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here and I am extremely proud to have been part of such a special team. Dilton Marsh C of E Primary School and the community will always hold a very special place in my heart. I am going to miss the children so very much and of course you as parents - that was the most difficult part of the decision making.

Jill

It is with heavy hearts that we say goodbye to Mrs Farndale today. After 17 years, it is fair to say she has made a huge difference to many children - if our calculations are correct, that is by teaching approximately 450 children, and being Head to 236! Quite an achievement and something to be very proud of. We will miss Mrs Farndale so much... the soothing conversations she has with children when they are upset, the calm manner she deals with any issues between the children, the delight she has when children show her their amazing work, the Birthday cards, the dress-up outfits and the Friday cakes in the Staffroom!

On behalf of all the children and staff, we would like to wish Mrs Farndale lots of luck at Great Wishford, we know she will be amazing there and our loss is most definitely their gain!

Due to poor light, Football Club will end on Thursday 30th November



Contact us:

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Website: www.diltonmarsh.wilts.sch.uk

School Registration times:

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

KS1- 8.55am(Lime, Cherry, Ash)

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: 97%

Absence: 3%

Learning time lost this week: 60.5 days

Weekly Class Attendance Trophy

This week the winners are Willow Class with 2 days lost

Congratulations



Dates for your Diary



November

Mon 27th

Beech to Matravers to watch 'Beauty & the Beast'

Wed 29th

Closing date for Christmas Tree Decorations

December

Fri 1st

Christmas Fayre 5.30pm-7.30pm

Sun 3rd

9am Shopping Trip to Southampton

Mon 4th

Christmas Maths Day

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Rotary Carol Concert

Thu 7th

1.30-3pm School Choir performing outside Bath Abbey

Mon 11th

Chestnut & Beech Play 1.30pm & 6pm

Wed 13th

Lime & Cherry Play 2.15pm & 6pm

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Flu Vaccinations

Mon 18th

Ash & Willow Play 2pm & 6pm

Tues 19th

Christmas Dinner & Christmas jumper day

Wed 20th

Carol Service at the church, then Break up for Christmas

January

Thu 4th

Return to school

February

Fri 9th

Teacher Training Day

w/c 12th

Holiday

Mon 19th

Return to school



We raised £360...and still counting !

Thank you all so much.

WEEKLY MATHS CHALLENGE...

Find all the numbers that can be made by adding the dots on two dice.



Answers to Mr Bullen by next Friday please. There will be a certificate for the best response!

Treetops Breakfast Club

Monday-Friday

Open from 7.30am-8.30am

£4 a session

Forms are available on our website or from the office



Birthdays

Ashton (7)

Tilly (11)

Madison (11)



Quote of the Month:

If you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours!



Community Cohesion

Our Christian value for the month is:

RESPECT

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 Mr Broad, our Girls Football Coach



Lily-Grace, Lottie, Chloe and Madison entertained our guest with Beef Cobbler & vegetables followed by Fruit Crumble & Cream



House Point Scores

HAWK		214
MERLIN		413
FALCON		351
KESTREL		369



Can you help?

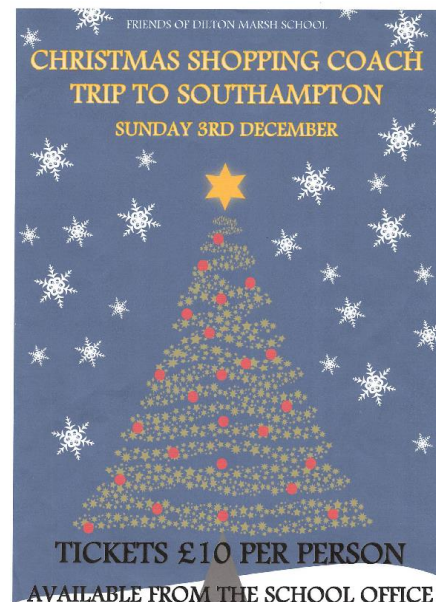
We need donations for the Christmas Fayre please...

- Beech Class are holding a Cake Sale, so would be very grateful for donations on the day
- Oak Class are running a Chocolate Tombola so need chocolate of ANY description
- Willow Class are running a Bottle Stall so need bottles - these can be drinks or bubble bath or any other item in a bottle
- FODS are running the Raffle & Tombola, so need prizes for both

If you can donate, we would be very grateful. Thank you



DON'T MISS OUT, ONLY A FEW TICKETS REMAINING...



Please ensure your child brings a coat to school every day.

Also, please name all coats and uniform.

Thank you



Please place your dinner orders on

WisePay



Sports Council Questionnaire

Thank you to those who took the time to complete and return the sports questionnaires.

We are very grateful for your thoughts and ideas and will use the results in our future sports planning.

Our aim is to create an even more active school.

Mrs Chalke and Sports Council.



Change for Life club takes place every lunch time and is run by Mrs Chalke. The club is open to everyone and they are welcome to come and go as they please.

The activities are a mix of non-competitive and competitive activities and games, developing a range of fundamental movement skills.

A weekly timetable of activities is displayed on the children's noticeboard.

1st Dilton Marsh Rainbows

- We are girls aged 5-7
- We meet every Monday 5.15pm - 6.15pm
- We do lots of arts and crafts as well as play games and do lots of fun activities.

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