



# DILTON MARSH C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Newsletter 3 Term 4 - Friday 18th March 2022

Dear parents and carers

It has been a difficult week at school this week with Covid hitting our youngest classes and their staff. With no available teaching cover the whole staff have done an amazing job to fill in and ensure that there is minimum impact to the children and the rest of the school. I know I have said it before but I really am so proud of the way everyone works as a team throughout the school year. I know that there are a number of parents who are also ill so I wish everyone a speedy recovery.

We now have seen the end of this round of assessments. We will gather the data and share this with you towards the end of the term. We will also use the data, along with our teacher assessments, to identify any children at risk of falling behind. Next week we look forward to returning to our normal timetable. Please get in touch if you don't have your class letter or knowledge organiser so that you can talk to your children at home about their learning.

Please can I encourage you not to arrive on site too early in the mornings, or if you are outside waiting for the gates to open please ensure the children are lined up and waiting quietly. We are concerned about the safety of the children who are running around the parked cars and over the grass roundabout at a time when staff are still driving into the carpark. Thank you for your support with this.

### How do we identify SEND at Dilton Marsh? (written by SENCO, Mrs Down)

*'At Dilton Marsh C of E Primary School, we aim to inspire, nurture and challenge our children to achieve their full potential by enabling them to learn with enthusiasm, develop their creativity, discover their talents and do their best. We believe that all children should make progress regardless of their SEN & D.'*

I am the Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO). My role is to monitor and coordinate provision, provide advice and liaise with parents and outside agencies.

At Dilton Marsh C of E Primary School, we have a clear approach to identifying and responding to SEND. We recognise that early identification and effective provision improves long-term outcomes for the children. Classroom teachers carry out regular assessments for all children, with the aim of identifying and removing barriers to learning for children who are making less than expected progress.

Progress will be monitored by considering the following:

- Progress is significantly slower than the class average, from the same baseline
- Progress does not match or better the pupil's previous rate of progress
- Progress fails to close the attainment gap within the class
- The attainment gap is widened by the plateauing of progress

Class teachers evaluate their lessons and consider whether children are making expected progress throughout the lesson. Children are assessed each term and their attainment and progress is monitored by their teacher, the TA, myself and the headteacher. If a class teacher has concerns about a child, he or she will contact parents to discuss. Should concerns continue, the class teacher will discuss these with myself. Concerns may be raised by parents with the class teacher.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me by emailing [sen@diltonmarsh.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:sen@diltonmarsh.wilts.sch.uk) and please do look at the [SEND Information report](#) on our school website.



## Acorn Appeal Food Bank

Thank you for your donations to support our local community over the Easter break. We will continue to store any donations until Friday 1st April 2022.

# Acorn Appeal Food Bank Drive

Demand for food banks has increased exponentially over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Trussell Trust reported that, in 2020/21, they provided over 2.5 million emergency food supplies to UK families.

To help support our local communities over the Easter Break, all Acorn Education Trust settings are collecting food items and toiletries.

The below lists outline the items that are currently in high demand:

- Long life semi skimmed milk
  - Tea bags
  - Plain rice
  - Instant noodles
- Instant rice (e.g. Ben's Original)
  - Tinned rice pudding
  - Tinned fruit in juice
    - Shampoo
    - Toothbrushes
- Fruit squash concentrate
  - Instant coffee
  - Tinned soup
  - Jars of pasta sauce
- Instant pasta (e.g. Mug Shot)
  - Jam
  - Tinned custard
  - Toilet rolls
  - Shower gel
- Cartons of long-life fruit juice
  - Dried milk powder
  - Tinned vegetables
    - Tinned tuna
  - Instant mashed potato
    - Biscuits
  - Long life sponge puddings
    - Hair conditioner
    - Deodorant

While the above items are in high demand, all donations will be very welcome and appreciated. We request that donations are not fresh, frozen or dairy items and are well within their use by date.

The Acorn Appeal is supporting Warminster Food Bank, Crosspoint Westbury, Storehouse Food Bank Trowbridge, Devizes Food Bank and Salisbury Food Bank.



Please follow the Government's current COVID guidelines

Dilton Marsh Parish Council would like you to join them for

# THE GREAT BIG DILTON MARSH LITTER PICK

**Saturday 26th March**  
**Meet 10am at the Memorial Hall**

Depending on the number of volunteers it should take no more than 90 minutes.  
Hi-Vis Vests, Grabbers and Bags will be provided, but please **bring your own Gloves**.  
We will dispose of the collected rubbish. Areas & routes will be decided on the day

NB: Volunteers are personally responsible for their own liability and we hold no responsibility for any injury suffered whilst volunteering on the Village Litter-Pick.

**Let's make this place squeaky clean!**