



## DILTON MARSH C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Term 3 Newsletter 5 - 7th February 2020

Dear parents,

On Monday we were very excited to attend the Tag Rugby Festival at Kingdown. Despite the chill, our team played really well and came second overall. We were very impressed with the team spirit demonstrated by the group of Y4, 5 and 6 children and particularly how they were such good sports – always leading the hand-shaking and cheers for the opposition. Our next event is Athletics in March. We are hopeful by then that we will have our new Dilton Marsh team kit.

Chestnut class were visited by a teacher from the Oral health team this week as part of their Science work on the Digestive System. There were some disgusted faces when they were shown the picture of rotten teeth – hopefully that will encourage them to have less sugar in their diet!

#### Ofsted Action Update – Personal Development

This week we have moved forward in meeting the criteria for the Personal Development area of the Ofsted Framework. In the inspection the effectiveness of the work we do in preparing children for their future in a modern world was questioned. One aspect of this is that there is clear progression through the school so that the children have a greater understanding of British Values and their role as 'Responsible, Respectful and Active citizens'. We have now invested in a scheme of learning which will enable us to have a systematic and developmental approach to Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) across the school. The scheme is called Jigsaw and your child may come home talking about the Jigsaw character which they use in their classroom. The whole school works on the same Puzzle at the same time, meaning that each Puzzle can be launched with a whole-school assembly and learning can be celebrated by the whole school in a meaningful way. Some of the themes will have a set end target that the whole school contributes to e.g. a display idea, others will have more of a classroom based target.

Next term the whole school will be looking at the unit 'Healthy Me' which we will link to our work on Children's Mental Health week and our Science Curriculum.

Mrs Jill Hibbs  
Headteacher

#### Attendance

|          |       |              |       |
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| Beech    | 99.7% |              |       |
| Willow   | 98.1% | Whole school | 96.8% |
| Oak      | 97.7% |              |       |
| Ash      | 97.3% |              |       |
| Chestnut | 97.0% |              |       |
| Lime     | 96.8% |              |       |
| Cherry   | 92.8% |              |       |

#### School Discos

Thank you to all those who supported the school discos yesterday evening. Our younger children had a wonderful hour of fun with best dancers awarded to Margot in Lime Class and Freddy H in Cherry Class. Sadly we managed 2 songs with the Key Stage 2 children before the speakers blew and we had no sound. Very disappointing for everyone - we will re-visit once we have some new IT equipment installed.

*The first thing we did was travel to Kingdown. We then made our way up to the astroturf with nerves in our belly with the rest of the team. After we had warmed up with Mr Bullen we were ready to go! Our first game was a tough one but we got our first win of the tournament and from then on we were on a winning streak. We only drew and won our matches. We didn't lose a single match. We were on a roll! We all had to be subs at one point but we weren't for long because there was a lot of falling over but we got back up and played on. Overall we came an impressive 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Thank you Mr Vince for coaching us during our after school club.*

*We'll played all*

**Written by Erin and Amber/Beech Class**



### **FODS forthcoming events**

#### **Non-Uniform day - Friday 27th March 2020**

Donations of chocolate for the Easter chocolate tombola please.

#### **Easter celebrations - Friday 3rd April.**

Service at Holy Trinity followed by Easter Hunt Trail, chocolate tombola and refreshments.

### **School Dinners**

At the beginning of term, we asked you to give any feedback regarding the school dinners. Thank you to the one parent who responded to us. I have shared the feedback with our catering manager who has happily taken this on board and is making a couple of changes moving forward.

The new menus for next term are now on Wisepay. Dinners for the first week back (Monday 24/2/20 to Friday 28/2/20) must be booked on Wisepay by the end of next Friday please.

### **Reading**

We've had a great response from the children and parents with our 'Million Page Reading Challenge'. We have reached the 200,000 milestone thanks to all of your support from home. Please can I remind parents that the children's Home/School Books must be signed in order for the pages to count.

Please also see <https://www.booksfortopics.com/> as these show the recommended books for each year group. It's fantastic to see the children reading so regularly but they need to be selecting high-quality books in order for them to improve their reading. The recommended books are also selected due to the variety of themes and topics, but also their enjoyment. Thank you for all your support.

Mr Foyle

## Achievements

Well done to Isabelle in Ash Class who has just passed her ballet exam with Distinction.



**Lime Class** Sophia  
**Cherry Class** Dylan  
**Ash Class** Harriett  
**Willow Class** Archie  
**Chestnut Class** Sophia  
**Beech Class** Mia H  
**Oak Class** Toby  
**Congratulations to our 'Shining Stars' this week.**

## Dilton's Maths Magicians:



**Lime Class** Elize  
**Cherry Class** Elliott  
**Ash Class** Hannah  
**Willow Class** Ayden  
**Chestnut Class** Ella B  
**Beech Class** Mia J  
**Oak Class** Grace C

## Parents' Evening

We will be holding Parents' Evenings on Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th March which is an opportunity for you to talk with the class teacher about your child's progress. We will share the booking information with you after half term.

## Dates for your diary Term 3 & 4 2020

|                         |   |
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| Wednesday 12th February | Willow Class Family Assembly 2.30pm                               |
|                         | West Wilts Dance Festival—The Forum Bath                          |
| Thursday 13th February  | Chestnut Swimming (6/6)   |
| Friday 14th February    | End of Term 3 - 3pm finish  |
| Monday 24th February    | Start of Term 4   |
| Wednesday 26th February | Ash Class Family Assembly 2.30pm                                  |
| Thursday 27th February  | Willow Swimming starts  |
| Tuesday 3rd March       | Parents' Evening  |
| Wednesday 4th March     | Parents' Evening  |
| Friday 6th March        | Dress-up for World Book Day                                       |
| Tuesday 10th March      | Willow Class trip to Whatley Quarry (further details to follow)   |
| Wednesday 11th March    | Cherry Class Family Assembly 2.30pm                               |
| Wednesday 18th March    | Lime Class Family Assembly 2.30pm                                 |
| Friday 27th March       | Non-uniform day—chocolate donations for Easter please             |
| Friday 3rd April        | Cake donations for the Easter Trail                               |
|                         | 11am Easter Service followed by Easter Egg Hunt—finish at 12 noon |