



DILTON MARSH C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY NEWS

Friday 18th January 2019


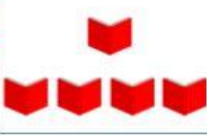

It has been great to meet so many parents this week; it really enables me to gain an insight into how we are doing as a school. It is obvious that all the staff know your children well and are working hard to ensure that each child gets the support and challenge they need. If you have any concerns about the progress your child is making please make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher. By working together we can make a difference to their learning.

As a staff we have been reflecting on Reading across the school. At the beginning of Term 2 'The Power of Reading' was introduced. This approach is about teaching Literacy through using high quality books and creative teaching approaches such as art and drama. As a result the children are more engaged in their literacy learning and it deepens their understanding of texts and provides a meaningful reason for writing. Having read the children's writing throughout the school and listening to the way they are able to discuss the texts I can see that this is impacting on their reading comprehension.

Alongside the Power of Reading we continue to use a number of strategies to ensure children's individual reading improves. Each class approaches reading slightly differently, especially as the children progress through the school. However, all classes will have times when they are able to read independently, share books or read their own books for pleasure. There will be individual reading or Guided Group reading taking place each week. As well as decoding the words this will give adults a chance to discuss the text with the child ensuring they have a good understanding and are not merely 'barking at print'. Unfortunately time and 'person – power' is limited which means we cannot spend as much time on these as we would like. This is where we need parent/carers help. The chart below gives an idea of how important it is that children read at home and continue to read throughout their school lives. Ensuring children read at home does not only improve their reading but it also improves their vocabulary and their speaking and listening which then impacts on their writing. Even a fluent, confident reader should be reading at home daily in order to continue to improve. This can be reading to themselves but even better reading aloud so they can improve on expression and you can ask them questions to improve their understanding. Research shows that children who read books often at age 10 and more than once a week at age 16 gain higher results in maths, vocabulary and spelling tests at age 16 than those who read less regularly.

This term I am challenging each class to bring their reading diaries in daily. This will enable us to monitor how often the children are reading at home. Then, in Term 4 I am going to launch a Reading at Home Class Challenge which will run for the whole term.

Why read at home each night?

Child A reads	Child B reads	Child C reads
20 minutes per day	5 minutes per day	1 minute per day
3,600 minutes per school year	900 minutes per school year	180 minutes per school year
1,800,000 words per year	282,000 words per year	8000 words per year
		
By the end of Year 6 Child A has read for the equivalent of an extra 60 school days.	By the end of Year 6 Child B has read for an equivalent of an extra 12 school days.	By the end of Year 6 Child C has read for an equivalent of an extra 3 school days.

Want to be a better reader? Simply read.



Celebration Assembly

Most weeks we hold a Class Celebration Assembly where we welcome families in to school to celebrate the children's amazing work.

Our next Celebration Assembly will be on Wednesday 23rd January and will be Beech Class. Please join us at 2.30pm.



Community Cohesion

Our Christian value for the term is:

RESPECT

Each term 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

Forthcoming events:

- Gymnastics Festival
- Gymnastics Competition
- Dance Festival
- Tag Rugby Tournament
- Athletics Competition



FRIDAY 1ST FEBRUARY

Dress-up as a book character

To celebrate our Storytelling Week we are going to have a dress-up day! We would like to invite the children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character on **Friday 1st February**. All we ask is that you ensure their footwear is suitable for playtime, they bring a warm coat for break times and there are no football kits please. Other than that, the only restriction, is your imagination!



Dilton Memorial Hall

Friday 25th January at 7.30pm

Saturday 26th January at 2.30pm & 7.30 pm

Tickets at Crowning Glory, Fairfield Farm and

Vicki on 07540 366948

Adults £6

Children £4



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• LIVE MUSIC

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*2 adults, 2 children. Conditions apply. Seating subject to change.



House Point Scores

HAWK



185

MERLIN



170

FALCON



136

KESTREL



208

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

Harriet D (9)
Matthew (8)
Charlie H(9)



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Reminders:

- Please ensure PE Kits are in school every day
- Please check regularly for Head Lice and treat if necessary
- Please label all coats, uniform and PE kit

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 or e-mail
office@diltonmarsh.wilts.sch.uk

This week: Attendance:96.4% Absence:3.6%

Learning time lost this week: 68.5 days

Weekly Class Attendance Trophy

This week the winners are Beech Class

Congratulations



Treetops Breakfast Club

Monday-Friday

Open from 7.30am–8.30am

£4 a session

Forms are available on our website
or from the office



Can you help?

Do you have any unwanted toys & games?
If you do, please could you give them to the
office who will pass them on to
Breakfast Club.

Thank you

Each week, our Sports Coach will choose a 'Super Sports Star' from each class.

This week the awards were given to:

Lime Class: Dylan

Cherry Class: Kallum

Ash Class: Ayden

Willow Class: Henry

Chestnut Class: Sebastian

Beech Class: Theo

Oak Class: Ava



Congratulations to our 'Super Sports Stars'

<https://www.yourschoolgames.com>

Every week, two children from each class are awarded the 'Shining Star' certificate. This award is given to children that are setting a good example by showing extra effort with their learning, perfect behaviour or generally having a good attitude to every aspect of school. Although this is celebrated in our Friday assembly, we thought the children deserved a special mention:

Lime Class: Pixie & Jack
Cherry Class: Soren & Oliver
Ash Class: Cameron & Archie
Willow Class: Ashton & Riley
Chestnut Class: River & Josh L
Beech Class: Sofia & Kian
Oak Class: Ava & Wilf

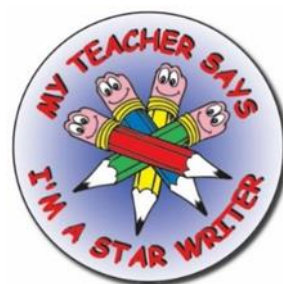


Congratulations to our 'Shining Stars'

Star Writers

We are always impressed with the outstanding quality of the children's writing, and whilst we recognise this in our classes, we thought it would be nice to celebrate these amazing skills with the school community. So, every two weeks, one piece of work from each class will be chosen and hung on our new 'Star Writers' display. The children will also receive a certificate and a special mention here.

Lime Class: Bobby
Cherry Class: Chloe
Ash Class: Seraphina
Willow Class: Ellie D
Chestnut Class: Alby
Beech Class: Arthur H
Oak Class: Maddie



Congratulations to our 'Star Writers'

After School Annual Pass



Fairwood Lakes have introduced a new pass which gives entry to their soft play from 3pm onwards, Monday to Friday, during term time.

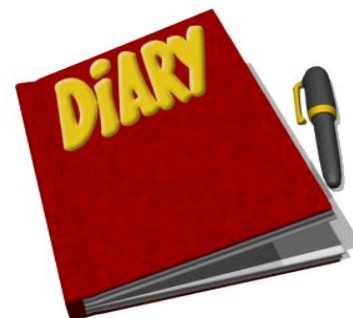
Each pass will cost £10 which is a huge saving as usual admission is £2.50 for 1-3 year olds and £4.75 for children 4+

On top of this already fantastic deal, Fairwood Lakes have chosen to make this a school fundraising opportunity where the **ENTIRE** funds raised will go to school!

Thank you Fairwood Lakes.

If you would like to buy a pass, please speak to the office
(Payment: cash only)

Dates for your Diary



January

Tues 22 nd	3pm	Oak Class SATs & Residential meeting
Wed 23 rd	2.30pm	Beech Class Celebration Assembly
w/c 28 th		Storytelling Week
Mon 28 th		Author Joffre White visiting
Tue 29 th		Beech & Oak to Matravers
Tues 29 th	3-3.20pm	Scholastic Book Fair
Wed 30 th	2pm	Christingle Service at the church
Wed 30 th	3-3.20pm	Scholastic Book Fair
Thu 31 st	3-3.20pm	Scholastic Book Fair

February

Fri 1 st		Dress-up as a book character
Fri 1 st	3-3.20pm	Scholastic Book Fair
Mon 4 th	3-3.20pm	Scholastic Book Fair (final day)
Mon 4 th	3.45-5.30pm	Acorn Schools Tag-Rugby Tournament
Tues 5 th	2.30pm	KS2 Parents are invited to visit classes to view children's work
Tues 5 th	9-11am	Kingdown School Talk & Tour
Wed 6 th	2.30pm	Chestnut Class Celebration Assembly
Thu 7 th	2.30pm	KS2 Parents are invited to visit classes to view children's work
Thur 14 th		Dance Festival at Bath Forum
Fri 15th		Teacher Training Day
w/c 18th		School holidays
Mon 25 th		Return to school
Wed 27 th	2.30pm	Willow Class Celebration Assembly
Thu 28 th	2.30pm	Chestnut Class Swimming

March

Wed 6 th	2.30pm	Ash Class Celebration Assembly
Fri 8 th	8.30am	EYFS & KS1 'Stay & Play' for parents
Fri 8 th	9am	EYFS & KS1 Coffee Morning
Wed 13 th	2.30pm	Cherry Class Celebration Assembly
Wed 20 th	2.30pm	Lime Class Celebration Assembly

EMERGENCY CLOSURE PROCEDURE

If it is necessary to close due to snow, or other emergency conditions, a message will be placed on the school's website :

www.diltonmarsh.wilts.sch.uk

Also, radio stations – Heart FM and BBC Wiltshire will be notified.

We will, of course, make every effort to keep the school open but are only able to do so if we have enough staff able to get to school.

If the school is open, we will not text you and will not telephone the radio.



Please join us for our Christingle Service on
Wednesday 30th January,
2pm in the Church.

Collection candles for The Children Society will come home next week. Please return no later than 30th January.

Thank you





- JOFFRE WHITE -

AUTHOR AND READING & WRITING MOTIVATOR

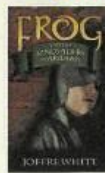


"Thank you for a wonderful and inspiring day -
It has been an incredible day for the pupils and staff alike."
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Hertfordshire.

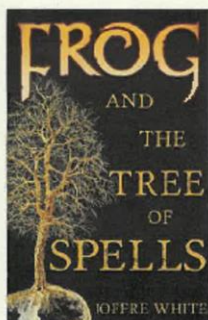
A member of the National Association of Writers in Education, and a UK Patron of Reading, he actively promotes the importance of reading, literacy and creative writing by visiting primary and secondary schools, colleges, libraries and literary events in the U.K. delivering his acclaimed, interactive, motivational and inspiring sessions designed to excite and energise young people's imagination and interest in the power of words. His talks to all audiences including adults, give a humorous and informative view of an author's journey, including a wealth of useful and practical information to inspire any would-be or practicing writer.



Touring the UK since 2010 taking in venues across the UK, featuring on BBC Radio programmes, and appearing at events including, Appledore Book Festival, Hampshire Children in Care Awards, Penzance Literary Festival, International Kid's Lit Quiz, Belfast, Swindon Youth Festival of Literature, The Berkshire Book Award, The Concorde Book Award, Sherborne Literary Festival, The Earl's Court Literary Festival, Wells Festival of Literature, and The Frome Festival. Joffre has now made more than 600 appearances with return visits requested regularly.



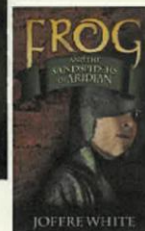
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Joffre White
Author and a UK Patron of Reading,
will be appearing at -

Dilton Marsh Primary
On
Monday 28th January 2019

If you would like to purchase personally signed copies
of the Frog fantasy adventure series,
they will be available on the day at a discount price.



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- Paperbacks - £8.00 each (rrp £8.99)
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Alexander Gordon Smith, award winning Author.

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