



DILTON MARSH C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 1 Newsletter 2 - Friday 20th September 2019

This week our new Reception children have settled into full time school brilliantly. Our new Exec Head, Stuart Porter, visited all the classes on Wednesday and commented how calm and settled they were. Stuart visits a lot of schools and really noticed their enthusiasm for school.

I have been involved in many activities this week at Kingdown School as part of the Trust. This has included training to support the school in implementing our revised curriculum and meeting with all the other Headteachers, primary and secondary, along with Chairs of the Academy Councils to agree a way forward with this. We look forward to welcoming our Academy Councillors into school next week to meet the staff and children and so they can see us in action.

Don't forget to join us on Friday for our Extra Mile Run and McMillan coffee morning.

Regards

Headteacher

Attendance Update

It is always lovely to start the new year, to get to know all of the new children and to welcome them into their new classes.

As we look forward to another busy, purposeful and successful year we will once again be thinking of ways to improve on our already good attendance figures.

Last year at 96% our Attendance was Good, with a fantastic 42% of children having an attendance of over 98%.

This year we aim to improve on these figures, we hope to achieve a figure of 97% and to see if we can improve on the 11% who had 100% attendance.

There are a few things that can be done to help with this:

- ◇ the children will be discussing a new Attendance Reward scheme to promote good attendance.
- ◇ we will be thinking about ways to stay healthy to help children avoid too many colds.
- ◇ we encourage parents to **not** book holidays during term time.
- ◇ we will ensure that we have a happy, safe and inspiring school where all children are excited to be every day.

Attendance is now a section in our Home/School Diaries, so we will be able to send reminders and reward information home more regularly over the year.

Reading questionnaire for parents

We would like to hear your views on your child's reading at home. It will allow us to make changes in our school to ensure that we are giving the children the best opportunities to improve their reading. Reading is such a valuable life skill and our aim is to make sure that reading is at the heart of all our learning.

Please follow the link below (also posted on E-Schools yesterday) and take the time to answer the questions as honestly as possible. Please submit replies back to us by the end of next week. Thank you for your support.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=HBZ7jfaLS0axD625sK_wgmbE0v2Gtz1JiOopBEoA1Z5UNUg0N0VOWElaNzVCWFcwrRUtBTvVGUVdGWi4u

Fundraising events—Friday 27th September 9am

Please join us to watch the children run a mile in aid of Julia's House, followed by refreshments in the school hall in aid of MacMillan Coffee Morning.



We would be grateful for any cake donations (Friday morning) to sell at this event and any volunteers to help. Thank you.

Lost Property and 2nd hand uniform

We have accumulated a large amount of lost items around school throughout the summer and this term already. We will do our best to return any items that are named and will continue to work with the children to develop a greater sense of responsibility and ownership for their belongings. There will be a box containing un-named items placed outside on the playground between Chestnut and Willow Class. Please re-claim any items belonging to your child.

We also have a large quantity of donated 2nd hand uniform items—we are hoping that some of our FODS volunteers will help us to sell these items outside of school over the next few weeks.

Individual photographs—Wednesday 25th September 2019

The photographer will be in school on Wednesday morning to take individual and family photos. We will routinely organise all children to have their photo taken both individually and with their siblings, unless you tell us not to.

If you would like a family photo to include pre-school brothers or sisters, then please come to school for 8.30am and we will go into the school hall via the back door for these pictures to be taken.

FODS meeting—Monday 23rd September 2019

Please join us for our first FODS meeting to discuss fundraising opportunities for the forthcoming year. This will be held at The Hollies pub in Westbury Leigh (please note change of venue) at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Flu Vaccinations for all Primary aged children

The Immunisation Team will again be offering the Flu vaccination via a nasal spray to **all Primary aged children** this Autumn across all Wiltshire Schools. The nurse team are due to visit us on Friday 15th November 2019.

You will need to provide consent for your child and this needs to be completed electronically. Please do this by following the link below to access the consent portal.

<https://schoolimms.virginicare.co.uk/flu/2019/wilts>

Consent will need to be provided as soon possible via this link. This link is secure—please **carefully** select our school from the drop down menu and this will ensure that the consent is in the right place. Full details and information to assist you in completing the consent is detailed on the portal including full FAQ's, patient information and contact details should you wish to speak to a nurse regarding the nasal vaccination.

If you have any difficulties or queries with this process please do not hesitate to contact the team on 0300 247 0082.

If your child is medically vulnerable e.g with asthma or any other medical condition, early clinics will be available throughout October and November on Friday 11th October , Wednesday 23rd October and Wednesday 6th November 3:30pm-4:30pm. These will take place at Virgin Care Clinic rooms, Derby Court, Epsom Road, White Horse Business Centre, Trowbridge, BA14 0XG. Please contact the immunisations team on 0300 247 0082 to book in for a session.

PLEASE NOTE THESE ARE NOT DROP IN SESSIONS—YOU MUST PHONE IN ADVANCE TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT.

Achievements

Well done to Harriet from Beech Class who has successfully graded from Orange to Green belt at Martial Arts.



Lime Class Ezra
Cherry Class Amelia
Ash Class Logan
Willow Class Alannah
Chestnut Class Milo
Beech Class Ollie
Oak Class Arthur

Congratulations to our 'Shining Stars' this week.

Star Writers this week are:

Lime Class Ava
Cherry Class Indie
Ash Class Jess W
Willow Class Reece
Chestnut Class Marshall
Beech Class Harriett
Oak Class Caroline



Key dates for your diary

Monday 23 rd September	FODS meeting at The Hollies Pub 7.30pm
Friday 27 th September	Run the mile for Julia's House 9am / MacMillan Coffee Morning
Wednesday 2 nd October	BEECH Class Sharing Assembly 2.30pm
Wednesday 9 th October	Harvest Service at Holy Trinity Church 2pm—all welcome
Friday 11 th October	Classroom visits and coffee morning for KS2 classes—8.30am
Monday 14 th October	KS2 Football Tournament at Kingdown School (teams tbc)
Wednesday 16 th October	CHESTNUT Sharing Assembly 2.30pm
Monday 21 st October	OAK Class Sharing Assembly 2.30pm
	Parents' Evening (timings and booking info tbc)
Tuesday 22 nd October	Parents' Evening (timings and booking info tbc)
	Last day of Term 1
Wednesday 23 rd October	INSET DAY—School closed to pupils
Monday 4 th November	INSET DAY—School closed to pupils
Tuesday 5 th November	Term 2 begins



Treetops Breakfast Club

Monday-Friday

7.30am–8.30am—£4 a session

Booking forms are available on our website or
from the school office