



DILTON MARSH PRIMARY SCHOOL

FRIDAY NEWS

Friday 16th September 2016

Dear Parents,

It has been yet another busy and wonderful week...

We started the week announcing the winning House Team for the first week of term. The hall was filled with anticipation as Kestrels were crowned the winning team for week one, with an amazing 143 points. All the House's earned over 100 house points last week – well done.

The children and staff all looked positively splendid on Tuesday in their costumes. It was a great way to celebrate Roald Dahl's 100th birthday. I have never seen quite so many Oompa Loopas in Dilton Marsh before. We made the most of the beautiful sunshine early in the day and paraded around the playground. We also raised an amazing £137.50 for the Roald Dahl Children's Charity. (See the website for lots of photographs of the costumes.)

Unfortunately, the beautiful sunshine didn't last all day and by lunchtime thunder rumbled above school and the sky turned darker. Then just as lunchtime started the power went off throughout school! Well done to all our reception parents who braved the torrential rain which started just as the children left after their morning session! In true Dilton style everyone pulled together and batteries were found and lanterns switched on! Luckily for the kitchen staff lunch had already been cooked! We spent an exciting lunchtime eating and playing by lantern light. The children were fabulous as it took another couple of hours before the power was restored. It is amazing just how much we rely on electricity during our school day, no computers, no lights, no photocopying and no cups of tea!



The week has continued with many classes continuing the theme of Roald Dahl's birthday as it links in well with our whole school topic this term of "Footprints from the Past." Cherry class were very excited to receive a letter from Mr Wonka himself asking for their help in designing new sweets as he had apparently run out of ideas. We obviously have some chocolatiers of the future in school, well that's if you like the idea of a chocolate bar with mint, strawberries and oranges! Ash Class used the sunshine to measure their BFG shadows and they created their own Giant Posters! Beech class put their computing skills into action to produce some amazing Roald Dahl power points describing his life in chronological order – until the power went off! A lesson learnt there for the future to remember to keep saving!

As well as Roald Dahl day work, we had an invasion in school this week! Nothing to worry about, it was planned! The Willow Class Romans invaded the Chestnut Class Celts! They took over the classroom, renamed the signs and even renamed the class fish! It certainly brought the learning to life. Oak class has also been immersed in their new topic about the Stone Age. They have been building caves using paper and joining techniques and then embellishing them with their own cave art! Both Oak and Beech Class have a trip planned to Stonehenge to further immerse themselves in their learning.

Today we have our first sports competition of the year, currently as I type a group of Year 5 and 6 children are representing school at a Hockey Festival – look out in the news section of the website for the results.

I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend.

Meet the Teacher Meetings

Don't forget to come along to our Meet the Teacher meetings next week. These sessions are where your child's teacher will talk about different aspects of our school and the class routines. They will also be sharing information on the curriculum, expectations for the year, ways you can help your child this year and lots more. There is one session for each class. There will be opportunities for you to ask any questions you may have, but this is not a time to discuss individual children. If you do however have concerns regarding your child please do speak to the class teacher to arrange a convenient time to chat. Your child is more than welcome to attend the meeting with you to hear the information shared.

If for any reason you are unable to attend the meetings please let the class teacher know as there will be handouts available.

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

E-mail: office@diltonmarsh.wilts.sch.uk

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This week: Attendance: 98.1% Absence: 1.9%
Learning lost = 20 days

Weekly Class Attendance Trophy

This week the winners are Lime, Cherry & Oak
Congratulations



Contact us:

Tel: 01373 822902

E-mail: office@diltonmarsh.wilts.sch.uk

Website: www.diltonmarsh.wilts.sch.uk

Meet the Teacher w/c 19th Sept

Please join us to find out more about the coming year in school for your child.

Meetings will take place in your child's classroom and the timetable is as follows:

Oak	–	Mon 3.15 - 3.45pm
Beech	–	Mon 3.15 - 3.45pm
Chestnut	–	Mon 3.45 - 4.15pm
Willow	-	Tues 3.15 - 3.45pm
Ash	–	Tues 3.15 - 3.45pm
Cherry	–	Tues 3.45 - 4.15pm
Lime	-	Tues 3.15 - 3.45pm

We look forward to seeing you.

If you can't make it to the meetings there will be a handout available after the meeting so please just ask your child's teacher for a copy.

School Registration times:

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

KS1- 8.55am (Lime, Cherry & Ash)



Health & Safety

Please ensure any medical details and regular medicines (including inhalers), are given to the office. This is to ensure other children don't accidentally come in to contact with them which could of course be very dangerous.

N.B. We are unable to administer antibiotics but most Doctors will prescribe '3 times a day' so the children can receive medicine at breakfast time, soon after 3pm and just before bed.

As many of you may know, Darcie had a cochlear implant last week, which is why her sister Holly is bravely doing a skydive on Sunday to raise money for the National Deaf Children's Society.

If anyone wishes to sponsor her, please donate through: www.doitforcharity.com/heasterling

Good Luck



*Children's Art Competition
Design a Christmas Card*

*There are three categories: 3-5yrs, 6-8yrs & 9-11yrs
The winner of each category will receive £25 in gift tokens
Overall winning card will become the Mayor's Christmas card*

**FREE Craft Session at Westbury Library
Tuesday 25th October 2016, 10 – 11am**

**No need to book, just turn up and design a card!
(Please note children need to be accompanied by a parent/guardian)**

**Entries must be submitted to Westbury Town Council by: 12 Noon on Saturday
12th November.**

**It's FREE to enter, just complete the entry form, available from the Library or
Westbury Town Council's office and website at
www.westburytowncouncil.gov.uk/**

**An exhibition of the cards will be held on Saturday 12th November, at The
Laverton from 2.30pm – 4pm. Refreshments available.**



**All winners will be invited to help the Mayor switch on the
Christmas Lights on Saturday 3rd December 2016.**

Healthy Me

A fun approach to wellbeing

Healthy Me is a healthy lifestyle programme that helps children aged seven to 11 and their families make small steps to become healthier, and to reach and maintain a healthy weight.

Healthy Me is suitable for children above a healthy weight who:

- may struggle with their confidence and self-esteem
- may have little or no knowledge about healthy eating

Healthy Me will help your child:

- make real progress towards achieving a healthy weight
- eat healthily and happily
- be more physically active
- be more confident
- make lifelong changes

The programme runs for ten weekly sessions during term time. Sessions are always engaging, topical, fun and are **free**.

For more information please contact:

Tel: **01225 716674**

Email: healthyme@wiltshire.gov.uk

**Trowbridge Sports Centre
Wednesdays 4.30pm-6pm
Starts 21 September 2016**

Wiltshire Council
Where everybody matters



Evelyn (5)
Matthew (8)

If your child is due to start school in September 2017 you are invited to visit our school.

We are holding new parent
Open Days

Tuesday 20th September'16

Tours 1.30 to 2.30pm

Tuesday 27th September'16

Tours 9.30 – 10.00am
and 11.00 – 11.30am

Please pop in or ring 01373 822902
to book a tour.

We look forward to meeting you.

Please place your dinner orders on

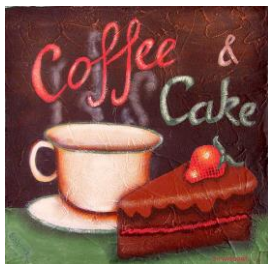


If you have changed your
home/mobile number or
e-mail address, please inform the
office immediately.

Macmillan Coffee morning

Friday 30th September

9am -10am in the school hall



Please bring cake donations & join
us to help raise money for
Macmillan Cancer Support

Dates for your Diary

September

Mon 19th

w/c 19th

Tues 20th

Wed 21st

Wed 21st

Wed 21st

Thu 22nd

Fri 23rd

Wed 28th

Wed 28th

Fri 30th

Fri 30th

October

Tues 4th

Wed 5th

w/c 24th

December

Fri 16th

Reception in full-time

Meet the Teacher

Kwik Cricket Festival

Bikeability

Ash Class Celebration Assembly

Willow Road Safety Walk

Matravers Open Evening

Cross Country at Warminster School

Willow Class Celebration Assembly

FODS AGM 7pm at school

Macmillan Coffee Morning 9-10am

Tag Rugby Tournament

School Photos

Chestnut Celebration Assembly

Holiday

Last day of term

Community Cohesion

Our Christian value for the month is:

Courage

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

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Barn Dance

Saturday 29th October

At the Memorial Hall

Proceeds will be split between school and the church.
(More details to follow)

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Update on Daryl Allinson

A personal thank you from Daryl and all of his family to
everyone that has supported Daryl's Bone Marrow
Transplant. Daryl has had his intense Chemotherapy and
Bone marrow transplant and is now on his road to recovery.
Without all the public's support Daryl would not be where he
is now.

Thank you to **Dilton Marsh School** you raised a
total of

£56.50

This is amazing and has all helped towards the final
amount needed for Daryl's treatment.

Thank you everyone



Car Parking Near to School

Unfortunately this week we have been informed a couple of times about congestion and car parking problems near to the school. We have had some local residents expressing concerns as they have been unable to get their vehicles on and off their drives because of parking by school traffic. It has also been brought to our attention that there are a number of vehicles dropping children off on the main road by the zigzags or at the entrance to School Lane with children then exiting cars onto the road. Cars have also been seen reversing out onto the main road where children are crossing. The safety of all our children is paramount, so please be very considerate when driving, dropping-off and parking.

If you do arrive by car, please arrive in plenty of time and park a little distance from the school. Please do not put any child at risk by parking unlawfully or inconsiderately. Yellow zigzag markings outside the school are designed to create an open area to allow those crossing a good view of the road in each direction so that they can cross safely. We are very lucky in Dilton Marsh to still have a Lollypop lady and I'm sure you will agree Bev does a fabulous job. Drivers parking or stopping to drop off within these markings, even for just a few seconds, are breaking the law and are creating an unacceptable danger to our children. Blocking residents' driveways and parking on the pavement is also inconsiderate and creates hazards for children and parents using the pavements.

Please can I ask that drivers be considerate to others on their journey to and from school; we want to ensure that all pedestrians and drivers arrive safely and feel safe on their journey to our school.

PLEASE ALSO REFRAIN FROM PARKING IN FRONT OUR GATES EVEN IF IT IS ONLY FOR A SHORT WHILE! THIS IS OUR ONLY ACCESS AND IF WE WERE TO REQUIRE AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE FOR A CHILD OR ADULT AT SCHOOL THEY WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO GET TO US.

House points...

We have introduced a House Points System at Dilton Marsh C of E Primary School. Children are grouped into four House Teams. These are Kestrel, Merlin, Falcon and Hawk. Each child is placed in a House on entry to school and remains a member of this team throughout their time at the school. Siblings are placed in the same House team. House Captains are elected from Year 6 pupils following a letter of application and a group interview. They provide positive leadership to the children in their House and during the various competitions and events organised throughout the year.

On Sports Day the Houses compete against each other as teams and a cup is awarded to the winning House. Teaching and non-teaching staff also belong to a House, with the exception of the Head teacher, and they encourage and support the children in positive team building through the House system.

The House Captains are responsible for leading their House in competitions and events, and representing the school in the community and a range of school events and activities. The responsibilities of the House Captains are:

- to set an example to the other children
- to earn house points and encourage others to do so
- to represent the house when collecting awards
- to be somebody others can turn to for advice

Below are our current House Captains:

In addition to the House Captains, every child in year 6 is presented with a star badge to wear throughout the year showing their house team colour. This will enable the younger children to identify who is in their team.

Earning House Points:

House Points can be awarded by all staff to children for a variety of reasons. For example:

- Polite, well-mannered behaviour
- Demonstrating a caring attitude towards peers
- Working to the best of their ability
- Excellent attendance
- Putting special effort into a piece of work
- Neatly presented work
- Positive attitude towards work
- Sporting achievement
- Taking part in competitions and events
- Helpful approaches to different situations

Every Friday, the house points are counted by our House Captains and a weekly winner announced during our Achievement Assembly the following Monday morning. These are then added to the house points display tubes in the corridor.

House points are then tallied over the course of a term, a winner is announced, and the children in that house are rewarded with a special event or treat. Each team will also get £50 to donate to their House Charity. The charity the House wants to support is decided in September each year by the House teams, the captains then write a letter to their chosen charity explaining that they will be raising money throughout the year for the charity by earning house points. The House teams can also decide throughout the year to run sponsored events or hold a stall at the fayre to raise extra funds for their chosen charity.

At the end of the year, once all house points are tallied, the House Champions will be announced. The winning house will be awarded their ribbons on the House Cup.

The house system aims to encourage a real sense of pride and achievement for the children. It fosters community spirit and gives the children an opportunity to contribute to something bigger, which involves children from all year groups. The older children are positive role models and take on a pastoral role for the younger children. We are looking forward to developing our House Teams system this year with lots of exciting team events planned.

Our House Captains are:

Hawk

Joe Wilkins
Hanna Bartlett

Merlin

Izzy Chorley
Hector Ritchie

Falcon

Lily Jones
Gil Stockley

Kestrel

Beth Middleton
Felix Wells

The leader board so far:

Kestrel: 143

Merlin: 131

Falcon: 128

Hawk: 120



Westbury Festival
MUSIC ARTS

**Friday 23rd Sept -
Saturday 8th Oct**

Tickets & Info:
www.WestburyFestival.org.uk
Box Office:
 E.J. Crafts 18 Maristow Street
 9:30am-4:30pm Mon-Sat

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MON 26 SEPT
Fiona Harris *Contralto*

TUE 27 SEPT
Celia Waghorn & Friends *Flute*

WED 28 SEPT
Gareth Bennett / Stephen Cook *Organ*

THUR 29 SEPT
Catherine White *Harp*

FRI 30 SEPT
David & Hilary Dewar *Viola Organ*

MON 3 OCT
The Ukelele Light Orchestra *Ukulele*

TUE 4 OCT
Hilperston Recorder Players *Recorder*

WED 5 OCT
Ruth Phillips & Pauline Ward *Piano duet*

THUR 6 OCT
Local Schools concert *Various*

FRI 7 OCT
Al Summers & Bruce Treasure *Guitar duo*

A LITTLE LUNCH MUSIC

FREE concerts
At 1:10pm
Each festival weekday

All Saints' Church
Westbury

Festival details & tickets from our website

Box Office at EJ Crafts,
18 Maristow Street

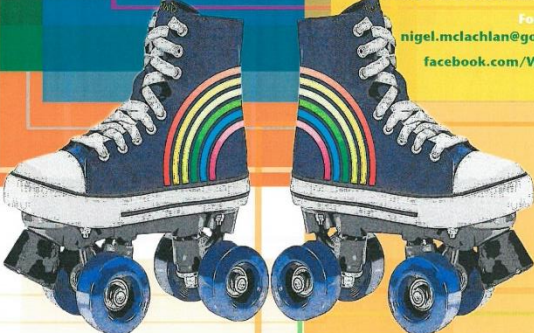
www.WestburyFestival.org.uk

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WESTBURY ROLLER

Sunday 25 September 2016
 Leighton Recreation Centre
 Wellhead Lane, Westbury, BA13 3PT
 Disco starts: 3pm, £4
 Learn to skate: 2.30pm, £1

Tickets & skates available on the door
 For info contact:
nigel.mclachlan@googlemail.com
[facebook.com/Westburyroller](https://www.facebook.com/Westburyroller)




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Star Wars: Attack of the Crafts



Westbury Festival and Wiltshire Scrapstore are giving local children the chance to get creative and make models, costumes or pictures in a craft workshop all inspired by Star Wars.

There will be music from the films and real-life characters will keep the crafters company. Children can take their own creations home and have their photo taken with a well-known character.

There will also be face painting, tea and cakes and a bar for adults. Please note - children must have adult supervision. Entry £5 per child.



Saturday 1st October 11 - 3pm
 The Paragon Hall, Haynes Road, Westbury BA13 3HA

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HARMONICA & RHYTHM WORKSHOP

Suitable for all ages

Saturday 8th October @ 10 am
 The Laverton

Tickets £4 available online from
www.westburyfestival.org.uk

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