



DILS News

Dunstable Icknield Lower School Newsletter Issue 1
8th September 2017



Welcome back!

Welcome to the beginning of a new school year and Issue 1 of the weekly DILS News. Each Friday this newsletter 'DILS News' will be uploaded to the school website and is a brief snapshot of life at DILS.

It has been a busy first week back to school and everyone, including Mrs Stirling, is getting used to the new routines. It was wonderful to see so many happy faces on Monday morning, and that was just the adults. The children have been brimming with enthusiasm and have worked hard all week.

This year we have welcomed Mrs Stirling our new Headteacher, Miss Strickler who is teaching in Year 1 and Miss Kent who is teaching in Reception.

Class pages on the learning platform – once parents log in on the website you will be taken to the learning platform. The learning platform gives you access to information about your child and their learning. Children and parents are encouraged to log in regularly; once a week would ensure no information is missed.

Y1 to Y4 pick up and drop off – you may have noticed a few changes in the playground during pick up and drop off. We have changed where the children line up at the beginning and end of the day to make the playground a safer place at these times. Once the gates are open in the morning, there are always staff on duty in the playground to supervise so parents know they can leave their children at the gate.

School Calendar – All key dates for school can now be found on the calendar on the learning platform when parents log in. If you have difficulties logging on, Mrs Haynes in the school office will be happy to help.

Letters Home – In an effort to reduce our carbon footprint as a school, most letters home will only be sent electronically. At the bottom of the newsletter you will be able to see which letters have gone out each week. Hard copies of letters can be picked up from the school office if you have difficulty receiving electronic communications.

Parent Teacher Association – Did you know if your child is a pupil at DILS then you are automatically a member of the PTA? The PTA do a fantastic job in supporting the school and the money they raise benefits all children across the school every year. The PTA Annual General Meeting will take place on Thursday 28 September at 7.30pm in the school hall. A letter from the PTA is attached to this newsletter.

Parking Wise, Saves Lives - As part of our parking campaign, next week **2CS** will be undertaking the 'Parking Wise, Saves Lives' car parking patrol. Children in **2CS** should come to school a little earlier, enter school through the front door and meet in the Library at 8.40am. Remember there is a free car park on West Street where parents can park for drop off and pick up to also support this initiative and encourage a short walk to school.

Letters sent home this week		
Welcome!	Whole school	1 September 2017
Gymnastics and Tennis Club	Year 1 – Year 4	5 September 2017
Art Club	Year 4	5 September 2017
Zumba	Year 1 – Year 4	8 September 2017
PTA	Whole school	8 September 2017
Parents Evening	Whole school	8 September 2017