



DILS News

Dunstable Icknield Lower School Newsletter Issue 3
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Everyone welcome! - Parent Teacher Association AGM Thursday 28th September 7.30pm

Did you know if your child is a pupil at DILS then you are automatically a member of the PTA? So, what do the PTA do?

Many schools have a PTA. They are a great way of getting to know other families and staff whilst making a real contribution to the quality of school life for all, especially the children. Whilst fund-raising is a major part of a PTA's activities and directly contributes to the improvement of the school, there's a lot more to it than that. PTAs provide a great way to build the whole school community, including links with the wider society, all of which benefits the school and offers a positive influence within the local area. In a nutshell, PTA members also provide a willing workforce for the school when extra hands are needed, hold social events to bond the school community, run extra-curricular clubs for children and adults, and support parents through times of change. Members are knowledgeable about the school and enthuse about it to enhance its reputation to the wider community. The varied work means there's something for everyone - it's not just about being on the committee. Children love seeing their parents in school. You can benefit them, improve their educational environment and make friends too.

The PTA Annual General Meeting will take place next Thursday 28th September at 7.30pm in the school hall. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the evening.

Congratulations to Caoimhe Braund in 2HS – Well done to Caoimhe who recently passed the First Grade exam in Irish Dancing. What an amazing achievement; we are all very proud of you.

Special menu days – We have two foodlicious special menu days coming up at school. On Thursday 5th October we have Tastes of Italy and on Tuesday 31st October we have a special Halloween menu.

Free School Meals: Is your child entitled? – attached to this newsletter is a letter explaining Pupil Premium, what it is and how it benefits individual families and the school. If you think your child may be entitled to the Pupil Premium and Free School Meals then complete and return the form at the end of the letter.

Once a Week, Take a Peek – Head lice are a normal part of childhood and are easily passed from child to child during close contact. In school, close contact happens when children are working in groups in the classroom or playing games in the playground. To help prevent the spread of head lice make it a part of your family's weekly routine to have a quick check in your child's hair once a week. Early action can reduce the treatment time for everyone.

Parking Wise, Saves Lives - As part of our parking campaign, next week **4C** will be undertaking the 'Parking Wise, Saves Lives' car parking patrol. Children in **4C** 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. From Monday 2nd to Friday 6th October it will be the turn of **1W** to be on patrol.

| Letters sent home this week | | |
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