



# DILS News



Dunstable Icknield Lower School Newsletter Issue 23  
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**It's Snow Fun** – After much consideration for the safety of our children, parents and staff the decision was made to close Dunstable Icknield Lower School on Friday 2 March due to severe weather conditions. This information was shared with parents through text message, email, on the school website and through Central Bedfordshire School Open Status (SOS). The SOS system is used to inform everyone that the school is closed during an emergency, like severe weather conditions, heating failure etc. Anyone can register for updates and you can request updates from as many schools as you like – very useful if you have children at more than one school. As a school we advise all of our staff to register with this service too. If you are not already registered for the SOS system it is simple and free to do. Go to

<https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/webapps/sos/>

and click on 'Register for Updates'. Once you are registered, you will receive an email communication when your selected school changes its status to closed. If you are already registered and you did not receive a communication about the school being closed please inform Central Bedfordshire who manage the system.

**World Book Day** – Due to our unexpected school closure on Friday we have re-scheduled our celebrations for World Book Day for Friday 9 March 2018.

**Y4 Charity Cake Sale** – On Friday 23 February a group of Y4 children led a hugely successful cake sale to raise money for Keech and Macmillan. Thank you to everyone who contributed cakes, time and effort to this event. The cake sale raised an amazing £332.29, £4 in old coins and a silver quarter dollar (25 cents).

**3S Class Assembly** – 3S shared their learning with us on Monday in a wonderfully informative assembly. I think we may have some budding surgeons as well as artists in our midst. Well done to all of 3S.

**New School Communications** – Our new communications system is now up and running. Over the next few weeks you will notice that more of our communication will be sent by email. Emails will be coming from:

[dils@scopay.com](mailto:dils@scopay.com)

Please bear with the office while this transition takes place. If you think you are not receiving letters, or think you have received something in error, please let us know. Please check your SPAM file first in case they have been delivered there. We appreciate your patience.

**School photographer** - At the beginning of March we have invited a professional photographer into school to take some up to date photos of daily life in our school. Carefully selected photos will be used on our website and any other marketing materials such as parent information brochures. Any children who appear in the images will not be identified individually.

**If you do not wish your child to appear in any of our school photographs, then please indicate using the link below recording their full name and current class.**

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=NRyRK4\\_1n0m21P5sKawwJp6i8zogewBLlf\\_opXh9W6RUN0ozN0k2UldETU8yUVIJNTVPWDDcSEk0Ry4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=NRyRK4_1n0m21P5sKawwJp6i8zogewBLlf_opXh9W6RUN0ozN0k2UldETU8yUVIJNTVPWDDcSEk0Ry4u)

**Parking Wise, Saves Lives** - As part of our parking campaign, the week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018 **2HS** will be undertaking the 'Parking Wise, Saves Lives' car parking patrol. Children in **2HS** 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

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encourage a short walk to school. From Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March it will be the turn of **3F** to be on patrol.

Key Dates	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	1W Mothers Day Assembly 2.30pm
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	1S Mothers Day Assembly 2.30pm
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	NSPCC Assembly
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March - Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays – school closed
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Class photo day

Letters sent home this week		
Letter Content:	Who sent to:	Date sent:
Pirate Day	Year 1	27 <sup>th</sup> February 2018