



# DILTON MARSH C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Newsletter 4 Term 3 - Friday 29th January 2021

Dear parents and carers

I know that many of you, following the Government announcement this week, will be saddened that school will not be re-opened to more children after half term. I think we were all pinning our hopes on this. Now, however, we must continue delivering our remote learning until at least 8<sup>th</sup> March. I know how many of you are finding delivering home schooling, whilst balancing all the other demands on your time, challenging. Please remember that although we cannot meet in person we are still here to support you with both the educational aspect of home learning but also the welfare of you and your children. Next week is Children's Mental Health week with a theme of 'Express Yourself', so your teachers will be planning activities to engage the children and give them a greater understanding of Mental Wellness. Please remember we are there for you.

In addition, over the next two weeks you will receive a personal phone call from your class teacher, whether your child is at school or at home. This is a chance for them to catch up with you, find out how it is all going, but also to give you a chance to ask for help if required. The teachers may ring from their personal devices as they work from home on alternate weeks so look out for a withheld number. If you are not available at certain times of the day please let your teacher know what times to avoid.

Jill Hibbs  
Headteacher

### Goodbye to Mrs Down



This Friday will be Mrs Down's last day in school as she begins her Maternity Leave on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February. We wish her all the best and will be eagerly awaiting news in the next few weeks. We will, of course, share this with you as soon as know.

Whilst Mrs Down is on Maternity Leave Miss Ward, who has been teaching Lime class since the beginning of the term, will continue.

Mr Tom Nolan, SENCO from Clarendon Academy, will be joining us a day a week to cover Mrs Down's SEND responsibilities. Mr Nolan has been liaising with Mrs Down this term to ensure that there is a smooth transition for all.

Mr Nolan is a very experienced SENCO and we look forward to working with him.



## Let's celebrate!

### 'Lockdown Legends'

- Lime Class:** Harry for excellent junk modelling of a ship.
- Cherry Class:** Esme for having the confidence to answer so many questions and working so hard at home independently.
- Ash Class:** Meira for marvellous Geography map work.
- Willow Class:** Roarke for continually trying hard to improve his handwriting and for great Science work.
- Chestnut Class:** Tallulah for her great ideas when writing her setting description.
- Beech Class:** Laurie for adding extra learning to his timetable e.g. his banjo and orrery
- Oak Class:** Reuben for being so enthusiastic about his home learning.

### 'Blazing Bubbler'

- Year R nominated by Mrs Ward:** Iris for great effort with her letter sizes.
- Year 1/2 nominated by Mrs Lazar / Mrs Broad:** Juno for being so helpful. And supporting other children with their learning.
- Year 3/4 nominated by Miss Tout / Mrs Bown:** Poppy for always wanting to help others at home.
- Year 5/6 nominated by Mr Foyle / Mr Bullen:** Coco for excellent independent learning.

### **Learning highlights this week**

Chloe all ready and prepared at home for Mrs Bown's TEAMS lesson. Ash Class have been learning about mapmaking, using a key, creating map symbols and following compass directions this week. Amelia completed one of the extra measurement challenges.

