



DILTON MARSH C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter 2 Term 4 - Friday 5th March 2021

Dear parents and carers

I hope that over the last two weeks we have sent home the information you need in preparation for the full opening of school on Monday. If there is anything we have missed please get in touch.

This week, in our newsletter, I would like to focus on celebrating our wonderful children and congratulating them on the resilience they have shown. Below, I have copied a letter produced by well-school.org. Please share it with your children as there is so much truth in its message.

Jill Hibbs
Headteacher

'Dear children

We are writing this letter to you because there are a few things we think you should know.

We are incredibly proud of you

This last year has been exceptionally difficult. You have shown incredible resilience and adaptability. You have been selfless and put the needs of others before your own. You have made so many sacrifices and yet faced the challenges with strength and determination. There is much you've been told you've lost, including many weeks of your education, but there is much you have gained. You will emerge from this stronger. This may be the greatest challenge you have faced so far but it will not be the last. Next time you will find you have more resources and are better prepared (and even more so the time after that).

We are here for you

We know some of you will be worried about what the future holds. We want you to know we are here for you. We know you will need a chance to reconnect with your friends. We know you will need time and space to play and be active. We know you are desperate to get back to your sports/music/art/acting and everything else that is so crucial to your development. We know that you are keen to get back to your academic studies in school and college as well. We know that evenings, weekends and holidays are as important as your time at school. We are committed to ensuring that your opportunities are balanced and wherever your passions lie you have the chance to pursue these. We will be here to encourage you, support you, challenge and help you every step of the way.

You are the future

You are the future and that future is not written. There are challenges but there always have been and always will be: we know we will get through this together. We have complete faith in you. We want you to know that; more than anything. Do not let us or anyone else tell you what you can or can't be. We don't know. We cannot imagine what you will achieve. But we are so excited to see and be a part of it. We hope to see you back in our school next week. Whatever happens next, it will just be another step in your journey.'

Let's celebrate!

'Lockdown Legends'

- Lime Class:** Henry for his excellent maths work with the part whole model.
- Cherry Class:** Ava for persevering and having the confidence to answer lots of questions.
- Ash Class:** Freddie N for his independence and perseverance during Maths on TEAMS.
- Willow Class:** Honor for working hard on her home learning.
- Chestnut Class:** Eliza for always contributing lovely answers to our live sessions.
- Beech Class:** Leon for well thought through answers throughout lock-down.
- Oak Class:** Lily for attending every intervention.

'Blazing Bubbler'

- Year R nominated by Miss Ward:** Harrison for using his story map to write his story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears.
- Year 1 nominated by Mrs Lazar:** Alice S for writing an amazing setting description and always following instructions and doing the right thing.
- Year 2 nominated by Mrs Broad:** Charlie for working so hard since Christmas.
- Year 3 nominated by Mrs Bown:** Logan for great research for his non-chronological report.
- Year 4 nominated by Miss Tout:** Cameron for being a really kind friend all week.
- Year 5 nominated by Mr Bullen:** Sebastian for excellent writing.
- Year 6 nominated by Mr Foyle:** William for trying his best.

Living out our School Values

This is a picture of Ava doing a Memory Mile in honour of her Auntie for the charity *Made a Mark* which provides memory boxes for bereaved children. Thank you Ava for Showing such compassion.



Learning news

Faye helps to make soup at home this week.



World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day as a whole school on **Friday 12th March 2021** and we would like all the children to dress up as their favourite book character.

