



DILTON MARSH C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter 2 Term 1 - Friday 17th September 2021

Dear parents and carers

Traditionally week 3 of term 1 tends to be the hardest in school. The adults are all tired and the children are just realising this is the new routine, half term seems ages away. If your child is finding it hard please contact us. If it is a quick message or question you can email or ask for a phone call if you feel you need more of a conversation with your class teacher. We can often clear up misunderstandings and put your mind at rest very quickly.

If you leave a message they will get back to you as soon as possible, most of the time the same day. If not they will contact you to arrange to meet.

Thank you to everyone for attending the Meet the Headteacher session on Wednesday, it was great to see you and answer some of the questions you had. I have placed the short PowerPoint on the News section on our website ([here](#)) for you to view if you missed it. We had a number of questions around reading, behaviour and teacher development:

Reading

When does the reading for pleasure book come home? Staff will try to ensure these are changed on a Friday ready to be shared at the weekend. Remember sharing a book with your child can be classed as one of your 4 reads a week. This can be a book from school or one from home.

How often do I need to fill in the reading record? Some parents do this each evening or whenever they are reading with their child. Other's fill it in prior to them being checked on a Friday.

What happens if the child has not done their four reads in a week? Sometimes we will ask the child to read with an adult to catch up on their reads. This may be during their playtimes. This will depend on the age of the child and the reasons why they have not read. We understand that the younger children will rely on the adult to remember so by reading in school it gives equity for all.

Behaviour

Who chose the four school values? These were developed during the summer of 2019 when we surveyed parents, staff and children. We will be reviewing them again at the end of this academic year to ensure they are still relevant to the school.

What does 'deliberate bothersness' mean? This term means that everyone in the school has an equal responsibility to challenge inappropriate behaviour and celebrate good behaviour.

What are the stages in managing behaviour? These are shared on the PowerPoint and are part of our behaviour policy. The recent review of our policy has reduced the number of stages and increased the consistency of the rewards system.

What happens if a child is missing playtime frequently? Surely they will become immune to the punishment? It is our policy to contact the parents of a child if a behaviour is becoming a regular event, stopping the learning of the individual or their classmates. We can then work together to support the child to make the right choices.

FODS

Hello and a welcome to the new Reception class, from Friends of Dilton Marsh School (FODS). We hope all the children have had a good first week back and are enjoying the new play trail. We plan to return to some fundraising activities when the school are happy to do so and confidence with social gatherings is more established. Please look out for upcoming events and this years AGM. Thank you.

Let's celebrate!



Headteacher's Awards

- * Kai (Willow Class) for amazing hard work in Maths.
- * Rafe (Lime Class) for practising his phonics in free flow.
- * Bay (Ash Class) for amazing writing.
- * Jack (Willow Class) for always showing compassion to his peers.
- * Edison (Ash Class) for always being helpful and compassionate.



Stars of the week:

- Lime Class** Arlo for being an all round superstar.
- Cherry Class** Harrison for consistently displaying all of our school values this week.
- Ash Class** William for his positive attitude to his learning.
- Willow Class** Amelia for always being helpful in the classroom.
- Chestnut Class** Olly for working so hard in class to do his best!
- Beech Class** Emilie for showing amazing enthusiasm in all of her learning this week!
- Oak Class** Milo for focus and hard work.



Dilton's Star Writer

- Lime Class** Rafe for super pronunciation of graphemes.
- Cherry Class** Joseph for writing a fabulous postcard with lots of interesting adjectives.
- Ash Class** Juno for her use of exciting words and great effort.
- Willow Class** Indie for choosing appropriate adjectives to describe a variety of nouns.
- Chestnut Class** Summer for an excellent first draft of her diary.
- Beech Class** Wilson for an excellently written first draft of his Victorian Diary Entry.
- Oak Class** Imogen for excellent writing.

House Points

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Dates for your diary

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| Wednesday 29th September | Phonics information evening for Reception and Year 1 |
| Wednesday 6th October 2021 | Individual photos |
| Monday 11th October 2021 | Schools' Football tournament at Kingdown 3.30pm—5.30pm |
| Monday 18th October 2021 | Parents' Meetings (further details to follow) |
| Tuesday 19th October 2021 | Parents' Meetings (further details to follow) |
| Wednesday 20th October 2021 | End of Term 1 |
| Tuesday 2nd November 2021 | Start of Term 2 |
| Friday 17th December 2021 | End of Term 2 |