



DILTON MARSH C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter 1 Term 5 - Friday 23rd April 2021



Dear parents and carers

What a great start to the Summer term we have had. With the sun shining we have been able to make the most of our glorious outdoor space. Over the holidays the shelter benches have been replaced and this week Lime children have been busy developing their own outdoor planting area. As the fine weather is set to continue over the next week please make sure you apply sunscreen before school and your child wears a sunhat (named please). We are unable to apply/re-apply sunscreen through the day.

I have been asked about events for this term if restrictions are lifted. Obviously all our plans depend on the Government Roadmap but we are currently planning for Sports Day, Scootability, Walk Safe and Bikeability, as well as our usual Year 6 offer of Sailing, Residential visit (hopefully!), Production and Leavers Service. We will hold a Parents' Evening in the next couple of weeks which will be over TEAMS. We will confirm dates as soon as possible.

This term our curriculum focus is on Science. During the term Miss Tout, our Science Subject Leader, will spend time with teachers developing good practice and monitoring standards across the school. This will involve her talking to the children about their perception of Science and what they have learnt and can remember. She will also conduct a 'Book Look' where she will look for progress in the children's books and across the school.

Jill Hibbs
Headteacher

Road Safety

Sadly we are still receiving complaints within the community about the parking and manoeuvring habits at drop-off and pick-up times.

One local resident wrote last week, "The problems are persistent, ongoing and are carried out by the same parents / vehicles habitually. They seem to be escalating their disregard for others and are becoming more brazen in their unacceptable and totally unsafe parking habits. Obstructed pavements present a real danger to pupils of the school and other road users alike, dropped kerbs are vital to those with mobility problems and the local residents should absolutely maintain their rights of access to and from their properties. With more suitable parking just down the road in both directions, if parents were prepared to park and then walk for just 1 – 2 minutes this would provide a much safer environment directly outside the school".

The Road Safety Team from Wiltshire Council also paid us a visit last week to carry out an independent road safety audit. They have asked that children and parents follow these guidelines:

- Use the school crossing patrol site to cross the road
- Cross in front of Bev (crossing patrol) when asked to
- Children should walk their scooters and cycles across the road
- Parents should not use the entrance to School Lane to turn around which is dangerous or park too close to that corner backing onto the zig-zags.

Yellow zig-zag lines outside schools, hospitals, or fire, police or ambulance stations indicate the length of road where stopping or waiting is strictly prohibited. The Highway Code states that you should keep these areas clear of stationary vehicles, even if picking up or setting down children.

Thank you for your support with this.

Let's celebrate!

Headteacher's awards

Ash Class:

- * Esme and Henry for brilliant writing.

Willow Class:

- * Abigail for persevering with all her work this week.

Chestnut Class:

- * Chloe and Mia for their reading during the Easter holidays.
- * Evelyn for her presentation in Maths and English.



Stars of the week:

Lime Class	Ryley for really engaging in developing our outdoor planting area.
Cherry Class	Alice S for doing some fabulous writing this week using lots of adjectives to make it exciting to read.
Ash Class	Debbie for great knowledge about hedgehogs.
Willow Class	Sam for great focused learning in Maths.
Chestnut Class	Olivia for her excellent enthusiasm during all of our lessons.
Beech Class	Riley for a positive attitude towards reading.
Oak Class	Charlie A for making mature choices this week.



Dilton's Maths Magicians:

Lime Class	George for continuing repeated patterns independently in his learning.
Cherry Class	Maia for practising her times tables and helping others.
Ash Class	Sheldon for good use of division facts.
Willow Class	Soren for great work in equivalent fractions.
Chestnut Class	Hollie for her great effort in our times tables practice.

National survey of children, The Big Ask, launches today

The new Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has today launched [The Big Ask](#) – the largest ever consultation with children aged 4 to 17 in England. It aims to find out children's concerns and aspirations about the future, so that we can put children at the heart of our country's recovery from the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

Please can you take some time to [complete this survey](#) with your child at home.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 7/5/21	Scotability (Years 1 & 2)
Monday 31/5/21—Friday 4/6/21	Half Term
Monday 7/6/21	Start of Term 6
Friday 11/6/21	Class photos (COVID dependent)
Wednesday 21/7/21	Leavers' Service (COVID dependent)
	End of Term 6 for the summer holidays (FINISH 12pm)

Please Sponsor Me!

Please sponsor me to have my hair cut and donated to the [Little Princess Trust](#) to make a wig and give hope to a child who has lost their hair through cancer treatment.



I hope you all still remember me! I have loved having long hair, but feel the time has come to have it cut and give my hair and hope to another child. I have chosen to donate my hair to the Little Princess Trust, who provide free real hair wigs to children and young people who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or other conditions, to help them restore their confidence and identity. It is hard enough for them that they are battling cancer, without them feeling self-conscious because they have lost their hair. My hair is 1m long, and I am hoping to donate about 70cms.

It costs the Little Princess Trust £550 to provide a real hair wig free of charge to a child. The charity also fund research into finding better treatments for childhood cancers. Through people sponsoring my hair cut, I would love to be able to raise enough to fund the making of one wig. It would mean so much if you could help me reach my target.

Please donate either via my just giving page: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/caroline-south11 or leaving it at the school office.

Thank you,

Caroline (Dilton Marsh pupil 2013—2020)