



DILTON MARSH C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 2 Newsletter 1 - Friday 8th November 2019

I hope you all had a great holiday – it went so fast!

Whilst the children were off school the staff attended 2 training days. The first was a whole Acorn Education Trust day when all the staff from the 10 Primary Schools and 2 Secondary Schools joined together to talk about the curriculum. Primary teachers attended a session led by Jonathan Lear. He is the author of 'Guerilla Education' and took us through his journey of developing a curriculum which enthuses and excites children, enabling them to learn. We will be exploring how we can implement some of his ideas in our Dilton curriculum over the coming months. The Teaching Assistants had the choice of a number of sessions exploring different aspects of supporting teaching and learning in the school.

On Monday this week, our staff training focussed on developing children's vocabulary. Without a good vocabulary children struggle to understand what they are taught, to express how they feel, to manage social situations and resolve conflicts. Children start school with very different vocabulary size and depth. As a staff team we explored strategies to actively teach vocabulary so that it is remembered. Mrs Broad will be sending home more information next week.

Children in Need—Friday 15th November 2019

We will be supporting Children in Need day on Friday 15th November. Please note this is not a non-uniform day. Children should wear normal uniform and can choose to wear something spotty eg scarf, socks, headband etc for a donation. Thank you.



Lime Class World Nursery Rhyme Day—22nd November 2019

Lime Class will be enjoying a focus on well-loved nursery rhymes. We are asking all Lime Class children to dress up as their favourite nursery rhyme character to celebrate this day.



FODS update

Thank you all those who came to watch Toy Story 4. They are busy organising Christmas events—please keep an eye on the notice board and school website for updates.

'The Million Page Reading Challenge'

This week, Mr Foyle has launched the 'Million Page Reading Challenge', our first of several whole school reading initiatives. Many of the children are already very excited and engaged in their reading ready to contribute to the school total. Please support us by encouraging your child to read at home. Already this week children have read 7012 pages! We will keep you updated with the results.

Julia's House

We raised an impressive £828 from Julia's Mile at the start of last term, of which half will be donated to Julia's House. Thank you all for your support. Representatives from Julia's House will be joining us in our assembly next Friday to celebrate the children's fundraising and running efforts.

Key dates for your diary

Wednesday 13 th November	Willow Class Sharing Assembly 2.30pm
Thursday 14 th November	Beech Class Swimming starts
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need Day
	Flu nasal vaccinations
Wednesday 20 th November	Cherry Class Sharing Assembly
Friday 22 nd November	KS1 Classroom visits and coffee morning Lime Class Nursery Rhyme dress-up day
Wednesday 27 th November	Ash Class Sharing Assembly
Thursday 28 th November	Year 6 Bikeability (12 children)
Friday 29 th November	Year 6 Bikeability (12 children)
	Non-uniform day—donations for Christmas Fayre
Thursday 12 th December	KS1 Christmas performance (1) 2pm
Friday 13 th December	KS1 Christmas performance (2) 2pm
Thursday 5 th December	Christmas Fayre 4.30—6.30pm
Wednesday 18 th December	Whole school Christmas lunch
Friday 20 th December	Whole school Christmas service at Holy Trinity Church 11am. Last day of Term 2—12pm finish



Lime Class	Margot
Cherry Class	Ava
Ash Class	Charys
Willow Class	James
Chestnut Class	Leon
Beech Class	Erin
Oak Class	Anna

Congratulations to our 'Shining Stars' this week.

Dilton's Maths Magicians:



Lime Class	Edward
Cherry Class	Sheldon
Ash Class	Lewis
Willow Class	Ellie
Chestnut Class	Riley
Beech Class	Elsa
Oak Class	Imogen