



DILTON MARSH C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter 3 Term 2 - Friday 20th November 2020

Dear parents and carers

We have had some real treats this week at the morning drop off. We have been wowed by the Autumn themed homework coming in from Cherry class. This has included giant collages of autumn leaves, characters made out of seasonal vegetables and even a pine cone ballet dancer! Then today, it was lovely to see all the children in Lime Class dressed up as Nursery Rhyme characters – they looked amazing!

We have also resumed our hot lunches this week for our younger children and they have all settled to the routines really well and are enjoying the food.

This week it has been great to begin to plan our Christmas celebrations. It is really important to us all that Christmas at Dilton Marsh CEVC Primary School is a time of celebration for all the positives in our lives. You will see the list of activities we are planning to include below.

We hope that we will not need to close any bubbles over the remaining weeks of term but are aware that other schools within the Westbury Cluster are needing to do so on a regular basis. If you do have a positive case within your household please let us know immediately even if it is at the weekend or late at night. In that way we can react quickly and put measures in place, if needed, immediately. Please email head@diltonmarsh.wilts.sch.uk with your contact number and I will ring you to get more detailed information to assist Public Health England in deciding on our next steps.

I hope that you are all keeping well and managing the lockdown ok. If you do need help the Wiltshire Wellbeing Hub is still available for anyone struggling during this difficult time. This could include people who are shielding or self-isolating and don't have a support network around them. More information can be found on www.wiltshire.gov.uk/public-health-coronavirus

Christmas plans

Christmas is nearly upon us and despite the current COVID restrictions, we are committed to making sure the festive season at Dilton Marsh CE Primary School is still a special time for the children and the staff. Please read the information below about what we will be doing (and a couple of things that we can't do this year):



- * We WILL decorate the school as usual. Each class will have their own decorations and we have invited all children to take part in the **Christmas Decoration competition. Please do not bring these in before Friday 27th November.** These decorations will be hung on our main school Christmas tree.
- * We WILL have Christmas lunch, although we can't have the whole school eating together in the hall. Children will eat in their bubbles on different days and can wear their Christmas jumpers on their Christmas lunch day (further information about Christmas dinner to follow).
- * We WILL have Christmas parties in each bubble on the last morning of term (Friday 18th December) - we can't have any food items.
- * We WILL be holding a virtual whole school Nativity Service.
- * Children WILL make a Christmas card in their class. We can't receive and distribute Christmas cards from home (from your child to other children) via the school post box so please do not send these to school this year.
- * We WILL share a video of the whole school participating in a Christmas song. **Please note if you have previously signed to say you DO NOT give your permission for your child's image to appear on the school website, then they will NOT be included in this video unless you inform us otherwise.**
- * We WILL invite the children to attend a virtual Christmas Story telling during the holidays. More details to follow.
- * We WILL be holding a Christmas hamper raffle.

Let's celebrate!

Nominated by Mrs Down in Lime Class:

- * Lyra for beautiful cursive handwriting.
- * Topsy for giving thoughtful answers in class.



Nominated by Mrs Lazar in Cherry Class:

- * Ezra for his fantastic setting description.
- * Elijah for his perseverance with his handwriting.

Nominated by Mrs Broad in Ash Class:

- * Sheldon, James and Esme for their amazing phonics work this week.

Nominated by Mrs Bown in Willow Class:

- * Oliver for persevering with his reading

Congratulations to Brinley in Chestnut Class who has achieved his pen licence this week.



Nominated by Miss Tout in Chestnut Class:

- * Eliza and Alex for such detailed descriptions in their writing.
- * Teddy for supporting his class with their reading.

Nominated by Mr Bullen in Beech Class:

- * Laurie for great banjo playing and having the confidence to play it in front of the class

Nominated by Mr Foyle in Oak Class:

- * Lyra, Jasmine and Amber for reading 10 or more books from the recommended reading list.
- * Ollie and Josh for getting 40/40 in their maths arithmetic test.

Dilton's Maths Magicians:

Lime Class	George
Cherry Class	Carlos
Ash Class	Meira
Willow Class	Kallum
Chestnut Class	Evelyn
Beech Class	Rowan
Oak Class	Jude



Stars of the week:

Lime Class	Sammy
Cherry Class	Robyn
Ash Class	Olivia
Willow Class	Isabelle
Chestnut Class	Wilson
Beech Class	Leon
Oak Class	Erin




Learning highlights

Lime Class enjoy celebrating 'Nursery Rhyme Day' today. Cherry Class show off their Autumn home learning.



We raised a total of £217.27 for Children in Need last week. We are delighted with this sum, particularly in the current climate so thank you all for your generosity.

Key dates for your diary

Friday 27/11/20	Bring Christmas decorations into school (box in each classroom)
Friday 4/12/2020	Non-uniform day—Christmas hamper donations please
Monday 14/12/2020	FODS prize hamper draw raffle
Tuesday 15/12/20 Wednesday 16/12/20 Thursday 17/12/20	School Christmas lunch / Christmas Jumper Day 
Friday 18/12/2020	Class Christmas parties Term 2 finishes at 12pm
Tuesday 5/1/2021	Term 3 begins (please note Monday 4th January is a staff training day - school is closed to pupils).

