



DILTON MARSH C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter 3 Term 3 - Friday 22nd January 2021

Dear parents and carers

We're now half way through Term 3 with no sign of a full return to school. I know that some parents are finding home schooling more and more stressful, juggling working from home whilst trying to support their children. Yesterday we sent home the results of the home learning questionnaire in which we urged you to do whatever is manageable. The key for us is to keep up with the Literacy and Numeracy work which builds on the learning from the day before. If you are really struggling please get in touch with your child's teacher.

This week Gavin Williamson, Education Secretary, stated that we will get 2 weeks' notice of the reopening of schools but no other indication of when we will be open to all pupils again. We are pleased that, from next week, staff in school will be tested regularly giving more confidence that we are safe in school.

Jill Hibbs
Headteacher



Parking

Bev, our crossing patrol lady is concerned about the number of cars parking badly outside of school which is making her job of supporting the children across the road difficult and unsafe. Please can I remind those of you coming to school each day to park away from the crossing area. Thank you for your support with this.

Little Voices - Free Virtual Lessons = Happy Children!

We are currently providing our lessons in drama and singing virtually, and would love to offer every child in your school a chance to join us for 2 free virtual lessons between now and the end of term. There is no obligation for families to sign up with us after these sessions. We just want to give a little joy to the youngsters in our community and keep them smiling.

If you know of anyone who would like to join us for 2 free virtual lessons, we will require this form to be completed:

<https://www.littlevoices.org.uk/locations/bath/virtual-lessons-little-voices-bath-corsham-westbury>

Remote Learning Tips for parents

Are you aware that you can use XBox or Playstation devices to access remote learning? This may be particularly helpful in households that are sharing devices between children. Full instructions and other useful tips on remote learning can be found on our school website

<https://www.diltonmarsh.wilts.sch.uk/website/using-xbox-or-playstation-to-access-remote-learning/536912>



Let's celebrate!

'Lockdown Legends'

- Lime Class:** Rex for super hard work and enthusiasm at home.
- Cherry Class:** William G for some fantastic reasoning in maths this week and having the confidence to have a go even when he isn't 100% sure.
- Ash Class:** Vincent for independently finding out about the Great British Bird Watch.
- Willow Class:** Oliver for handing in super Science work this week.
- Chestnut Class:** Wilson for great contributions in maths.
- Beech Class:** Ella L for great improvement in maths.
- Oak Class:** Thomas for always handing in work on time and to the best of his ability.

'Blazing Bubbler'

- Year R nominated by Mrs Ward:** Paulina for working really hard on blending her sounds.
- Year 1/2 nominated by Mrs Lazar / Mrs Broad:** Maia for such a positive attitude to learning.
- Year 3/4 nominated by Miss Tout / Mrs Bown:** Finlay-Ray for great work in Science, looking at series and parallel circuits.

Learning highlights this week

English at home - Harriett is engrossed in the class English book 'Into the Forest'. Ash Class write *Wanted* posters to try and catch the Big Bad Wolf. 'Ahoy Me Hearties' - Lime Class make pirate hats.

