



# DILS News

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## **SCHOOL WILL CLOSE FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAY PERIOD FOR ALL CHILDREN FROM FRIDAY 17 JULY 2020 UNTIL MONDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2020**

We have had a very busy week in school, helping children in school and at home to mark the end of an extraordinary school year. New teachers for next year have offered Zoom calls to meet their new classes. The children in nursery, reception and Year 1 who have been able to attend school every day since 3 June have celebrated the end of the year with class parties this week. Year 2 and Year 3 classes have had after school get together in the playground to respect social distancing rules. The children were delighted to see their friends after such a long and unexpected time away from school and had smiles from ear to ear.

Our Year 4 children have marked moving on from Dunstable Icknield Lower School with a get together and presentation in the playground with their teachers and Mrs Collinson who represented our Governors. Although there have not been the usual visits to Priory Academy, the children have had the opportunity to see a 'virtual' tour of Priory and to see on a timetable what kind of learning they should expect each day. We will miss the children here at DILS but can see they are ready to move to their next learning adventure. We wish the very best of luck to all children and families who are leaving us at DILS this year.

At this time of year, we say goodbye and hello to members of staff too. Mrs Roe started her maternity leave a few weeks ago and is still waiting for baby to arrive. We say goodbye to Mrs Acciacarelli who has supported learning in Year 4 and we say hello to Miss Masenya who will join us teaching in Y4, and Miss Piombino who will join our school administration team.

We are preparing to welcome back all children to school in September. Current guidance sets out how we can keep everyone safe and minimise the spread of coronavirus and still have all children in school. There will be some small changes for year groups to start and finish times and this will be shared with parents and carers in more detail at the beginning of September.

Next year our class teachers will be:

- Nursery Tchaikovsky – Mrs Angus
- Nursery Newman – Mrs Angus
- Rec Lloyd-Webber – Mr Williams
- Rec Zimmer – Mrs Arthur
- Y1 Beckham – Miss Covalea (who will become Mrs Conroy in August)
- Y1 Bolt – Miss Strickler
- Y2 Potter – Mrs Sinclair
- Y2 Rosen – Miss Scotchford
- Y3 Anning – Miss Cowan
- Y3 Attenborough – Mrs Southwood and Mr Denham
- Y4 Banksy – Mr Gallacher
- Y4 O'Keeffe - Miss Masenya

Finally, we wish all of our children, parents, carers and community a very safe and restful summer break. We hope you are all able to spend as much time as possible outdoors to help keep everyone fit and healthy.

**Thank you** - The Early Years Foundation Stage would like to say a big THANK YOU to FOILS for funding a new washing machine. This will most definitely help to keep us and our very 'creative' little people both safe and clean!



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**Thank you** - Year 4 would also like to say thank you to FOILS for their generous donation towards the Year 4 children's very special end of year presents. They were presented with a personalised water bottle and a lovely stationary set to get them started at their new school.

**Vacancy for a Parent Governor** – We will be recruiting for an additional Parent Governor next year. If you would be interested in being a Parent Governor next year and would like to know more, please have a look at the following website:

<https://www.nga.org.uk/Governance-Recruitment/Be-a-school-governor-or-trustee.aspx>

Our Chair, Mrs Rowena Harrison, will also be happy to answer any questions you may have and can be contacted by email on:

[chairofgovernors@icknielower.bedssch.co.uk](mailto:chairofgovernors@icknielower.bedssch.co.uk)

**Art Club** - Following the government guidance update, unfortunately our after-school art club run by Love Art and Craft will not be able to hold face-to-face clubs in September at the moment. However, to make sure our children still have the opportunity to take part they have decided to offer online after-school clubs instead. Please note these clubs won't be exclusive to each school as they will need to combine groups to get the numbers needed for these classes to be sustainable. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

**Help keep COVID-19 under control** - Director for Public Health, has written a letter for all parents, outlining the importance of maintaining health and hygiene advice this summer, to help keep COVID-19 under control. Please follow the links below for letters available in four languages: English, Urdu, Polish and Romanian.

English - <https://centralbedfordshire.app.box.com/s/ugkmrvphtvylaj3cdiyn47kscnowfp9j>

Urdu - <https://centralbedfordshire.app.box.com/s/vndl9dcerf6ec78oe581y6k26v8a24xa>

Romanian - <https://centralbedfordshire.app.box.com/s/bgwkqozfxcfk4cbmapep4sork0a7jj0e>

Polish - <https://centralbedfordshire.app.box.com/s/spuqgalbk5muh9owlgccc0b5520jlg5k>

## Pupil Achievements:

**Y4 Values Winner** – Taashi Patel

**Y1** - Congratulations to Liam in Y2 for taking part in the Great Indoors Weekender with Dunstable Scouts!

**Nursery - For Charity** - Quinn from our Nursery will be donating her hair to this charity in the next few weeks. You can donate to my JustGiving page by clicking here: [https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Rachael-Bourne3?utm\\_source=Sharethis&utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=Rachael-Bourne3&utm\\_campaign=pfp-email&utm\\_term=b5fde83d677b45f5ab0e114c8551bd93](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Rachael-Bourne3?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=Rachael-Bourne3&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=b5fde83d677b45f5ab0e114c8551bd93).

Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to Little Princess Trust, so it's the most efficient way to give - saving time and cutting costs for the charity.#

## School Uniform

If you are unsure of the uniform requirements for your child, please check our website for details.

<https://www.dunstableicknield.co.uk/page/?title=The+School+Day+%2D+Lunch+%26amp%3B+Uniform&pid=19>

All items of school uniform with the DILS logo are available from Best Look in Dunstable.

## Nursery Applications for September 2020

We are still accepting applications for Nursery for next academic year. If you or someone you know has a child who will be 3 years old before 31 August 2020 and would like an application for our Nursery, please contact the school office after 3 September.



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## HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES:

All the links below can be used at any time to support learning at home. The School website is now full of wonderful learning activities and ideas for you to do at home on a rainy day.

- **Activities and learning that you can tune into from home page**

Loads of brand-new things to explore:

<https://www.dunstableicknield.co.uk/page/title=Activities+and+learning+that+you+can+tune+into+from+home&pid=84>

- **Come to read and learn with us**

You will find links to videos from our **YouTube** channel and other links to support reading;

<https://www.dunstableicknield.co.uk/page/?title=Come+to+read+and+learn+with+us%21&pid=81>

- School **YouTube** channel – videos of children now being shared on Twitter too:

Subscribe to see your DILS staff reading and showing fun learning challenges

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeBbq7KAgMEimG4DoFqOB5A?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeBbq7KAgMEimG4DoFqOB5A?view_as=subscriber)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=llpLcWIFjFU>

- **Isolation** - Fun activities and ideas to help children stay entertained

<https://www.dunstableicknield.co.uk/page/?title=Isolation+%2D+Fun+activities+and+ideas+to+do+at+home&pid=83>

- **Our Home Learning Gallery**

You will find pictures of children's home learning. **If you are sending in photos, please be aware that these will be shared on our website.**

<https://www.dunstableicknield.co.uk/gallery/?pid=49&gcatid=4>

- **PE with Joe Wicks and other ideas page**

You will find links to Joe's videos and attached are some PE activities and challenges to try at home

<https://www.dunstableicknield.co.uk/page/?title=PE+with+Joe+Wicks+and+other+ideas&pid=79>

- **Science - Learning at home page**

You will find science resources

<https://www.dunstableicknield.co.uk/page/?title=Science+%2D+Learning+at+home&pid=80&action=saved>

- **E-safety guidance on the new popular app 'House Party'**

<https://www.dunstableicknield.co.uk/page/?title=E%2DSafety&pid=73&action=saved>

E-Safety - [www.dunstableicknield.co.uk](http://www.dunstableicknield.co.uk)

- **Mental health / mindfulness for children and parents page**

<https://www.dunstableicknield.co.uk/page/?title=Mental+Health+%2F+Mindfulness+for+children+and+parents&pid=96>

includes videos of staff, resources and website links to support parents and children

- A message from the Central Beds library - things you can tune into

<https://www.dunstableicknield.co.uk/page/?title=Activities+and+learning+that+you+can+tune+into+from+home&pid=84&action=saved>

- **ICT policies updated and uploaded to policy section of website**

### Recent additions to the School Website:

- **BBC bitesize daily link and timetable**

<https://www.dunstableicknield.co.uk/page/?title=Home+Learning&pid=49>

- **non-screen activities to try at home**

<https://www.dunstableicknield.co.uk/page/?title=Isolation+%2D+Fun+activities+and+ideas+to+do+at+home&pid=83>

- science habitats lesson video -

<https://www.dunstableicknield.co.uk/page/?title=Science+%2D+Learning+at+home&pid=80&action=saved>

- Mental health advice -

<https://www.dunstableicknield.co.uk/page/?title=Mental+Health+%2F+Mindfulness+for+children+and+parents&pid=96&action=saved>

- **StarLine is a national home learning helpline offering expert information and advice to parents and carers -**  
<https://www.starline.org.uk/>

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- **The Maths Factor**

<https://www.themathsfactor.com/>

This is a maths education website set up by Carol Vorderman. It contains videos, tutorials and games on different aspects of maths. It was originally set up for children who struggle with maths and/ or have Special Educational Needs. However, it is regularly accessed by children of all abilities and children enjoy the fun approach to maths that it provides.

During the school closure, Carol Vorderman has made this website free for all to access.