



DILS News



Dunstable Icknield Lower School Newsletter Issue 54

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WELCOME BACK - It has been wonderful to welcome the children back into school this week. We have had a really busy week introducing new topics and hearing lots of different holiday stories. In Year 3 Mrs Jones returned to school from her maternity leave to share the teaching in 3 Attenborough with Mrs Southwood and Mrs Roe announced she will be having a baby in early July. Today we have said goodbye to Mrs Haynes in the school office who is off to discover new challenges. Mrs Haynes has been at school since October 2014 and we wish her all the best for the future.

ABOUT CHILDREN

Class Attendance This Week

N Newman	93.1%	N Tchaikovsky	90.4%	R Lloyd-Webber	89.0%	R Zimmer	97.7%
1 Beckham	93.1%	1 Bolt	96.6%	2 Potter	96.2%	2 Rosen	94.1%
3 Anning	93.7%	3 Attenborough	94.8%	4 Banksy	97.0%	4 O'Keeffe	99.2%

YEAR 4 PARENTS/CARERS Transfer to Year 5 – Please be aware that your child does not automatically transfer to Priory Academy in September 2020 and this **CANNOT** be done by school. Please complete the Central Beds online application using the link address below and submit to Central Beds by **15th January 2020**. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the school office.

https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/7/school_admissions_applications_for_2019/497/apply_for_a_middle_school_place

Key Stage 1 Phonics and reading workshop – At the end of last term Key stage 1 parents received information about a reading and phonics workshop on Friday 17th January 2020 between 8.50am and 9.50am.

This meeting will start with the opportunity to watch part of your child's phonics or spelling lesson, parents will then gather in a separate classroom to be given guidance on how best to support your child at home, along with a brief explanation of the Statutory Phonics and SATs assessments which children in Year 1 will sit during Term 3 along with those children who did not pass the phonics screen last year. Time will also be given for questions and answers at the end of the session. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Playground Improvements – The children are enjoying using our new improved ball games area, and the rain this week helped prove that the new drainage system works.

After School Activities for Term 2 – A reminder that this term the following activities are still available for children to sign up:

Y4 PE club – Monday 15:20 – 16:20 – between 06th January – 30th March 2020– spaces available, sign up online

Street dance – Monday Y1 & Y2 lunchtime 12:15 – 12:45 - between 06th January – 30th March 2020 – spaces available

Y2 PE club – Tuesday 15:20 – 16:20 – between 07th January – 31st March 2020 – spaces available, sign up online

Tennis – Wednesday 08:00 – 08:45 – between 08th January – 01st April 2020 – spaces available

Lego club - Wednesday 15th January – Wednesday 12th February – Y4 Information has been sent home

Street dance – Thursday Y3 & Y4 lunchtime 12:15 – 12:45 - between 09th January – 02nd April 2020 – spaces available

Zumba – Thursday 15:20 – 16:20 - 16th January – 2nd April 2020 - spaces available

Hotshots – Thursday 09th January – Thursday 02nd April – Spaces available, for details call Mark on 07776286666

Y3 PE club – Friday 15:20 – 16:20 – between 10th January – 03rd April 2020 – spaces available, sign up online

Clubs only take place when school is open. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the school office.

Class Teacher Award winners this week - Tchaikovsky – all children due to their amazing Christmas Performance ; Newman – all children due to their amazing Christmas Performance; Zimmer – Ellie; Lloyd-Webber – Evie; Bolt – Logan; Beckham – Millie; Rosen – Rayan; Potter – Catilin; Attenborough – Alyan; Anning – Lienne; Banksy – Izzy; O'Keeffe - Dylan.

Parking Wise, Saves Lives - Children in **Y1 Bolt** will be doing parking patrol week commencing **13/01/2020** they should come to school a little earlier, enter school through the front door and meet in the Library area at 8.40am. Remember there is a free car park on West Street where parents can park for drop off and pick up to also support this initiative and encourage a short walk to school.

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Bags 2 school – The bags and letters have been sent home, please check your child’s school bag. Please fill the bag with any old clothes and return it to school on **Monday the 20th January 2020**. The school receives money for every bag we receive. Many thanks for your continued support.

FOR PARENTS

Extended day provision – Booking for breakfast and after school club. A reminder that a letter was sent out to all parents on 20th December 2019 clarifying the process for booking into breakfast and after school clubs.

Please remember:

1. At present bookings can only be made online if your account is **IN CREDIT**. If you are unable to book your child into a club then either:
 - a. There are less than 24 hours before the required booking
 - b. You do not have enough credit in your account
 - c. You are trying to use the SCOPAY app – due to technical difficulties beyond our control SCOPAY will only work through a web browser

We require at least 24 hours' notice as our staffing organisation is determined by our booking numbers. Places booked and paid for in advance can be cancelled with refund provided this is done in advance.

Class Pages - Our class pages on the school website have been updated this week to include our curriculum overviews for this term. Please take a look at your child's year group page to find out what they will be learning this term, including what you can do at home to support. The class pages can be found at the top of the school website page.

Letterbox – The school has now introduced 2 letter boxes, one situated in the office area and the other in the school playground by the entrance to Key Stage 2 classrooms. These will enable parents to post any type of communication to the school, without the need to queue up in the morning. They will be checked regularly by our office staff for communications.

Personal belongings – We recommend that children do not bring any personal belongings such as toys or trading cards into school to avoid loss or damage.

ART NEEDS YOU! Greener Art Room resources – Do you have any old fabric, buttons, magazines, cardboard boxes etc for the art room's collage supplies? Please bring your donations to the school office. Be re-using and recycling these items we can all reduce our waste. Thank you!

Acceptable User Agreement and Photograph Consent - We have recently reviewed safeguarding and technology procedures and as a result are refreshing our 'acceptable use' and 'Photograph consent' agreements for parents. More information on how to do this will be sent to parents.

RNIB Stamp Collection - Mrs B has signed up for school to collect **used** stamps for the RNIB this Christmas
<https://www.rnib.org.uk/donations-and-fundraising/fundraising-your-community/stamps-appeal>

If you wish to help with this appeal simply:

Start collecting stamps from envelopes and parcels as they come through your post box or at your work. Try to leave a centimetre of envelope or packaging around each stamp. Give the stamps to your child and they can post them in a collection box in school.

All donations gratefully received!!

Reporting an absence - If your child is absent from school, please phone the school office on 01582 663709 before 08:45 to notify us.

Key Dates for Term 2	20 term dates are available on the Central Bedfordshire Council website and our own website. Dates are subject to change so please refer to CBC regularly.
Every Friday until Fri 17th July	Family Fridays – weekly event for children and parents
Thursday 16th January	Y4 O’Keeffe - Class assembly to parents – 09:00
Friday 17th January	Key Stage 1 Phonics and reading workshop – for parents Y1 & Y2 - 08:50
Tue 21st January 2020	Y3 Faith Tour – educational visit for children, see letters sent home



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Thursday 30 th January	Y4 Banksy - Class assembly to parents – 09:00
Thursday 06 th February	Y2 All Creatures Great and Small – performance to parents 14:00 – 14:30
Wednesday 12 th February	Parents evening 1 - including IEP/SSP reviews - 15:30-18:00
Thursday 13 th February	Parent evening 2 - including IEP/SSP reviews - 16:00-19:00
Mon 17 th – Fri 21 st February 2020	Half Term – School closed for children
Thursday 05 th March	Y3 Attenborough – Class Assembly to parents – 09:00
Thursday 19 th March	Y3 Anning – Class Assembly to parents – 09:00
Wed 18 th – Fri 20 th March 2020	Y4 Residential Visit - PGL
Thursday 02 nd April	Y1 Bolt & Beckham - Pirate assembly to parents 14:30
	Easter Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED

E-mails sent home this week		
E-mail Content:	Who sent to:	Date sent:
DILS - Information - Y3 Update Letter	Y3	06.01.2020
Year 4 Leaver's Hoodies	Y4	06.01.2020
DILS - Nursery Coverage of works W/C 06th January 2020	Nursery	06.01.2020
DILS - Action – Reminder - Phonics parents morning	Y1 & Y2	07.01.2020
DILS - Action - Y3 Faith Tour - Helpers needed	Y3	08.01.2020
DILS - Action – Reminder - Street Dance Club	Y1 & Y2	08.01.2020
DILS - Action – Reminder - Street Dance Club	Y3 & Y4	08.01.2020
DILS - Action - PGL Trip	Y4	10.01.2020
DILS - Reception Coverage of works W/C 13.01.2020	Reception	10.01.2020
DILS - Action - Lego Club	Y4	10.01.2020
DILS - Information - Maternity Notice	Y3	10.01.2020
DILS - Nursery Coverage of works W/C 13th January 2020	Nursery	10.01.2020