



DILS News

Dunstable Icknield Lower School Newsletter Issue 53
20th December 2019



**MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE – HAVE A WONDERFUL BREAK FROM SCHOOL.
SCHOOL WILL RE-OPEN FOR CHILDREN AT 8.55AM ON MONDAY 6 JANUARY 2020.**

ABOUT CHILDREN

Class Attendance This Week

N Newman	86.3%	N Tchaikovsky	83.5%	R Lloyd-Webber	84.8%	R Zimmer	90.0%
1 Beckham	91.2%	1 Bolt	85.8%	2 Potter	91.5%	2 Rosen	85.6%
3 Anning	88.1%	3 Attenborough	98.9%	4 Banksy	95.2%	4 O’Keeffe	96.2%

Class Attendance Winner for this Term: - Well done to Y3 Attenborough! Every child in the class is awarded two house points.

Holiday Challenge - tying laces. We have noticed in school that there are many children who are not able to tie their own shoe laces but come to school with lace up shoes. We are setting a holiday challenge for all of our children. If you cannot tie your laces, learn to tie them over the holidays and earn 2 house points. There are many youtube videos to help with this at home; here is one. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MhXXYuCpVwc&safe=active> If you can tie your laces one way, can you learn to tie them in two other different ways to earn two house points? Show your class teacher when you return to school in January to get your house point rewards.

Y2 Brilliant Beginning - Next term, our new topic is all Creatures Great and Small. Over the holidays, we would like you to find one piece of information about an animal that you would like to share with the class. This could be a photo of an animal/ your pet, a Did You Know fact, a question you may have or a picture you have drawn. This will be used for a ‘Brilliant Beginning’ display and must be no bigger than half a sheet of A4 paper and neatly presented. Please bring in on Monday 6th January.

Termly Round Up -

Y2 - We have been very busy in Year 2 this term with our Victorians topic. The children were immersed in the life of a Victorian school child and Florence Nightingale during our enrichment days. The children have also been learning about Victorian artists such as William Morris and have created some fantastic printing art pieces. They had the opportunity to perform on stage and share their learning so far this term. We look forward to another action packed topic next term.

Nursery Christmas Performance - We are all so very proud of the nursery children. They took the stage with such poise and confidence for their performance this week. Singing, playing percussion instruments and doing actions to the songs all at the same time, is quite a challenge! It was lovely to see so many proud parents and family sharing this wonderful experience. Well done to all the Nursery children!

Year 1 had a fantastic Autumn term. The children really enjoyed the superheroes topic, which ended in a wonderful superhero day. The children have seen the wonderful Owl and mouse production in school and are excited to display their singing for the Christmas concert. Well done year one!

The Santa Challenge - Congratulations to all the children who walked, cycled or scooter to school! Keep on being active in the New Year!

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 next term the following activities are available for children to sign up:

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

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

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

Art Club – Monday 15:20 – 16:20 – between 06th January.2020 - 10th January 2020 – fully booked

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

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

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

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

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

Hotshots – Thursday 09th January – Thursday 02nd April – Spaces available, for details call Mark on 0777628666

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

No Teacher Award winners this week – they will return in January

Parking Wise, Saves Lives - Children in **Y1 Beckham** will be doing parking patrol week commencing **06/01/2020** 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.

FOILS

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 after the Xmas holidays. The school receives money for every bag we receive. Many thanks for your continued support.

FOR 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!!

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 application and submit to Central Beds by **15th January 2020**. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the school office.

2020 Leavers Hoodies – A message from two of our Year 4 parents: ‘As it is our children’s final year at Icknield we thought it would be a nice idea for them to purchase a keepsake in the form of a Leavers Hoodie. If you would like to view and also purchase a hoodie for your child, please follow the link below:

<https://www.leavershoodies.com/shop/dunstable-icknield-lower-school-2020>

We have set up an account that will stay open until **6th January 2020**. If you have any questions with regards to the hoodies, please do not hesitate to contact Jo (James’s Mum) or Hayley (Owen’s Mum).’

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 13th Dec	Family Fridays – weekly event for children and parents
Mon 23rd December – Fri 03rd January	End of term holiday - School closed for children
Thursday 09th January	Reception Vision Screening
Friday 17th January	Phonics parents' morning Y1 & Y2
Tue 21st January 2020	Y3 Faith Tour – activity for children, more details to follow
Thursday 06th February	Y2 All Creatures Great and Small – performance to parents 14:00 – 14:30

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Mon 17th – Fri 21st February 2020	Half Term – School closed for children
Wed 18th – Fri 20th March 2020	Y4 Residential Visit - PGL
	Easter Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED

E-mails sent home this week		
E-mail Content:	Who sent to:	Date sent:
DILS - Libray Books	R, Y1 & Y2 Rosen	16.12.2019
DILS - Action - Y1 Bolt - Teddy bear party	Y1 Bolt	16.12.2019
DILS - Action - Starting Nursery January 2020	Nursery Starters	18.12.2019
DILS - Action - Y2 Animal visit	Y2	18.12.2019
DILS - Action - Tomorrows Carol Concert	R - Y4	19.12.2019
DILS - Action - Y2 Brilliant Beginning	Y2	20.12.2019
DILS - Information - From the chair of governors	N - Y4	20.12.2019