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ABOUT CHILDREN

Class Attendance This Week

N Newman	96.9%	N Tchaikovsky	95.2%	R Lloyd-Webber	91.2%	R Zimmer	94.2%
1 Beckham	94.1%	1 Bolt	93.4%	2 Potter	96.5%	2 Rosen	95.3%
3 Anning	95.2%	3 Attenborough	95.1%	4 Banksy	96.4%	4 O'Keeffe	96.3%

Torchlight Procession – The children in Y3 and 4 who took part in the Dunstable Torchlight event last week were a credit to our school and their families. They sang beautifully and thoroughly enjoyed themselves on a brisk cold and dry evening. Thank you to all those who came along to support the children at the event!

Playground Improvements – This week saw the start of the improvement works to our ball area in the playground. This is something that the children have told us they would like to see. Creative Play are completing the works for us on a design that the children chose. The works should be completed within a week – weather permitting. We hope that the new area will be ready to use after the Christmas holiday when all health and safety checks have been signed off. Please remind your child that this area of the playground is currently out of bounds for their safety.

The Santa Challenge - We are encouraging pupils to cycle, scoot or stride to Santa. It's a virtual ride to Lapland, where we count up pupil journeys to and from school to see if we can travel the 2,000 miles from Bedfordshire to Lapland. Schools throughout Bedfordshire amassed 136,787 active travel miles during last year's challenge. The Santa Challenge this year will run from **Monday 2nd December to Friday 13th December**.

Friday 13th December - Jolly Jumper Day We are supporting the Luton and Dunstable Hospital Helipad Appeal this year. Children are invited to wear a festive/winter jumper with their uniform/PE kits for a £1 donation.

Whipsnade Zoo workshops – Danielle from ZSL Whipsnade visited school yesterday. Years 2 and 4 had an amazing time participating in learning activities about climate change and habitats. All the children thoroughly enjoyed an assembly where Danielle told us about the changes in Zoos and the conservation projects Whipsnade is part of, helping to protect the world's endangered animals.

Y3 Drumming Assembly – Thank you for attending the Drumming Assembly. The children in Y3 have been working hard and have enjoyed performing for the audience today!

Y3 Fantastic Finish - Year 3 are completing their Europe topic and will focus on Italy with a fabulous pizza making activity on **Tuesday 10th December**. We will be designing and making our own pizzas and then eating them in the afternoon.

Nursery Christmas Performance - This will be on Thursday **19th December** at 14:30 for all nursery children. The morning nursery children and parents/carers will return to school at 14:15. There will be a normal morning session on this day.

Nursery Christmas Party - This will be on the morning of Friday 20th December. ALL nursery children will be invited to the morning session (9.45am - 11.45am). There will be no afternoon session on this day. Further information to follow.

Teacher Award winners this week - Zimmer – Harry; Lloyd-Webber – Paulo; Bolt – Krzysztof; Beckham – Sienna C; Rosen – Surina; Potter – Jayla-Dee; Attenborough – Amara; Anning – Lillie; Banksy – Harry; O'Keeffe - Max.

Parking Wise, Saves Lives - Children in **Y2 Rosen** will be doing parking patrol week commencing **09/12/2019**, 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 - Look out for the letter and bag that will be coming home in your child's book bag next week. 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.

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FOR PARENTS

Transfer to middle Y4– Please be advised that your child does not automatically transfer to Priory Academy in September 2020. An application needs to be submitted via Central Beds by 15th January 2020.

Extended Day Club Timings – On the last day of the autumn term, Friday 20 December, there will be no Night session for after school club. All children must be collected by 17:30 on that day.

Inspiring Music - Give your child the opportunity to develop a lifelong talent and interest by taking up a music lesson with specialist teachers. Please see poster attached for more information.

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 <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.

End of Term Whole School Singing Concert – To celebrate the end of a very busy term we are delighted to invite all parents to Dunstable Conference Centre for a whole school singing concert on **Friday 20th December 2019**. More details will be shared with parents and carers nearer the time.

Art Club January 2020 - Art club bookings will be open from Friday the 6th December 2019 for the Spring term. Children will get the chance to make, build and create wonderful artwork and be taught by a professional artist. Limited places available. Book soon to avoid disappointment!

www.loveartandcraft.co.uk

Key Dates for Term 1	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 2nd to Fri 13th December	The Santa Challenge – for children and parents
Tues 10th December	Flu vaccination - Years R – 4
Tues 10th December	Y3 Fantastic finish – in-school activities for children
Wed 11th December	School Christmas Dinner
Thurs 12th December	Reception Christmas Performance for parents 14:30-15:00 School open as usual.
Fri 13th December	Jolly Jumper Day – for children , donations welcome
Thurs 19th December	Nursery Christmas Performance for parents 14:30-15:00
Fri 20th December 2019	Christmas Carol Concert at the DCC Centre - doors open to audience at 1.45pm AFTER SCHOOL CLUB ENDS AT 17:30
Mon 23rd December – Fri 03rd January	End of term holiday - School closed for children
Tue 21st January 2020	Y3 Faith Tour – activity for children, more details to follow
Mon 17th – Fri 21st February 2020	Half Term – School closed for children
Wed 18th – Fri 20th March 2020	Y4 Residential Visit - PGL

E-mails sent home this week

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E-mail Content:	Who sent to:	Date sent:
DILS - Action - PE Clubs	Y2, Y3, Y4	02.12.2019
DILS - Information - Nursery coverage of work w/c 02.12.19	Nursery	03.12.2019
DILS - Action - Faith Tour Trip	Y3	03.12.2019
DILS - Use of social media	Y4 Banksy	04.12.2019
DILS - Reception Coverage of works W/C 09.12.2019	Reception	05.12.2019
DILS - Action - Tennis Club	Y1 - Y4	06.12.2019