



DILS News



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CHRISTMAS FAIR – Thank you to everyone who contributed to the FOILS Christmas Fair on Thursday afternoon. It was superb and every child had some part to play either in the planning, organisation or running of the year group stalls. Thank you especially to our school staff and FOILS members who made sure everything was cleared away ready for another school day on Friday. Well done FOILS for a fabulous afternoon.

ABOUT CHILDREN

Class Attendance This Week

N Newman	97.9%	N Tchaikovsky	95.3%	R Lloyd-Webber	91.5%	R Zimmer	94.8%
1 Beckham	95.4%	1 Bolt	92.3%	2 Potter	97.8%	2 Rosen	96.3%
3 Anning	95.9%	3 Attenborough	94.9%	4 Banksy	96.7%	4 O’Keeffe	95.4%

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. All pupils at the school receive a Santa Challenge card to record their journeys on. The Santa Challenge this year will run from **Monday 2nd December to Friday 13th December**.

Whipsnade Zoo workshops – Whipsnade Zoo representatives will be visiting our school on **Thursday, the 5th December** and will carry out workshops with Years 2 and 4 about Habitats & Endangered Animals and Climate Change. No real zoo animals will be involved in this visit!

Y3 Drumming Assembly – Our Specialist music teacher, Mr Knapp, would like to invite Y3 parents to a short Samba drumming performance on Friday 6th December at 10.30am. Both Y3 classes will be performing in the hall and this is a wonderful additional opportunity for parents to share what their children have been learning in their music lessons. Please note it is very loud and not suitable for young children, if siblings have to attend then they should have ear protection. Buggies are not allowed in the hall.

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.

Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 11th December - The Christmas dinner options will be the only hot meals served on this day. Our Deli bar will be available as normal. Only children who have booked in advance a school Christmas dinner or a Deli bar option will be able to have one on this date. Booking must be made by 2nd December using the slip emailed home, also available in the school office.

Christmas Jumper day – Friday 13th December - Children are invited to substitute their usual school jumper or cardigan for a Christmas jumper. All other school uniform is required on this day.

Nursery Christmas Performance - This will be on Thursday 19th November 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.

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.

Teacher Award winners this week - Zimmer – Haram; Lloyd-Webber – Archie; Bolt – Luna; Beckham – Alberto; Rosen – Georgii; Potter – Dylan; Attenborough – Eva; Anning – Mateo; Banksy – Steven; O’Keeffe - Gabi.



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Parking Wise, Saves Lives - Children in **Y3 Attenborough** will be doing parking patrol week commencing **02/12/2019**, 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.

Pupil Achievements:

- Congratulations to Alessia from Reception Lloyd-Webber Class, who won the 3rd place at the 5th East Midlands Open Karate Championship 2019, which took place at Newark Academy
- Congratulations to Suven from 1 Bolt for receiving the Player of the Week award from Rugby Tots!

FOILS

Christmas Fete - FOILS - A huge thank you to everyone for your support in running and organising the fair yesterday. We hope you had as much fun as we did. We raised a massive £2152.00!!!! All this money will go straight back into school.

Sweet Jar competition: Thank you to everyone who entered the competition, they were all simply amazing and it was very hard to choose our winners, although the judges did come to a final decision.... A big congratulations to **Oliver (2 Rosen)** who has won a family pass to Snakes and Ladders.

Also, a very big well done to our class winners: Nursery – Tommy; Zimmer – Alice; Lloyd Webber – Justin; Bolt – Ronnie; Beckham – Adrian; Rosen – Isla; Potter – Najaf; Anning – Amelia; Attenborough – Bailey; O’Keeffe - Tilly; Banksy – Dara.

FOR PARENTS

Poppy Appeal - We are delighted to have raised £270.79 for the Royal British Legions poppy appeal through the sale of items at school. A huge thank you from us and the Legion for your support.

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.

Once a week, Take a peek! – There have been several reports of headlice in Year 4 over the last few weeks.

Head lice is a very common problem in schools, and we would recommend that all parents / carers check their child's hair at least once a week. If you would like advice on how to treat head lice or what you are looking for then you can find more information at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Art Club September 2019 - 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
Tue 03rd December	EYFS Prospective Parent evening 2 16:00 – 16:45
Wed 04th December	Artsmark experience - Full House Theatre Group will perform 'By the light of the moon' for KS1 and KS2 - in school activity for children

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Thursday 05th December	Y2 & Y4 Whipsnade Zoo workshops – for children
Friday 06th December	Y3 Drumming Assembly – For Y3 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 - bookings to be made by Monday 02 nd Dec
Thurs 12th December	Reception Christmas Performance for parents 14:30-15:00 School open as usual.
Fri 13th December	Save the Children Christmas Jumper day
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
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		
E-mail Content:	Who sent to:	Date sent:
DILS - Action - Christmas Dinner	Reception - Y4	25.11.2019
DILS - Important – Y3 Drumming Assembly	Y3	26.11.2019
DILS - Action - Christmas Dinner	R - Y4	27.11.2019
DILS - INFORMATION - Reception Coverage of works W/C 02.12.2019	Reception	27.11.2019
FOILS - DILS - Information - Christmas Fair Reminder	R - Y4	27.11.2019
DILS - Information - Flu Vaccine	R - Y4	29.11.2019