



DILS News



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ABOUT CHILDREN

Class Attendance This Week

N Newman	97.7%	N Tchaikovsky	96.6%	R Lloyd-Webber	91.5%	R Zimmer	93.3%
1 Beckham	97.3%	1 Bolt	97.4%	2 Potter	93.3%	2 Rosen	94.8%
3 Anning	94.7%	3 Attenborough	97.4%	4 Banksy	96.7%	4 O'Keeffe	96.9%

2 Potter Class Assembly – The class delivered an absolutely fantastic assembly yesterday on our current topic, the Victorians. The children shared lots of their learning and memories from the experiences they have had on our history days. It was so lovely to see all the children dressed up as Victorians and singing beautifully. One of the highlights of the assembly was the children performing a Florence Nightingale letter from a story map. They really put their very best into a great assembly. We are very proud of every single child, well done 2 Potter!

Communications About Children – If you have any questions or concerns about your child in school, please direct these to the class teacher in the first instance as the class teacher knows your child best. The class teacher can be contacted either by calling the school office or by using the school email address dunstable@icknieldlower.bedssch.co.uk. A call back or an appointment can be requested so the teacher is able to give you their undivided attention to listen and respond to your questions or concerns.

Children in Need - Thank you to everyone who took part in the Big Morning Move and gave donations for Children in Need. It was lovely seeing the children wearing their spotty accessories! **We have raised an amazing £255.47!**

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**.

Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 11th December - Information on how to book your child's Christmas dinner will be sent out next week. Booking will be available through 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.

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!

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Teacher Award winners this week - Tchaikovsky – Ella-Louise; Newman – Liam; Zimmer – Phillip; Lloyd-Webber – Sam; Bolt – Millie; Beckham – Sienna; Rosen – Blossom; Potter – Esmá; Attenborough – Tao; Anning – Ruby; Banksy – Naylen; O’Keeffe - Daria.

Parking Wise, Saves Lives - Children in **Y3 Anning** will be doing parking patrol week commencing **25/11/2019**, 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.

Seasonal fun in After School club – The children attending the After School Club enjoyed making healthy snacks! Fun had by all!



FOILS

Christmas Fete - FOILS are very pleased to announce that the school Xmas fete will be taking place on the 28th November 14:30-16:30. Children can be collected from their classrooms from 14:30 on this day (more details have been sent out to parents). Please find attached two exciting things which will be running at the fete and there will be much more to look forward to, including each class running their own stall inside their classroom!

Please note it will only be possible to run this event if we have enough support. If you are able to spare ANY time before, during or after the fair please email FOILS at dilspta@gmail.com and we would be very pleased to hear from you.

Christmas basket - FOILS: With Halloween a long distant memory FOILS have now replaced our Halloween basket in the office for a Christmas one! We are in desperate need of donations of wrapping paper, unwanted/unused gifts and good condition Christmas decorations. With less than 1 week to go until our fair we would really appreciate all your donations.

FOR PARENTS

Parental Survey Now Closed – Thank you to all parents/carers who took the time to complete our parental survey. Your thoughts and comments are important to us.

Following feedback from the recent parental survey we have looked at the way communications are sent from Dunstable Icknield Lower School. We thank you for your feedback and assure you we take your comments on board to improve. From this week we will be trialling marking our communications differently:

- DILS - Information - Things you can read at your leisure that are not time sensitive like the newsletter
- DILS - Action - Requires a response or an action from parent/carer. This could include signing up for trips and/or clubs or be permission for an externally run event like Torchlight.
- DILS - Urgent - Requires your attention urgently. This could be an in advance notification of a club cancellation.

For any emergency situations please be assured that we will not use email to communicate and will phone or text parents as is suitable. As we move into the winter months should we find ourselves in a position where the weather means a school closure we will communicate through the schools SOS system and text.

<https://apps.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/apps/sos/>

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You can feedback to us at any time by using the comments box in the reception office or by emailing school on dunstable@ickniieldlower.bedssch.co.uk.

Lunch Menu – In order to avoid confusion and ensure that the children receive the correct meal at lunchtime, please ensure your child knows what they are having for lunch when they are coming to school in the morning. Children are asked during registration what lunch option they are having on the day. Please find attached a copy of the school menu.

Election - Thursday 12th December – We have received confirmation that our school will **NOT** be used as a polling station for the general election. School will be open as usual on 12 December.

FREE Treasure hunt from Father Christmas at www.tracetheplace.co.uk While the children are asleep on Christmas Eve, their presents are being hidden all over the house. And so begins a Christmas day of excitement and hilarity you won't forget. Go to www.tracetheplace.co.uk for hundreds of FREE treasure hunt clues that can be used at Christmas and throughout the year.

Flu Vaccine – Children should have brought home the NHS Flu vaccination details and consent form. If you would like your child to receive the vaccination, please complete the consent form and return it to school by Friday 29th November. If you have any queries regarding the flu vaccination, please see here: [NHS](http://www.nhs.uk)
The NHS are visiting school on Tuesday 10th December to carry out the vaccinations for years R-4.

Safe Online Gaming – There are many wonderful games for children to interact with online. Is the game your child is playing age-appropriate? Please see attached poster with online safety information about 'Call of Duty'.

Children's Safety in School – Please note that the wearing of jewellery is strongly discouraged in school and all jewellery must be removed before PE lessons. Permitted jewellery items are a simple 'stud' earring and a watch. Children are totally responsible for the safe keeping of these items.

Key Dates for Term 1	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 13 th Dec	Family Fridays – weekly event for children and parents
Thurs 28 th November	FOILS - Christmas Fair - School hall from 14:30 – 16:30
Fri 29 th November	Christmas Tree Carols and Torchlight Processions – Ashton Square nominated pupils taking part; parents welcome to come along and watch
Mon 2 nd to Fri 13 th December	The Santa Challenge – for children and parents
Tue 03 rd December	EYFS Prospective Parent evening 2 16:00 – 16:45
Wed 04 th December	Artsmark experience - Full House Theatre Group will perform 'By the light of the moon' for KS1 and KS2 - in school activity for children
Tues 10 th December	Flu vaccination - Years R – 4 – a form has been sent out to parents
Wed 11 th December	School Christmas Dinner - bookings to be made by Monday 02 nd Dec
Thurs 12 th December	Reception Christmas Performance for parents 14:30-15:00 School open as usual.
Fri 13 th December	Save the Children Christmas Jumper day
Thurs 19 th December	Nursery Christmas Performance for parents 14:30-15:00
Fri 20 th December 2019	Christmas Carol Concert at the DCC Centre 13:30 – 15:30



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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 - URGENT - Tennis club	Tennis club attendees	18.11.2019
DILS - Victorian Day Assembly for Y2 Potter parents - reminder	Y2 Potter	18.11.2019
DILS - Y3 papier mache	Y3	18.11.2019
DILS - Information - Communications	Nursery – Y4	19.11.2019
DILS - ACTION - FOILS Christmas Fair	Nursery – Y4	21.11.2019
DILS - ACTION - FOILS - Mufty Day Reminder	Nursery – Y4	21.11.2019
DILS - Information - Gymnastics	Gymnastics club attendees	22.11.2019
DILS - Information - Anning	Y3 Anning	22.11.2019