



# DILS News



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## ABOUT CHILDREN

**Children In Need** - Thank you to everyone who took part in the Big Morning Move and gave donations for Children in Need. The children have had a fantastic day and we were lucky enough to have a very quick visit from Pudsey and BBC Three Counties and also Joe Wickes mentioned us during his live stream too!



**Dunstable Remembrance Sunday Parade** – On Sunday 10th November, a small group of Year 4 children, along with Miss Law, represented our school at the Dunstable Remembrance Parade. The parade walked from Grove House Gardens to the war memorial in Priory Gardens where they then gathered for a 2-minute silence in remembrance of soldiers past and present who have fought for our country. They then watched the laying of the wreaths on the war memorial. All of the children showed great respect throughout the parade and the gathering at the memorial and were a credit to the school.



**Y2 History Days** - On **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November** – Year 2 had an amazing history day on Tuesday where they were immersed in the life of Florence Nightingale! Throughout the morning, the children made pill boxes, medals, lockets, paper dolls and Scutari Hospital sashes. In the afternoon, the hall was transformed into the Scutari hospital itself so the children could experience the hardships of being a nurse and a soldier during the Crimean War. A MASSIVE thank you to all the parent helpers and support staff, these special days would not be possible without your help.



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**Pumpkin Carving Competition** - I am happy to announce the winner of the primary category ABM Pumpkin Carving 2019 Competition!

Primary Category – Calvin, Icknield Lower School, Year 2

A very well done to everyone for taking the time to enter. The competition was very well supported, Calvin in 2 Potter was presented with his prize in assembly this week



**Odd Sock Day - Anti-Bullying Week** - The children have had a busy week learning about how we can stop bullying and contributing to our Anti-Bullying display by decorating their own unique handprint. They also enjoyed the theatre performance from ALTRU. Thank you to those who wore odd socks to highlight how everyone is different.

**Road Safety Week** - Next week is Road Safety Week. The children will be learning about how to stay safe, especially during the darker evenings.

**Mufti Day** - FOILS will be holding a mufti day on 22nd November for our upcoming Christmas fair. We would like Nursery to year one children to bring in a chocolate donation for our tombola and year 2-4 children to bring in any type of bottle donation that can be used on our bottle tombola.

Children can wear their own clothes on this day, no school uniform required, please ensure they are dressed appropriately for the weather, we kindly request no fancy dress.

Year 3&4 will still do PE on this date:

- Y4 do not have to bring their PE kit on this day, they can wear comfortable clothing and trainers
- Y3 do not have to wear their PE kit on this day, they can come to school in comfortable clothing and trainers

**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 2 weeks to go until our fair we would really appreciate all your donations.

**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 will follow for children not being collected at 14:30). Please find attached two exciting things which will be running



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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](mailto:dilspta@gmail.com) and we would be very pleased to hear from you.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> December to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**.

**Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** - Information on how to book your child's Christmas dinner will be sent out next week. Booking will be available electronically on Arbor or through the school office.

**Election - Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – This week 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.

**Christmas Jumper day – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Once a week, Take a peek!** – 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/>

**Teacher Award winners this week** - Tchaikovsky –Jasper; Newman – Lyla; Zimmer – Kodi; Lloyd-Webber – Alex; Bolt – Emily; Beckham – Layla; Rosen – Melodie; Potter – Najaf; Attenborough – Drake; Anning – Mylan; Banksy – George; O'Keeffe - Charlotte.

**Parking Wise, Saves Lives** - Children in **Y4 O'Keeffe** will be doing parking patrol week commencing **18/11/2019**, 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.



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## Pupil Achievements:

- Ellie in Year 3 was the standard bearer for the Brownies at the **Dunstable Remembrance Parade** on Sunday, and she did a very good job! Well done Ellie, you've made us all proud!
- Fionn in Year 3 has successfully passed his Lifeguarding Bronze Stage 2. Good luck in Bronze Stage 3! We are very proud of your determination and commitment!

## FOR PARENTS

**Winter Uniform** – As the weather has now turned colder, summer uniform is no longer appropriate.

- For girls, this means that the red and white checked summer dresses are no longer appropriate until after the Easter holidays.
- For PE we recommend that children wear long black jogging bottoms, or black leggings underneath their shorts as we will still do PE outside when the weather permits.
- During bad or severe weather, children often come to school in winter boots or wellingtons, but these are not appropriate footwear inside the school. Please ensure your child has shoes or trainers to change into on the days they wear boots or wellingtons to school.

**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](#)  
The NHS are visiting school on Tuesday 10th December to carry out the vaccinations for years R-4.

**Additional Year Group PE Clubs** – There are still some places for our new PE clubs for Y2, Y3 and Y4. The clubs are limited to 30 places per year group and on a first come, first served basis. **Please be advised that the Clubs will cost £5.50 for the entire 11 weeks booking, even if you miss any sessions.** See letter that was sent home 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 with more information.

**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.

**Parental App** - We have a mobile app for parents, called Arbor, available on the Play Store or App Store. The school office can send your login details home for you. You can use this app to pay for clubs, trips and meals, see your child's attendance and we use it to push messages to you. Please note that for **Extended Day** bookings, you will need to use your **Tucasi** account.

**Arbor App Update** - Dietary requirement changes requested through the Arbor app will not be accepted by our school caterer ABM. If your child has a dietary requirement that does not show on the app, please come to the school office and fill in an ABM dietary requirement form. Thank you!

**Extended Day Facilities** – After school and breakfast extended day are available to children aged 5 years and above. **You will be able to register and pay for these clubs via Schools Cash Office/Tucasi account only.** Cancellations to bookings made less than 24 hours in advance will still be charged.



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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 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Family Fridays</b> – weekly event for children and parents
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	<b>Road Safety Week</b> – in school activities for children
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> November	<b>Y2 Potter Victorian day</b> – Assembly for parents 14:30 – 15:00
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	<b>Mufti Day</b> – for children – chocolate and bottles donations welcome
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>FOILS - Christmas Fair - School hall from 14:30 – 16:30</b>
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Christmas Tree Carols and Torchlight Processions – Ashton Square from 19:00</b> for nominated pupils; parents welcome to come along and watch
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> to Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>The Santa Challenge</b> – for children and parents
Tue 03 <sup>rd</sup> December	<b>EYFS Prospective Parent evening 2</b> 16:00 – 16:45
Wed 04 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Artsmark experience</b> - Full House Theatre Group will perform 'By the light of the moon' for KS1 and KS2 - in school activity for children
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Flu vaccination - Years R – 4</b> – a form has been sent out to parents
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>School Christmas Dinner</b> - bookings to be made by Monday 02 <sup>nd</sup> Dec
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Reception Christmas Performance</b> for parents 14:30-15:00 School open as usual.
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Save the Children <b>Christmas Jumper day</b>
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Nursery Christmas Performance</b> for parents 14:30-15:00
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	<b>Christmas Carol Concert</b> at the DCC Centre 13:30 – 15:30
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> December – Fri 03 <sup>rd</sup> January	End of term holiday - School closed for children
Tue 21 <sup>st</sup> January 2020	Y3 Faith Tour – activity for children, more details to follow
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2020	Half Term – School closed for children
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Y4 Residential Visit - PGL

Letters sent home this week		
Letter Content:	Who sent to:	Date sent:
DILS – Y4 Pupil Health and Wellbeing Survey 2019	Y4	12.11.2019
DILS - Library Books	R - Y4	12.11.2019
FOILS - DILS Christmas Fete	N - Y4	13.11.2019
DILS - Reception Coverage of works W/C 18.11.2019	Reception	13.11.2019
DILS - Pudsey Bear	N - Y4	14.11.2019
DILS - Zumba club on Thursday 28th November	Zumba attendees	14.11.2019
DILS - FOILS - Mufty Day	N - Y4	15.11.2019