



DILS News

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WE HAVE JOB VACANCIES AT SCHOOL – CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION

Thank you to our fabulous kitchen staff who provided a healthy lunch for all children on Thursday – we apologise to parents that the lunch options had to be changed on that day.

G I & dad from 'Rosen' bought in a lovely window basket full of beautiful plants, we have hung it outside Rosen's window above the 'toad-stalls'. Something we can all admire during the winter months. What a very generous thing to do! Much appreciated.

ABOUT CHILDREN

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.

2 Potter and R Zimmer – Miss Strickler and Mrs Arthur will be meeting with parents next week for the postponed Parent/Teacher Meetings. If you have not made an appointment this can be made on the Arbor App or by contacting the class teacher. Thank you to Mrs Williams, Mrs McKinlay and Miss Majer who all supported the children and provided continuity while the class teachers were out of school.

Y2 History Days - On **Tuesday 12th November**, the children will be learning about what life was like for Florence Nightingale, and the conditions of the hospitals at the time. These days will be based on a series of creative activities and role play, using a variety of resources. In order to cover the cost of the materials, we are asking for a small donation of £2.50 per child. A letter has been emailed to Y2 parents.

The Royal British Legion – Poppy Appeal – Items supporting the annual Poppy Appeal are now available for children to buy in school. Please see price list attached.

Children in Need Day - We are celebrating Children in Need on Friday 15th November. The children are invited to come to school wearing something spotty for a donation of £1.00. Parents are also invited to join in with the 'Big Morning Move with Joe Wicks' which is being streamed live during Family Friday!

Flu Vaccine - In the next few days, children will be coming home with 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: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/flu-influenza-vaccine/>

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



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LAST CHANCE! Pumpkin Carving Competition – Our Halloween pumpkin carving competition is back! To enter grab a pumpkin, carve your design and send us a picture and you could be in with a chance of winning a selection of fantastic board games. Entries should be emailed to pumpkins@abmcatering.co.uk/admissions by no later than **Monday 4th November**. Remember to include your name and the name of your school!

Odd Sock Day - We are holding an Odd Sock Day again this year as part of Anti-Bullying Week. The children are invited to come to school wearing odd socks on **Tuesday 12th November** to celebrate that everyone is unique. The theme this year is Change Starts With Us and the children will be learning about what they can do to help stop bullying.

Teacher Award winners this week - Tchaikovsky – Marcel; Newman – Aahil; Zimmer – Luka; Lloyd-Webber – Raza; Bolt – Hollie; Beckham – Anayah; Rosen – Abbie; Potter – Alfie; Attenborough – Morgan; Anning – Joshua; Banksy – Rio; O’Keeffe - Ayushi.

Parking Wise, Saves Lives - Children in **Y1 Bolt** will be doing parking patrol week commencing **04/11/2019**, 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.

FOR PARENTS

A big thank you from FOILS - We have been blown away by all the support we have received with our Halloween discos. A special thank you to all the parents for all your help and your such generous donations, as well as to all the staff who volunteered to stay late. An extra thank you to Wilko’s who donated over £100 worth of chocolates and sweets. We are very proud to announce that we have raised **£622.44** which will be put straight back into supporting our school. What a wonderful school community we have.

And Thank You from us – The staff and children would like to extend that thank you to FOILS for a wonderfully successful Halloween disco. The children had an amazing time and that was down to the hard work and effort given by all those involved.

Parent Survey – We would like all parents/carers to take part in our very quick parent survey which can be found on our website. The survey is open until 18 November and the link is <https://www.dunstableicknield.co.uk/survey/?pid=3&form=27>

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 23rd 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.



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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.

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 13th Dec	Family Fridays – weekly event for children and parents
Mon 4 - Wed 6 November	2 Potter and R Zimmer Parent/Teacher Meetings
Thurs 7th November	Y2 Rosen Victorian day – Assembly for Y2 Rosen parents 14:30 – 15:00
Sun 10th November	Dunstable Remembrance Parade – for Y4 nominated pupils; parents welcome to come along and watch 10:00 – 12:00
Mon 11th – Fri 15th November	Anti-bullying week – in-school activities for children
Tue 12th November	Y2 History Day - Florence Nightingale day – for children
Tue 12th November	Odd Sock Day – supporting anti-bullying week for children
Fri 15th November	Children in Need Day – in-school activities for children, donations welcome
Thurs 21st November	Y2 Potter Victorian day – Assembly for parents 14:30 – 15:00
Thurs 28th November	FOILS - Christmas Fair - School hall from 14:30 – 16:30
Fri 29th November	Christmas Tree Carols and Torchlight Processions – Ashton Square from 19:00 for nominated pupils; parents welcome to come along and watch
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
Tues 10th December	Flu vaccination - Years R – 4 – a form has been sent out to parents
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 - THIS MAY NOW CHANGE DUE TO A GENERAL ELECTION – WE WILL KEEP PARENTS UPDATED
Fri 13th December	Save the Children Christmas Jumper day
Thurs 19th December	Nursery Christmas Performance for parents 14:30-15:00



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Fri 20th December 2019	Christmas Carol Concert at the DCC Centre 13:30 – 15:30
Mon 23rd December – Fri 03rd January	End of term holiday - School closed for children

Letters sent home this week		
Letter Content:	Who sent to:	Date sent:
DILS - Zimmer & Potter parents evening	Zimmer & Potter	28.10.2019
F.O.I.L.S - Halloween Disco	R - Y4	29.10.2019
DILS - New Deli Bar	R - Y4	29.10.2019
DILS - Reception Coverage of works W/C 04.11.2019	R	30.10.2019
DILS - Y3 Design Technology	Y3	30.10.2019
DILS - Deli Bar - update	R - Y4	30.10.2019
DILS - Library Books	R	31.10.2019
DILS - School lunch 31/10/2019	R - Y4	31.10.2019