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

ABOUT CHILDREN

A Harvest Thank You from Priory Church - As you know we had our Harvest Festival at church on the 13th October. Please convey our sincere thanks to everyone at DILS, staff and students alike, for being so very kind and generous in their giving.



Y2 History Days - As part of our 'Victorians' topic we are holding two History Days in school for Year 2.

- On **Tuesday 15th October** - Year 2 were transported back to 1896 where they experienced what life would have been like for a Victorian child who attended school. They learnt about the rules, the repetitive learning and got a taste of how strict the teachers can be! Thank you to all the parents for making such a great effort with costumes! We look forward to Florence Nightingale day!



- On the second day, **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.

Year 1 Fantastic Finish - Superhero dress up – Thank you to all children and parents for the amazing costumes on Superhero Day. The children had a wonderful day filled with Superhero activities!

Clubs – There are still places available in our Dance (lunchtime), Gym, Zumba, Tennis clubs. Places are being offered on a first come, first served basis and can be booked via our school office.



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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.

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!

FOILS (Friends of Icknield Lower School) - A big thank you to everyone who has donated to our Halloween basket. It will remain there until the morning of our Halloween disco. If anybody would like to borrow a costume, please feel free to borrow one on Tuesday, the 29th October from our Halloween basket (this is on a first come first served basis). Costumes will have to be returned after the disco.

FOILS - The children also had a wonderful time at our Halloween craft lunch club this week. All the decorations that have been made will be used to decorate the hall for the Halloween Disco and then given to the children the following day to take home.

The Disco will take place on **Wednesday 30th October** in the school hall. Reception and year 1 disco will be 4.30-5.30pm and Year 2-year 4 will be 6-7pm.

Teacher Award winners this week - Tchaikovsky – Seren; Newman –Kaya; Zimmer – Lola; Lloyd-Webber – Rayan; Bolt – Likhita; Beckham – Iris; Rosen – Freya; Potter – Isaiah; Attenborough – Joseph; Anning – Alessia; Banksy – Vivian; O’Keeffe - Phoebe.

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.

Parking Wise, Saves Lives - Children in **Y1 Beckham** will be doing parking patrol week commencing **28/10/2019**, 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

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 link is <https://www.dunstableicknield.co.uk/survey/?pid=3&form=27>

Parents Evenings and Book Fair – Thank you to everyone who came along to our recent parent/carer consultations and book fair.

School Lunch Deli-Bar – The new deli-bar option will be available for school lunches after the half term holiday. We hope you were able to view some of the options during our book fair.



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Active Travel Treasure Hunt - Sustrans are organising a treasure hunt at Grove House Gardens during half term on Thursday 24th October – families can walk, scoot or cycle around looking for clues. All participants get a prize bag. Please see leaflet attached for more details.

Medicines - please remember that all medicines need to be given in to the school office. Medicine **must not** be bought into school by a child and left in a book bag. All medicine must be accompanied by a permission to administer medication form or the medication will not be given.

EYFS Open Afternoon – Thank you to everyone who came along to our EYFS open evening on Thursday afternoon. We will hold another open afternoon for prospective parents on Tuesday **3 December at 4pm – 4.45pm.**

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/>

Medical Appointments During School Time – This is a reminder to parents that if your child is late into school due to a medical appointment, or is collected early from school, documented evidence of this appointment is required. This can be an appointment card or a copy of an email. We are also aware that many surgeries send a confirmation text which is also acceptable proof. If proof of appointments cannot be given the child will be marked as an unauthorised absence.

New Parents - 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 - Thank you to all the parents who have logged on and started to use the Arbor app. We hope you are enjoying the features. Lots of parents have requested changes to the data we hold - thank you! We will review these changes once a week and accept or reject them. Rejections of changes have only been done so far if we already hold the data. For example, we have had lots of requests to add a parent or carers details into the system. We already hold these, so the request has been rejected saving data being duplicated.

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.**



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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.
Mon 21st October – Mon 28th October	Half Term – School closed for children
Wed 30th October	DILS PTA –Whole school Halloween Disco Reception and year 1 disco will be 4.30-5.30pm Year 2-year 4 will be 6-7pm
Thursday 31st October	Change of date - School Photo Day - individual students
Every Friday until Fri 13th Dec	Family Fridays – weekly event for children and parents
Thurs 7th November	Y2 Rosen Victorian day – Assembly for 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
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 – more information and forms to follow
Wed 11th December	School Christmas Dinner
Thurs 12th December	Reception Christmas Performance for parents 14:30-15:00
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 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 - 2019 Parental Survey	Nursery – Y4	15.10.2019
DILS - Zimmer & Potter parents evening	R – Zimmer Y2 – Potter	15.10.2019
Reception Coverage of Work - 29th October 2019	Reception	18.10.2019