



# DILS News

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**KEEPING SCHOOL COVID-SAFE UNTIL THE END OF TERM - Next week we will be inviting parents/carers into school for some end of year events. To reduce the risk of spreading COVID during this third wave and to keep everyone as safe as possible, numbers of visitors will be limited to in-school events. Face coverings must be worn when inside the building. We strongly recommend that visitors take an LFT test on the morning you intend to visit.**

## **CHILDREN:**

1. **Children from Nursery to Year 3** - On Thursday morning, the children in Years Nursery to Year 3 had the opportunity to spend a couple of hours with their new class teacher for September in their new classrooms. They enjoyed a range of activities and had the opportunity to get to know their new teacher and the children who will be in their class next year.
2. **Year 4 Transition Day to Priory** - Parents/carers have been informed by Priory that this event has been cancelled due to the current spike in COVID cases. The transition day for Year 4 will take place on Monday 6 September.
3. **Transition day for Reception 2021 pupils** - We are sorry to inform you that we have cancelled the transition visit which was planned to take place on Tuesday 20th July due to the rise of Covid-19 infections in the local community. To replace this, and to give you the opportunity to meet your child's new teacher and to see your new friends, we would like to invite you to a virtual Zoom meeting on Tuesday 20th July @ 4pm. Log on details will be emailed to parents soon.
4. **Art Week Exhibition** - Parents/carers are invited to a COVID-safe one-way 'walk through' art exhibition. Each year group has a set day and visitors will enter school next to the main entrance, walk down the corridor to view the art and leave through the EYFS door. Visitors must wear a face covering and are recommended to take an LFT test that day.
  - Year 3 and Year 4 - Monday 19 July from 3.15pm to 4.15pm
  - Year 1 and Year 2 - Tuesday 20 July from 3.15pm to 4.15pm
  - Nursery and reception - Wednesday 21 July from 3.15pm to 4.15pm
5. **Little Princess Charity Donation** - WOW! Congratulations to Esma in Year 3 for raising £350 for the Little Princess charity by having her hair cut and donating it! We are all so proud of you!
6. **Summer Reading Challenge - ONE WEEK TO GO!** - The annual Summer Reading Challenge, organised by The Reading Agency and delivered by public libraries, starts on Friday 23 July in Central Bedfordshire libraries and runs throughout the summer. Families may join at any stage during the summer. Please follow the link below for more information:  
A video to share with children (in classes or assemblies) and families.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6vUs3w0XF4M>.

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How the Challenge will work this year:

- The challenge invites children to read any six library books or more during the summer holidays.
- Families can sign up at any library, at any point in the summer, from 23 July.
- Children can get books in person from our libraries, via our Select & Collect service or using our e-books, magazines and audiobooks online. Some libraries are open for in-person selection and we anticipate all libraries will be by the start of the challenge.
- Children collect rewards for the books they read – a bookmark for reading 2 books; a pencil for reading 4 books; a certificate and a medal for reading 6 books.
- Children aged 4-16 completing the challenge (6 books) will be entered into a lucky dip at their library for the chance to win a tablet computer.

7. **Class teacher award** – Zimmer – **Grace**; Lloyd-Webber – **Thomas**; Bolt – **Bella**; Beckham – **Poppy**; Rosen – **Antoni**; Potter – **Kylan**; Anning – **Siyara**; Attenborough – **Isaiah**; Banksy – **Hoorain**; O’Keeffe - **Affan**.

8. **Kindness award** – Reception – **Natalia**; Year 1 – **Amy**; Year 2 – **Rose**; Year 3 – **Esma**.

## PARENTS:

9. **End of Year of Reports** - Your child will have brought home their end of year report on Friday 16 July. If your household is isolating and you would like someone else to collect this on your behalf, please provide either an email or a written letter giving permission for a named person to collect this for you. Unfortunately we cannot accept this permission in a telephone call.

10. **Face coverings** – Although Covid restrictions are lifting on 19 July **School will continue with careful COVID-safe organisation for the final week of this school year**. As England moves to Step 4 of the COVID restrictions lifting we are aware that numbers of positive cases are increasing in our community due to the impact of a third wave. As a result we will only be inviting visitors wearing face coverings to our events next week and numbers will be limited. These measures will help to reduce the risk of transmission for everyone in our community. We would like to remind all parents that face coverings should be used at all times whilst on school premises including the playground.

11. **End of Year celebrations** - Nursery, reception and Year 4 are planning ways to celebrate the end of the year with parents in a COVID-safe and inclusive way.

- **Nursery Online Assembly** - Will take place on Monday 19th July at 9.30am for parents/carers. This will be via Google Meet; please ensure you can access this on your device by downloading the Google Meet app. Nursery children will be able to enjoy a Teddy bear's Picnic in the Park on 19th July at 11.45am - 12.45pm and information has been sent to parents/carers.
- **Reception Assembly** – Will take place on Wed 21st July 9.30am in the hall for parents/carers. This event is restricted to one adult per child to support a COVID-safe event. Parents/carers are asked to wear a face covering whilst in the hall and we recommend taking an LFT on that day.
- **Year 4 Leavers Assemblies 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021** - **These will be done one class at time to support careful COVID-safe organisation for the final week of this school year and the event is restricted to 2 adults per child.**
  - **Y4 Banksy** – Assembly for parents in the hall – starting at 09:15am 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021
  - **Y4 O’Keeffe** – Assembly for parents in the hall – starting at 10:15am 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021Parents/carers are asked to wear a face covering before entering the building.

12. **Nursery September 2021** - We would like to notify you that we have places available in September 2021 for children to join our nursery class. We offer the 30 hours per week for 3 & 4 year olds for eligible families.

Please contact the school office on 01582 663709 before Thursday 22 July if you are interested in enrolling your child into nursery for September.



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Key Dates for Term 3	
<b>Mon 19 - Wed 21 July</b>	<b>Art Exhibition for parents</b> <b>Monday 19 July</b> - Year 3 and Year 4 parents - 15:15 – 16:15 <b>Tuesday 20 July</b> - Year 1 and Year 2 parents - 15:15 – 16:15 <b>Wednesday 21 July</b> - Nursery and reception - 15:15 – 16:15
<b>Monday 19 July</b>	<b>Nursery</b> online assembly for all parents/carers 9.30am followed by picnic in the park 11.45am – 12.45pm
<b>Tuesday 20 July</b>	<b>Year 4 Leavers Assemblies</b> <b>Y4 Banksy</b> – Assembly for parents in the hall – starting at 09:15AM <b>Y4 O’Keeffe</b> – Assembly for parents in the hall – starting at 10:15AM
<b>Wednesday 21 July</b>	<b>POSTPONED - Y4 Transition day to Priory - see information from Priory</b>
<b>Wednesday 21 July</b>	<b>Reception</b> Graduation at 9.30am for parents in school
<b>Thursday 22 July</b>	<b>ABM Leavers Lunch</b> - special menu School closes for summer holidays at 3.15pm

Letters sent home this week		
Letter Content:	Who sent to:	Date sent:
DILS - Y4 Banksy Performance	Y4 Banksy	12.07.2021
DILS - Y4 O’Keeffe Performance	Y4 O’Keeffe	12.07.2021
This week's coverage & information	Nursery	12.07.2021
Jewels in the jar full up - End of Year Party for Year 1 reward	Y1	13.07.2021
DILS - Love Arts & Crafts Club - September 2021	Y1 – Y4	13.07.2021
DILS - Dance Club - September 2021	Y1 – Y4	13.07.2021
DILS - Y4 sports morning	Y4	14.07.2021
DILS - Reception Graduation Assembly	R	14.07.2021
DILS - September 2021 new classes	N – Y4	14.07.2021
DILS - Reception to Year 1 transition pick up and drop off instructions	R	15.07.2021
DILS - CANCELLED Transition day for Reception 2021 pupils	New Reception 2021 pupil	16.07.2021